St. Polycarp Church
55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware 19977
www.saintpolycarp.org

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor
Deacon Charles Robinson (Retired)
Deacon Frank Weber

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS (Check weekly calendar for changes to schedule.)
Monday—Friday  8:30 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesdays 9:00 am—9:00 pm St. Ann Chapel

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE
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Assistant to CRE—Judy Lamborn
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THE ACADEMY AT ST. POLYCARP
Weekday pre-school for ages 3 & 4
(302) 653 - 1496
499 W. South St.  Smyrna, DE  19977
Director – Nancy Koska
TheAcademy@saintpolycarp.org
Finance Council—John Fcasni
Pastoral Council—Cindy Kennedy
St. Vincent de Paul Society (302) 264-6630

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!
We’re glad you’re here!
Please contact the office or visit our website to register in our Parish.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Baptism: Pre-Baptismal class is required. Arrangements are to be made in advance by contacting Deacon Charlie at (302) 653-4654.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the date. Contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the parish office.


RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): RCIA is for adults who are in need of Baptism, who were baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic, or who were baptized Catholic and desire First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. For more information contact Deacon Frank at (302) 653-8279 or DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org
Our preschoolers are wanting to bring some Valentine love to our homebound parishioners. These children will be moving on to kindergarten in the fall. Our Preschool Academy is now accepting registration for a new class for the fall 2020. For info e-mail Nancy at Theacademy@saintpolycarp.org or call at (302) 653 – 1496.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

**THE ACADEMY PRE-SCHOOL**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING THOSE IN NEED, SERVING OUR PARISH, GROWING IN FAITH AND OBTAINING EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO TOP-RATED INSURANCE PROTECTION FOR YOUR FAMILY, THEN JOINING THE BROTHER VINCENT COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS THE ORGANIZATION FOR YOU. BROTHER VINCENT WILL CONDUCT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AFTER EACH MASS THIS WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 15th AND 16th. COME OUT TO MEET AND GREET THE KNIGHTS WHO WILL BE PREPARING BREAKFAST AND CONSIDER BECOMING PART OF THE TEAM.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST – ALL INVITED**

This Sunday, February 16th, is the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after the 10:30 am Mass. Spend a few minutes eating the delicious pancakes, befriending the Knights of Columbus, and getting to know your fellow parishioners. Donations are accepted.

**LET US PRAY**

**Bread & Wine for the Eucharist** are given in prayer for an increase in vocations.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in prayer for the healing intention of Angela Golson, at the request of George and Mary Grace Hutchinson.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel** burns in prayer for our altar servers.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - 9 am – 9 pm Tuesdays, Chapel

**Flame of Love Rosary** - 7 pm Thursdays, St. Ann Chapel

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - 3 pm Fridays, St. Ann Chapel

**Rosary** before 8:30 am Mass

**PRAYER CHAIN** - To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, email Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or call her at (302) 653 – 8064

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

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**We Pray for Our Sick**

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**We Pray for Our Deceased**

| Richard Weber
| Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord  |
| And let perpetual light shine upon them. |
| May the souls of all the faithful departed, |
| through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. |

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There will NOT be 8:30 am Masses at St. Polycarp on the following days:
All Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays in February
There are Masses on Thursdays and Fridays at St. Dennis in Galena at 8:30 am.

SAVE THE DATES
St. Polycarp’s Feast Day is Sunday, February 23rd.
Palms to Ashes - The Burning of the Palm is Tuesday, February 25th, at 7 pm. (St. Polycarp Church)
Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 26th. Masses and distribution of ashes at 8:30 am and 7 pm.
The Stations of the Cross (at St. Polycarp) is on Fridays during Lent in the Church at 7 pm (February 28th – April 3rd). (Stations at St. Dennis – Fridays in Lent at 4pm.)
The Deanery Penance Service is at Holy Cross Church on Monday, March 30th, at 7 pm.

BURNING OF PALM
EVERYONE IS INVITED
If you have any palm from last year, please place the palm in the baskets, found in the Vestibule or under the coat racks in the hallway. The palm will be burned into ashes on Tuesday, February 25th, at 7pm. (begins in Church)

VOCATION CHALICE - PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
The vocation chalice is a visible sign to encourage prayers for vocations and to encourage young people to answer His call to devote their lives through a Vocation to the Priesthood or the Religious Life. We are called to pray for vocations. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer for vocations, (302) 670 – 7924.

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

CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

How are you using your talents to serve?
Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents that must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

THE PARISH OFFICE NEEDS YOU AND YOUR TALENTS!
The Parish office is looking for weekday front desk substitute receptionists to answer phones, greet visitors, and assist with light projects. This ministry is a great way to share your God given talents and meet fellow parishioners! The Parish office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm with two different shifts for receptionists each day. The morning shift is from 9 am to noon while the afternoon shift is from noon to 3 pm. Please contact our Parish Secretary, Teresa, in the office for more information at office@saintpolycarp.org or (302) 653 – 8279.

SOCIAL CONCERNS
The SMYRNA – CLAYTON FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items: canned chicken, canned pasta, meal starters, dry potatoes, and cereal. Do not forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). The boxes are located in the vestibule and under the coat rack in the hallway. Please no expired food.

UPRGENT – Volunteers are needed to help pack food in the pantry on a monthly basis. A new volunteer coordinator is also needed. Please call the Asbury Church office at (302) 653 – 8415 for more details.

RESPECT LIFE
Efforts on the part of the Catholic community, other faith groups, the Medical Society of Delaware, the Delaware Health Care Association, Saint Francis Healthcare, and advocates for persons with disabilities, kept physician-assisted suicide legislation from becoming law in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Yet, some lawmakers in Delaware still think that they know better than the medical community and will continue to bow to outside special-interest groups and promote physician-assisted suicide. You are invited to become informed and involved in this important issue. Visit cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide for information.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society assisted 40 families and individuals during the months of October through December of 2019. This assistance totaled $8,317.78 and helped our parishioners and neighbors with rent, mortgage payments, utilities, medicine, transportation, and food. In addition, through the generous donations of parishioners, Columbiettes, and Knights of Columbus we distributed 103 turkeys and hams and $3,705.00 to assist our parishioners and neighbors at Christmas to be able to celebrate Christmas. None of this would be possible without your donations to the poor box and individual donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Society is a worldwide Catholic Lay Organization in over 130 Countries with over 1 million members. In the United States, there are 100,000 members in 155 Dioceses. In the Wilmington Diocese, we have over 1,100 members. The vocation of the Society is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His Compassion and love. Vincentians show their commitment through person-to-person service and seeing the face of Christ in the people we serve.

Everyone is invited to attend one of our meetings (1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month) in the Library at 9:20 am or you may contact any of our members or Chuck Miller (302) 270 – 4942.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

POLYCARP – The Movie

St. Polycarp’s feast day is on Sunday, February 23rd. On Saturday, February 22nd, EWTN (Eternal WORD Television Network) will air the ninety-minute movie Polycarp. For the most recent scheduling, visit www.ewtn.com/tv.

Visit our Cardinal O’Connor Library! You will see that we have this movie on DVD that you can check out!

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK’S “Who said it?” - ST. POLYCARP!

Eighty and six years have I served Christ, nor has He ever done me any harm. How, then, could I blaspheme my King who saved Me? ... I bless Thee for deigning me worthy of this day and this hour that I may be among Thy martyrs and drink the cup of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Also from St. Polycarp – Beware of greed and remain pure and just. Restrain yourself from every vice. He who cannot restrain himself, how will he be able to teach others restraint?

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale will take place next weekend, February 22nd and February 23rd, after Mass. Please support the Girl Scouts by buying some yummy cookies!

ST. POLYCARP

BROTHER VINCENT COLUMBIETTES

WOMEN’S RETREAT

Saturday, February 22nd

Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus. Please join the Brother Vincent Columbiettes for a spiritual opportunity at our Annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 22nd, from 8:30 am - 2 pm. The day will begin with 8:30 am Mass with the Retreat following in the Parish Hall at 9 am. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. Sr. Rosemary Holter, O.S.F. will be the retreat master. Please use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards in Church or you can contact Betty Slaven at (302) 547-8174 or churchladybetty@gmail.com by this Monday, February 17th, to register.

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ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE
Join the St. Polycarp Parade Ministry in honoring St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, in the upcoming Smyrna/Clayton St. Patrick’s Day Parade on **Sunday, March 15th**!

Line Up: St. Polycarp Church at 1 pm  
Parade Start: 2 pm  
End: North Smyrna Elementary School  

**We need you!**  
Contact Kendra Friel at (302) 354 – 3902 or nyx25@comcast.net if you would like to lend a hand!  
Thank you and God bless!

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**HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE**

**LENTEN REVIVAL, “RENEW IN HOPE AND MERCY”**  
Join the Diocese of Wilmington’s Ministry for Black Catholics at Our Lady of Fatima Church 6:30pm, February 17th, 18th and 19th. Visit cdow.org/Ministry-for-Black-Catholics for information.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - COOKS FOR A CAUSE**–  
The Little Sisters of the Poor will be having their Cooks For a Cause on Sunday, February 23rd, from 3 pm to 8 pm at Feby’s Fisher (3701 Lancaster Pike in Wilmington). Reservations are preferred by calling Feby’s at (302) 998 – 9501. [www.littlesistersofthepoor-delaware.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor-delaware.org).

**FAMILY FRIENDLY MARDI GRAS PARTY**  
Holy Angels (Newark) will host a Mardi Gras Party on Tuesday, February 25th, from 6 pm to 9 pm. Free admission. Contact the Holy Angels Parish for more information at (302) 731 – 2219

**RESURRECTION PARISH LENTEN RENEWAL**  
The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic, at Resurrection Parish (Wilmington) on Monday, March 2nd, through Thursday, March 5th. For more information, contact (302) 731 – 2219 or visit [https://resurrectionde.org/parish-lent-renewal](https://resurrectionde.org/parish-lent-renewal).

**“THE MASS” – A 6 WEEK LENTEN STUDY**  
A 6 week Lenten study, “The Mass”, will take place at Holy Angels Church (Newark), on Tuesdays starting March 3rd, from 10 am to 11:30 am and / or from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Contact the Parish for more information at (302) 731 – 2219 or Phyllis510@comcast.net. Registration is encouraged but not required.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

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**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, February 16**  
Knights of Columbus Speak before/at Mass  
11:30 am Pancake Breakfast after Mass (Hall)

**Monday, February 17**  
**NO DAILY MASS**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Room 4)  
6:30 pm Columbiettes (Library)

**Tuesday, February 18**  
9 am Adoration 9 am to 9 pm (Chapel)  
9 am Academy Morning Class  
10:30 am DHCI Communion Service  
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class  
6:30 pm Finance Council (Room 7)  
7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Library, Hall)

**Wednesday, February 19**  
9 am Academy Morning Class  
9 am St. Vincent de Paul (Library)  
9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Room 4)  
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class  
4 pm CFC Executive (Room 4)  
4 pm CFC General Meeting (Room 4)  
6 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Hall)  
7 pm K of C Social (Hall)

**Thursday, February 20**  
9 am Academy Morning Class  
10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)  
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class  
6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 4)  
7 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

**Friday, February 21**  
**NO DAILY MASS**  
9:15 am Altar Guild III (Church)  
3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

**Saturday, February 22**  
I Love Smyrna School District Day  
8:30 am Mass  
9 am Columbiettes Lenten Retreat (Hall, Kitchen, Church)  
2:30 pm Confession  
5 pm Girl Scout Cookie Sale after 4 pm Mass (Church)

Once again, some parishioners are receiving emails claiming to be Fr. Jim. Fr. Jim would not use his email to ask you to send him gift cards or money or to do a favor for him! Please, if you get a suspicious e-mail claiming to be from Fr. Jim, call the office and ask if it is from one of us!  

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Support our Parish School of Religion (PSR)  
**50/50 RAFFLE**  
50/50 envelopes are available at the doors. Pick one up as you come in. Place $1 in the envelope and complete the information on the front. Drop it in the collection basket. The prize is split 50-50 between the winner and our PSR! (If you don’t know your number – please call or email the office!)

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**THE PARISH OFFICE**  
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th, in observance of President’s Day.