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Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



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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

PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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St. Polycarp Church Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 17
after the 10:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm

**Please bring a dish to share and
a chair to relax on. Food and drinks provided.**

Food, Crazy Obstacle Course, Corn
Hole Toss, Water Balloons, 3 Legged
Races, Face Painting, Sack Races,
Bubbles, 50-50 Raffle Tickets,



24th 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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – RAIN OR SHINE!

Sunday, September 17th



Please join us this Sunday, September 17th, as we gather for our Annual Parish Picnic! All donated food items should be ready to serve (already sliced or single servings) and brought to the church in disposable containers only. Do not drop off any food on Saturday, as the kitchen will be closed. Bring your food on Sunday only, before or after Mass. We are looking forward to gathering with you for Fellowship, Food, and Fun!

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 – 9326 or Joyce Tolson at (302) 448 – 9678.

RECRUITMENT FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COLUMBIETTES, and SQUIRES



NEXT WEEKEND

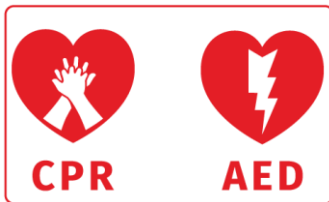
Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th, in the Hall only

After Masses, on September 23rd and 24th, the Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, and our Squires will be conducting member recruitment for this Columbian year. Please come join us in the Hall to learn more about us and enjoy some refreshments and lite repast. All are welcome!

HEARTSAVER CPR/AED TRAINING/CERTIFICATION CLASS

at St. Polycarp Church

Wednesday, September 27th, in the Hall at 11 am



Space for the class is limited and will be on a first come – first serve basis. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to American Legion Ambulance 64. If you are interested in this “life-saving” opportunity, please contact Kathy Watts in the Parish Office at office@saintpolycarp.org or (302) 653 – 8279 on Monday through Friday from 9am to 3 pm. Registration is open until noon on Friday, September 22nd.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 16 **SS. Cornelius & Cyprian**
4 pm Billy Alexander - Bill & Martha Alexander

Bonnie Thompson - Mary Grace & George Hutchinson
Lawrence Curlett - Judy Lamborn

Sunday, September 17 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30 am Albino & Mary Gioiosa - Mary Ann Maycen
Joseph Saber - Rita Brown
Rogelio Lapuz - The Bonsignore Family

Monday, September 18
NO MASS

Tuesday, September 19 **St. Januarius**
8:30 am James Kelley - Lori & Mike Sanders
Francesco Damien - The DiMeo Family

Wednesday, September 20 **SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions**

8:30 am Living Intention - Marie Copeland
Healing / Living Intention for Janet Alexander - Dee Lim

Thursday, September 21 **St. Matthew**
NO MASS

Friday, September 22
NO MASS

Saturday, September 23 **St. Pius of Pietrelcina**
4 pm William Burke Jr. & Coecaldine Burke

Sylvia Vessels DuRoss - Bill & Jessica Burke
- James DuRoss

Sunday, September 24 **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30 am Matthew Orlando - Sue Orlando

Luigina Pendarvis - The Pendarvis Family
Emilio Glenn Evangelista - Fatima Evangelista

Week of September 17th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in remembrance of William & Ruth Green at the request of Edward Green.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann’s Chapel burns in prayer for all catechists.

Sunday, September 17th

Bread and Wine are offered in memory of William & Ruth Green, at the request of Edward Green.

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.

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

Caitlynn Mitchell

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

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

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

“Prayer is the best weapon we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God.”
~ Padre Pio

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ Are you quick or slow to forgive others who wrong you? Why?

~ What might living for the Lord look like this week?

~ Have you ever been forgiven of something great?

What impact did that have on your own ability to forgive others?



Next Sunday, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Have you thanked a Priest lately for choosing to respond to God's call to the Priesthood?

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - Saturday, October 7th Sister parishes, St. Dennis and St. Polycarp

invite you to attend the
Diocese of Wilmington's Marian Pilgrimage
with Bishop Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

COME RIDE THE BUS WITH US!

Travel by luxury motor coach. Register now to save your seat! See last week's Bulletin for the insert or contact Barbara Kaczorowski at (517) 507 - 9311.

For more information visit

<https://saintpolycarp.org/weekend-update-september-2-3/>



We are looking for more people to serve as sacristans! Sacristans have the duty to arrive early to the Church in order to unlock the doors and prepare the Church for Mass. Becoming a sacristan would be a great way to learn more about our beautiful liturgy and become more involved in carrying it out. No previous knowledge is required. If you are interested, please contact the head sacristan Adam Bauer at ajpd.bauer@gmail.com.

CHALICE MINISTRY

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston (302) 670 – 7924 or fill out the form (forms are located at all doors to the Church) and place it in the collection basket.

Blessings

The Blessing of Catechists will take place this Sunday, September 17th (Catechetical Sunday).

Priesthood Sunday will take place on Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th.

The Blessing of the Professional Staff will take place on Sunday, September 24th.



This past June, we entered the 2nd Year of the National Eucharistic Revival. This is the Year of Parish Revival. Last year was the Year of Diocesan Revival. The Year of Parish Revival will end with the culmination of the National Eucharistic Congress. This event will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Lucas Oil Stadium from July 17th – July 21st, 2024. They are expecting approximately 80,000 people to attend. The cost per person is \$375.00 (this does not include meals, lodging or transportation). If our parish can get 15 parishioners or more to attend, the cost drops to \$299.00 per person. If you are interested in attending this magnificent event, please call Kathy MacDonald at (302) 653 – 8976 and leave me a voice mail or see Kathy after Mass.

For more information, visit

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

Brother Vincent Columbiettes will be selling **Boscov Passes** after Masses on **September 30th and October 1st**. Profits from these sales help Brother Vincent Columbiettes support our many charitable activities. If you miss us on September 30th or October 1st, feel free to contact either Jill Mercer at (518) 795 – 7579 or MaryLois Barnas at (302) 388 – 3332.



This event is Tuesday, October 18th, at any Boscov store. Your \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of 25% Off Discount Shopping and a chance to win fabulous door prizes!

**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. All-in Paddles are \$45. If you have any questions or would like to make a discounted advance purchase, contact Darlene Sanphy at (302) 270 - 3915 or darpete87@comcast.net or Linda Montuori at (302) 270 - 5347 or lindamontuori@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR (religious education) classes begin Sunday, September 24th at 9 am for grades P/K - 4 & Tuesday, September 26th at 7 pm for grades 5 - 8. First day classes are for both parent and student. We will begin the new year by gathering in Church. Visit our web page to view this year's calendars!

<https://saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/>

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

RESTROOMS

The old bathrooms in the hallway outside of the Church will be getting some updates. The bathrooms will become single occupancy use. The partitions will be removed; chair height toilets and grab bars will be installed. There may be times that the bathrooms will be closed and you will need to use the bathrooms on the far side of the hall, near the classrooms or the bathroom in the cry room. We'll keep you updated as to when this will happen! **Thank you for your cooperation.**

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

**"BE EMPOWERED FOR MISSION -
PARTICIPATING IN THE HEALING WORK OF JESUS"**

a Healing Conference with Dr. Mary Healy
at Holy Angels Church

82 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE 19711

Friday, September 22nd, and Saturday, September 23rd
Come and learn what Scripture reveals about the Lord's healing power and how we can experience it in our lives. This conference consists of four talks by Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, a bestselling author, and international speaker. All are welcome to attend the Confession on Saturday, September 23rd, at 3 pm and the Mass on Saturday at 4 pm. The FREE Healing Service is on Saturday, September 23rd, at 6:30 pm. No registration is required for the Healing Service. For additional information, visit <https://arisehealingministry.com/> For any questions visit aRise@holyangels.net or call (630) 999 - 8481.

**ANNUAL DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON BLUE MASS
Attention all active and retired police, fire, EMT and military:**

You are invited to the Annual Diocese of Wilmington Blue Mass to honor the work of all public safety personnel and military on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church (809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19805). The Blue Mass is an annual event that honors local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel and their families who live and work in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, which includes Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. First Responders of all faiths are welcome at the Mass!

JESUS NIGHT

Friday, October 6th

Church of the Holy Cross, Dover, DE

Back by popular demand, Jesus Night is a faith-awakening event for middle school and high school youth focused on a joy-filled Eucharistic encounter. The night is centered around praise and worship, quality spiritual speakers, and of course, Eucharistic Adoration. The theme for this event will be "Jesus and the Roots of the Eucharist."

The cost is \$15 per person. The maximum cost per family is \$45 for immediate related family members. Do not miss this opportunity! Register as a group, school, family, or individual today! For more information, visit

<https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/damascus-camps-jesus-night1>.

30TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Friday, October 6th, and Saturday, October 7th The Annual Oktoberfest at St. John the Apostle, Milford will take place on Friday, October 6th, from 6 pm to 10 pm and on Saturday, October 7th, from 12 pm to 10 pm. Lots of good ethnic foods, good music, and good fun for all ages. For more information, please call Bonnie De Mar at (302) 236 - 5296.

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held on October 6th - 8th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. All inquiries are strictly confidential. For more information, or to register, visit <http://www.helpourmarriage.org/> or call (215) 766 - 3944 or (800) 470 - 2230.

BISHOP'S 5K (Run/Walk)

Saturday, November 18th, 8 am to 11 am
at St. Mark's High School

2501 Pike Creek Road Wilmington, DE US 19808

To learn more or to register for this event, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K>.

THE NEW YORK TENORS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Sunday, December 10th, 4 pm at St. Mark's High School
(Concert supports Catholic Charities)

For tickets,
visit <https://wilmingtondiocese.simplenetix.com/>
or call Stephanie Kelton at (302) 573 - 3120.

FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL

2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

As you know, we've reached our **PLEDGED** goal! Congratulations! **Currently our very generous parishioners have pledged \$63,460.88, that is 105.77% of our goal. Of that \$50,677.80 has been collected. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Once we reach our goal in collected donations, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus.**

27% of our households have participated in this annual appeal to help Shine the Light of Christ. If your household has not participated, it is not too late! Please prayerfully consider a donation and help Shine the Light of Christ throughout our Diocese. (Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the doors of the Church.)

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory
September 3	\$4705

Please consider signing up for eGiving to ensure your contributions are received even when you are not here for Mass. Recurring, catch up, or one-time gifts can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.

We now have Text-to-Give. Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.



Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.

The Second Collection this weekend, September 16th and 17th, will be for our Parish School of Religion (PSR). Your generosity to this collection assists the Parish in providing the best religious education possible for our students. Thank you!



Next weekend, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for many struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides

financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Church has the mission to educate and this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

Please generously support next weekend's Share in the Spirit collection. God bless you for your ongoing goodness.

To learn more about the Share in the Spirit collection and its importance, go to the diocesan website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit>.

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	
Saturday, September 16	2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, September 17	10:30 am MASS 10:30 am Catechetical Sunday (Church) 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Following Mass - Parish Picnic
Monday, September 18	6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall) 6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Rosary Hall/Kitchen 7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Meeting (Hall/Kitchen)
Tuesday September 19	8:30 am MASS 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Room 4) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)
Wednesday, September 20	8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm KoC Officers Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class Advance Registration Required (7) 7 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library)
Thursday, September 21	10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
Friday, September 22	3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, September 23	2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Immediately following Mass - KOC Pretzel Sale & Recruitment in Hall only

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