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The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Kathy Curlett

Finance Council—Kevin Titus



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30–3:30 pm or by appointment

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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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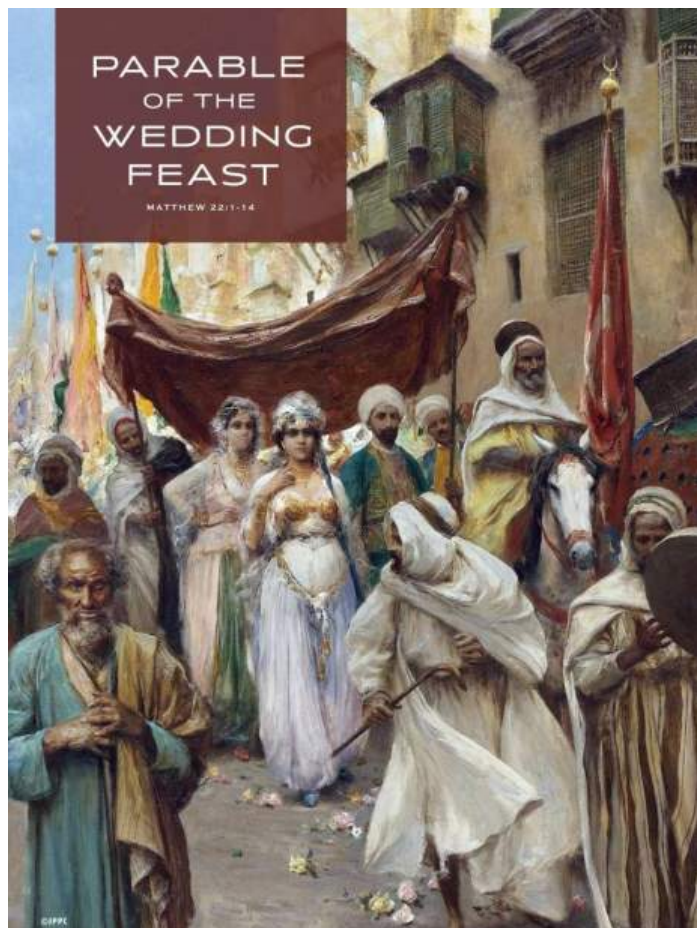
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PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

MATTHEW 22:1-14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us today. If you are new to the parish, please consider registering. Forms can be found at the Church doors or online at www.saintpolycarp.org.

THE SACRAMENTS OF OUR CHURCH

Baptism: Catechesis is provided for parents and god-parents. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation), contact Deacon Frank at the Parish Office or email DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org.

Marriage: Formation is provided for couples. Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

Vocations: Contact Rev. Norman Carroll at (302) 573-3113

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Nursing Home Communion Services: DHCI, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:15 pm.

For Funerals: Contact the Funeral Home of your choice. They will then coordinate with the Parish Office.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

As we continue in the second year of the **Eucharistic Revival**, in order to offer folks greater opportunity to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, Mass will be celebrated on additional weekdays.

Beginning Tuesday, November 7th, Masses at St. Polycarp will be celebrated at 7:30 am (not 8:30 am) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Beginning Tuesday, November 7th, Masses at St. Dennis will be celebrated at 9:30 am (not 8:30 am) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Weekend Mass schedules will remain the same.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

WHO IS ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL?

Saint Polycarp's Pastoral Council is comprised of fifteen members who meet on the second Wednesday of the month. In the coming weeks, we will be featuring one of our council members.

NEDA BIGGS

We are blessed to welcome Neda Biggs to the Pastoral Council.



Neda Biggs was baptized and confirmed at Christ Episcopal Church in Dover, but while in high school turned away from Christianity as she understood it.

Neda believes that God has been calling her home to the Catholic Church at contrasting times in her life: while attending Latin Mass with her cousin as a child, meeting Mother Teresa in Calcutta in 1977, and through Catholic writers she found when she returned to the Episcopal church in 2018.

In July 2019, on the anniversary of her baptism, she saw unmistakable signs that the Catholic Church was the true Church. She began to study the faith and is awed by its depth, beauty, and truth.

Neda's first contact with St. Polycarp was through its grief support group, Seasons of Hope. Since her acceptance into the Catholic Church on August 4, 2020. During Covid, Neda has become a PSR Catechist, an RCIA team member, a member of our Christian Formation Committee, and a participant in our Connected In Christ faith-sharing group. She is also a Columbiette and participates in devotions. She is grateful to be a member of the Universal Church and the St. Polycarp family.

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, October 14 **St. Callistus I/BVM**
 4 pm Edmund Callahan - Cathy & Michael Burke
 Bonnie Thompson - Carol Grove
 Ronald Sylvester - Lee Sylvester

Sunday, October 15 **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10:30 am Gerald Brown - Betty Sloven
 Norberto Casenas - The Sloven Family
 Reynaldo Casenas - The Sloven Family

Monday, October 16 **Sts. Hedwig/Margaret Mary Alacoque**
 NO MASS

Tuesday, October 17 **St. Ignatius of Antioch**
 8:30 am Special Intention - Anonymous
 Baby Charles Taylor - The Taylor Family
 Susan Sharp - Nancy Swift

Wednesday, October 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist**
 8:30 am Living Intention - Father Jim - Anonymous
 Tom Ambolino - Fred & Theresa DiMeo
 Kenneth Gerolstein - Barbara Kaczorowski

Thursday, October 19 **SS. John de Brebeuf and Issac Jogues and Companions**
 NO MASS

Friday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross**
 NO MASS

Saturday, October 21 **BVM**
 4 pm Living Intention/Wedding Anniversary
 Danny & Lorraine Marshalewski - Laverne Dykes
 Catherine Corso - Sue Orlando

Sunday, October 22 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10:30 am John & Alice Mood - Gerald & Linda Mood
 Martina Cooper - The Sloven Family
 JoAnn Carello - Paul Mulvenna

Week of October 15th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for all who work with the poor.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for an increase in vocations.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Those in Need of Our Prayers

To have someone's name added to the Bulletin for prayers, please email submission@saintpolycarp.org or call the office and leave a message. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

Bridget O'Connell, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Linda Montuori, Jack Barnas, Margaret Sevellina, Jean Blankenship, Lyllie Deter, Leon Walczak, Muriel Richards, John Ruane, Jill Mercer, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, Andrew Cella, Jr., Lily Griffiths, Rob Miller, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer Chain – To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or (302) 653 – 8064.

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration –Tuesdays, 9 am – 8 pm – Chapel; At the end of the 4 pm Vigil Mass, before the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ What can you do to be less anxious and more trusting in God?
- ~ How does what is in your heart govern how you live?
- ~ Where do you see the Church continuing to nurture people to produce good fruit?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading> or use this QR code



ICON OF THE LAST SUPPER

Have you noticed anything different in the Sanctuary lately? If not, take a closer look the next time you are in Church. It is a beautiful tiled mosaic of the Last Supper. This icon of the Last Supper is on loan to our parish to celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival, the Year of the Parish. We are extremely grateful to the person or persons who are gracing our Sanctuary with this magnificent Icon. Thank you and may God bless you!!

Reminder!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 am in Mother Drexel Hall.

All EMs are expected to attend to stay in compliance with Dioceses of Wilmington requirements. Bring your coffee or tea and see the new changes we will be making.

ALL SOULS DAY

Let us send our love and wishes to all those loved ones who are no longer on Earth hoping for peace and happiness. Time heals everything but it can never bring back the warmth and love of our dear ones who are no longer with us. The most powerful prayer we can offer for the holy souls in purgatory is to have the holy Mass said on their behalf.

The All Souls Day Novena of Masses provides an opportunity for us to renew our hope in Christ's promise of eternal life. Please use the All Souls Day envelopes to list the loved ones you wish to be remembered during these special Masses. Extra envelopes will be available at the church entrances.

NEEDED - NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULER

We are currently looking for someone to take over the scheduling of our ministers for the Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation. This person must be familiar with Microsoft applications such as MS XL spreadsheet, Windows 10 operating system, MS Word, and MS Outlook email. Also, you must have good PC organization and computer skills. If you think you might be interested in this position, please call Frank Patton at (302) 508-5268.

AN INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY BY PHONE



The Brother Vincent Columbiettes invite you to pray the **Rosary by Phone** every Tuesday at 11 am. Call (701) 802 – 5254 between 10:30 am and 11 am, which is our caring and sharing time, and enter this access code when prompted 1747300#. Then announce yourself, stay on the line and follow along as we pray the Rosary. It is easy and fun and you can do it from anywhere, as long as you have a phone. Please join us and tell us who we can include in our prayers.

VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The Chalice is taken home with a promise to pray for vocations during that week. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer at (302) 670 – 7924.

Family/Person	Date	Mass Time
Maureen Naylor	October 21	4:00 pm
Christy Earl	October 29	10:30 am

Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CHRISTMAS AT SEA



Throughout October, the Seaman's ministry will be collecting donations to create "ditty boxes." The items will be placed in plastic shoe boxes and wrapped by our Confirmation students. Our Girl Scouts will then deliver the boxes to the Seaman's Center of Wilmington around Thanksgiving. This is truly a Corporal Work of Mercy that we can all partake in. We are collecting gloves, hats, scarves, and full size items such as soap, shaving cream, deodorant, etc. Collection boxes will be in the hallway. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items to fill the boxes and can be made through Faith Direct: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/831> Please contact Tracie Bruno with any questions: 302-242-4150. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER



Throughout the whole month of October, "Respect Life month," Birthright of Delaware hosts its Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser.

Baby bottles will be available at all of the Church doors during the month. We ask you to please take as many bottles as you would like. Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check then please read the insert, fill it out as neatly as possible (if you chose to do so for a Tax credit). Return the bottle(s) at the end of October or sooner. Checks should be made payable to Birthright of Delaware. The proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. Thank you for your willingness to support and choose life!

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

Brother Vincent Columbiettes



are selling **Boscov Passes**. Your \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of 25% Off Discount Shopping and a chance to win fabulous door prizes! Profits from these sales help Brother Vincent Columbiettes support our many charitable activities. If you'd like to purchase a pass, contact either Jill Mercer at (518) 795 - 7579 or MaryLois Barnas at (302) 388 - 3332. **This event is Wednesday, October 18th, at any Boscov store.**

Parish & Family Life - 1st Quarter Auction Friday, October 27, 2023



Doors will open at 5 pm. Auction starts at 6 pm. Proceeds raised will benefit Parish operational expenses and Ministry needs. No need to purchase a paddle in advance or to register in advance (but this does help us in knowing how many we can expect). All-in Paddles are \$45

Come have fun! All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Darlene Sanphy at (302) 270 - 3915 or darpete87@comcast.net.

**SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

Faith  *Fatima*

Stories from the Heart

Guest Speaker Alice Reiss Israel
10:30 Mass to 2:00 pm

St. Polycarp Parish Hall

OPEN AND FREE TO EVERYONE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON FOR ST. JUDE



Our PSR program organizes a Bike-a-thon every year to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which treats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Our Bike-a-thon is being held this Sunday, October 15th, at 1 pm (rain date is October 22nd). Our Church, including both students and parishioners, raised over \$4,000 last year! We are asking for your help to meet our goal of \$4,000 once again. Please consider giving to this hospital where parents of very sick children never receive a bill. Donations will be collected at each exit after Mass this weekend, Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! (Please make checks payable to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.)



Greetings from the CRE,



Can you believe Christmas is right around the corner? With that in mind, we are kicking off our **PSR Christmas Ornament Fundraiser.**

This year's fundraiser is different than previous years. We are selling Christmas Ornaments for \$5 ea. You can choose from either a red, green, or gold ornament, 2 ¼ inch in size. You can personalize a tag that will be attached to each ornament. See insert for options.

The ornaments you purchase will be used to decorate our Christmas Trees that will be lit for all to see in Mother Drexel Hall during Advent through the Epiphany. Once the Christmas Season is over, you'll have the opportunity to find your ornament and take it home to decorate your tree next year.

Please consider buying one or more ornaments to support PSR, all while creating Christmas Cheer to all those who come together in the hall for gatherings. Use the order form on insert or scan QR Code to order online through Faith Direct. Thank you for your support!



*Blessings,
Erica Taylor*

**SAINT POLYCARP
DIRECTORY COORDINATOR POSITION**



The Pastoral Council is looking for a parishioner to coordinate the preparation for a new directory for Saint Polycarp. Our last directory was published in 2018 and we understand there may be an interest in producing a new directory. Please contact Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 - 9326 if you are interested.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF
CLERGY & MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS**

A Day of Prayer dedicated to the Health and Wellness of Clergy and Men and Women Religious will occur on Friday, October 20th. The purpose is to provide spiritual support to those who tirelessly serve the Church and the people of God. It also serves as an awareness campaign and reminder of the importance of self-care, healing, and maintaining a strong spiritual foundation.

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE

Bishop William Koenig will celebrate Mass at St. Francis Xavier Shrine on Sunday, October 22 at 4 pm. Considered the Mother Church of the Diocese of Wilmington, the address is 1640 Bohemia Church Rd, Warwick, MD. Contact OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or 302.545.2126 for information.

EXPLORATION OF AMERICAN FUNERAL PRACTICES

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (4701 Weldin Rd. Wilmington, DE 19803) invites you to join a fascinating exploration of American funeral practices as Todd Harra discusses his book "Last Rites" on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 pm. To register or for questions, please contact Rita McDowell at rmcdowell@ihm.org

**SMYRNA CLAYTON MINISTERIUM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER &
THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
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The annual Community Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Sunday, November 19 from 2 pm - 5 pm at the Smyrna Elementary School Cafeteria. If you would like to donate a pie for dessert, please contact Dr. Rev. John Riley as soon as possible.

On Wednesday, November 22 from 7 - 8 pm, the Ministerium will host their annual Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. This is a special time of pausing to thank the Lord for His many blessings. This year, the service will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (22 N. Union Street, Smyrna). Fellowship follows.

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
October 1	\$4,458.50	\$15.50	\$4,474

Collection	Poor Box	All Souls Day
October 1	\$410	\$216

September eGiving				
Offertory	Poor Box	Parish Utilities	PSR	Share in the Spirit
\$9,643	\$737	\$507	\$414	\$147

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Visit faith.direct/DE831 or you can use Text-to-Give. Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving. *Thank you for your generosity.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 3 pm

<p>Saturday, October 14 12 pm Sodality Rosary Rally (Church Grounds) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Bike-a-Thon collection at Church doors after Mass</p>
<p>Sunday, October 15 9 am PSR Grades PK/K - 4 10:30 am MASS 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Bike-a-Thon collection at Church doors after Mass 1 pm Bike-a-Thon</p>
<p>Monday, October 16 6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall) 6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Rosary (Hall/Kitchen) 7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes Meeting (Hall/Kitchen)</p>
<p>Tuesday October 17 8:30 am MASS 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 10:30 am Communion Service at DHCI 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Room 4) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library) 7pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall)</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 18 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Library) 7 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library)</p>
<p>Thursday, October 19 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)</p>
<p>Friday, October 20 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)</p>
<p>Saturday, October 21 9 am EM Meeting (Church/Hall/Kitchen) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS</p>

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