

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

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The Silver Lake Deanery  
Of  
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.

[www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE)

## 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

(302) 264-6630



Parish Picnic 2023 - Great food and tons of fun!

## 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2023



This 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.

Priesthood Sunday is set aside to honor the Priesthood in the United States. It is a day when we reflect on all that Priests do to guide us in our faith. It is a day to honor priests and to say "thank you". Most importantly it is a day to pray for our priests, a day to pray for vocations to the priesthood and a day to thank God for our Priests.

Have you thanked a Priest lately for choosing to respond to God's call to the Priesthood?

**THANK YOU, FR. JIM**

May God continue to bless and guide our Pastor, Fr. Jim, as he shepherds the flocks here at St. Polycarp and at St. Dennis. Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving for Fr. Jim and all he does to bring us closer to our loving God that will guide us through our everyday lives and someday lead us to our eternal home. We also thank the many Priests who come to celebrate Mass for us when Fr. Jim is unable to be here and for Deacon Frank who faithfully serves God through his ministry at St. Polycarp.

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
**12:15 pm**



Bring your cats, dogs, birds, turtles, goats, lizards, frogs, chickens, ducks, horses ...

All pets present will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a beautiful 20" statue of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals whose feast day is celebrated on October 4<sup>th</sup>).

**Meet outside on the lawn across from the front of the Church.**

**LET US PRAY**

*Intentions for the Week*

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

Sylvia Vessels DuRoss - James DuRoss

**Sunday, September 24** **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am Matthew Orlando (birthday) - Sue Orlando  
Luigina Pendarvis - The Pendarvis Family  
Emilio Glenn Evangelista - Fatima Evangelista

**Monday, September 25**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 26** **SS. Cosmas & Damian**  
8:30 am Joe Orlando (Anniversary) - Sue Orlando  
Healing/Living Attention- Janet Alexander

- Mr. & Mrs. Epi Aboyme

**Wednesday, September 27**

8:30 am Parishioners

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Thursday, September 28** **St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, September 29** **SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 30** **St. Jerome**  
4 pm Anne Perkins-Hinton - Barbara Dean  
Bonnie Thompson - Judy Lamborn

Daniel & June Costello - Shannon & Cheyenne Costello

**Sunday, October 1** **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am Miguela Duran - Marie Aboyme

Margaret Babenko - Anthony Wilkinson

Michael Sartin - Chuck & Erica Taylor

**Week of September 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in prayer for the victims of the earthquake in Morocco.

**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](mailto: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.

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**

Fr. John Kavanaugh

Fr. John McGinley

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](mailto: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.

## LITURGY

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ When have you experienced God's generosity?
- ~ What does a life "worthy of the Gospel" look like?
- ~ In the parable of the workers, which worker are you - --- the one who arrived early in the day or the one who arrived later? Why?

### Blessings

Priesthood Sunday will take place this Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ajpd.bauer@gmail.com).

### ADORATION IN THE ST. ANN'S CHAPEL is available

on Tuesdays from 9 am to 8 pm. Please visit and consider signing up for a scheduled hour. If you are not available every week choose a friend and share the responsibility. Contact Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or [salcrest7@gmail.com](mailto:salcrest7@gmail.com).



Any man interested in learning more about a Vocation to the Priesthood, please contact Very Reverend Norman P. Carroll, V.F. (Vocation Director) at (302) 573 – 3113 and [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



## BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

### RESTROOMS

#### NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

The old bathrooms in the hallway outside of the Church are getting some updates. The bathrooms will become single occupancy use. The partitions are being removed, grab bars are being installed and chair height toilets 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. **Thank you for your cooperation**

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Next weekend, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>

#### PLEASE JOIN US FOR RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY.

The Respect Life Ministry is hosting a Rosary before the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and before the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please come to Mass early and join in the Joyful Mysteries Rosary to kick off Respect Life Month.

Anyone willing to volunteer to begin a decade of the Rosary or hand out prayer cards at the door, please contact Margie Eckard by email at [eckard.margie@gmail.com](mailto:eckard.margie@gmail.com) or by phone (302) 505 – 6041.

### 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.

The weekends of October, baby bottles will be distributed after all the Masses. We ask you to please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one.

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!

## SMYRNA-CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY



Bins for your food donations are in the hallway outside of the Mother Drexel Hall. Food items are collected all year long. The pantry is currently in need of canned meats, canned fish and peanut butter. Please no expired food. Thank you for generous ongoing support for caring and helping the hungry in our community.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR (religious education) classes begin Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am for grades P/K - 4 & Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

There will be Confirmation Class in the Hall this Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

### THIS WEEKEND RECRUITMENT FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COLUMBIETTES, and SQUIRES



Saturday, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>,  
in the Hall only

After Masses, on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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



**This event is Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at any Bosco 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:darpete87@comcast.net) or Linda Montuori at (302) 270 - 5347 or [lindamontuori@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamontuori@yahoo.com).

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### ANNUAL DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON BLUE MASS

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am 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 as well as fire, emergency, medical, and military personnel, and their families who live and work in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington (Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore). First Responders of all faiths are welcome at the Mass!

### JESUS NIGHT

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Church of the Holy Cross, Dover DE

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."

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/damascus-camps-jesus-night1>.

### 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

The Annual Oktoberfest at St. John the Apostle, Milford will take place on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm to 10 pm and on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### BISHOP'S 5K (Run/Walk)

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mark's High School  
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visit <https://wilmingtondiocese.simplenetix.com/>  
or call Stephanie Kelton at (302) 573 - 3120.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### SEPTEMBER 2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE



- Our Pastoral Council continues to have Formation each month, this year about the Eucharistic Revival. This month we viewed the FORMED video Chapter 2: Introduction to the Gift of the Eucharist, a wonderful introduction to a series with Bishop Cozzens who breaks open the new document published by the USCCB: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church.
- Our Pastoral Council is continuing to find ways to interact with the St. Dennis Pastoral Council in order to share ideas about our ministries, find ways to enrich our liturgies, and gather information and new ideas to help both parishes continue to thrive.
- Plans continue for a back parking lot update and new signage around our campus.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

- The Finance Council meets monthly to review the financial operations of our parish and related matters. Below are some items we discussed at our August meeting:
- The fiscal year 2023 (July 2022 - June 2023) Annual Financial Report has been finalized and submitted to the Diocese.
- Quotes are in process of being gathered and reviewed for the re-paving of the church back parking lot.
- Due to an increase in engraving costs, the cost of a Memorial Brick has increased to \$100.

## COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
Sept. 10	\$3,405	\$20	\$3,425
Sept. 17	\$4962	\$5	\$4967

Collection	Parish Utilities	PSR	Poor Box
Sept. 10	\$915		
Sept. 17		\$625	\$313.08

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](http://faith.direct/DE831).

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Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. 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. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information and on-line giving options, visit <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

<b>Saturday, September 23</b> 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Immediately following Mass - KOC Pretzel Sale & Recruitment in Hall ONLY
<b>Sunday, September 24</b> 9 am PSR Grades P/K - 4, (Church, Rooms 1-6, 8) <b>10:30 am MASS</b> Immediately Following Mass - KOC Pretzel Sale & Recruitment in Hall ONLY 5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)
<b>Monday, September 25</b> 6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)
<b>Tuesday September 26</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 6:30 pm Social Concerns (Library) 7pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall, Church)
<b>Wednesday, September 27</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 6:30 Squires (Library)
<b>Thursday, September 28</b> 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
<b>Friday, September 29</b> 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
<b>Saturday, September 30</b> 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Immediately following Mass - Columbiettes selling Boscov Discount Passes at Church entrances

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