

St. Dennis Catholic Church



In THE IRON HILL DEANERY OF
THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Rev. Pedro Chalacan, Hispanic Priest

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Council- Brian Quinn Trustees-Mark &
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8 am

Thursday & Friday 8:30 am

HISPANIC MASS

Sunday 11am

LIVE STREAM MASS: SUNDAYS AT 8 AM

https://www.youtube.com/@stdennisparish_galenamd/stream

RECONCILIATION:

Sunday 7:00-7:30 am or by appointment

Confesiones en Español de 10 a 10:30 am o con previa cita

PARISH OFFICE / Oficina Parroquial:

Monday-Friday, Lunes-Viernes, 9 am to 3 pm

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LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm, Tuesday &
Wednesday at 8:30 am.

www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE

May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome, We're glad you are with us today.
If you are new to the parish, please consider registering.
Register online at www.stdennischurch.org
or call (410) 648-5145.

Bienvenidos, Nos alegra que estén con nosotros hoy.
Si son nuevos en la parroquia, por favor, consideren
registrarse. Inscribáense en línea en
www.stdennischurch.org
or o llame al (410) 648-5145.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Please call Religious Ed Office for information and
preparation process.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:
Children are prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion at
age seven, or children who have completed two years (2nd
grade). Call Religious Ed Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Young people in our parish are
prepared in the tenth grade. Call Religious Ed Office.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 1 year prior to
the wedding date. Contact parish office for updated information
and preparation process.

Sacrament of Holy Orders: If you believe you have calling to
explore the priesthood, or serving the church, please contact
John Solomon at vocations@cdow.org.

Anointing of the Sick: Visitation to the sick, Anointing or Holy
Communion, contact the parish office.

RECIBIENDO LOS SACRAMENTOS:

Bautizo: Por favor llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa
para información y proceso de preparación.

**Sacramento de Reconciliación y Primera Sagrada
Comunión:** Niños son preparados para la Reconciliación y
Primera Comunión a la edad de siete años, o niños que han
completado dos años (segundo grado)? Contacte a la oficina de
Educación Religiosa.

Sacramento de la Confirmación: Los jóvenes en nuestra
parroquia son preparados en el décimo grado. Contacte a la
oficina de Educación Religiosa.

Matrimonios: Los arreglos deben hacerse por lo menos con un
año de anticipación a la fecha de la boda.
Contacte a la Oficina de la Parroquia para información
actualizada y proceso de preparación.

Sacramento del Orden Sagrado: Si usted cree que ha recibido
el llamado para explorar el Sacerdocio, o servir a la Iglesia, por
favor contacte a John Solomon en vocations@cdow.org.

Unción de los enfermos: Visita a los enfermos, Unción o
Sagrada Comunión, contacte a la oficina Parroquial.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

"Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

John 14:1-12

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "No pierdan la paz. Si creen en Dios, crean también en mí. En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas habitaciones. Si no fuera así, yo se lo habría dicho a ustedes, porque ahora voy a prepararles un lugar. Cuando me haya ido y les haya preparado un lugar, volveré y los llevaré conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes. Y ya saben el camino para llegar al lugar a donde voy". Entonces Tomás le dijo: "Señor, no sabemos a dónde vas, ¿cómo podemos saber el camino?" Jesús le respondió: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí. Si ustedes me conocen a mí, conocen también a mi Padre. Ya desde ahora lo conocen y lo han visto". Le dijo Felipe: "Señor, muéstranos al Padre y eso nos basta". Jesús le replicó: "Felipe, tanto tiempo hace que estoy con ustedes, ¿y todavía no me conoces? Quien me ve a mí, ve al Padre. ¿Entonces por qué dices: 'Muéstranos al Padre'? ¿O no crees que yo estoy en el Padre y que el Padre está en mí? Las palabras que yo les digo, no las digo por mi propia cuenta. Es el Padre, que permanece en mí, quien hace las obras. Créanme: yo estoy en el Padre y el Padre está en mí. Si no me dan fe a mí, créanlo por las obras. Yo les aseguro: el que crea en mí, hará las obras que hago yo y las hará aun mayores, porque yo me voy al Padre".

Juan 14, 1-12

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route
National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route) will be in the Diocese of Wilmington on **June 11-12, 2026**.
All are welcome to join in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



JUNE 11, 2026

- 11:00-11:30 AM - Arrival Kent Island, MD
- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Mass St. Christopher, Chester, MD
- 2:00-4:00 PM - Service Event Ss. Peter & Paul, Easton, MD
- 5:30-6:30 PM - Eucharistic Procession Georgetown, DE
- 6:30-7:30 PM - Bilingual Mass Georgetown, DE
- 7:30-9:30 PM - Evening of Fellowship & Faith Georgetown, DE
- 10:30 PM-5:30 AM - Overnight Adoration Ocean City, MD

JUNE 12, 2026

- 6:00-7:15 AM - Sunrise Procession (Ocean City Boardwalk) Ocean City, MD
- 7:15-7:45 AM - Benediction at Holy Savior Ocean City, MD
- 10:30-11:45 AM - Mass & Consecration to the Sacred Heart St. Peter Cathedral, Wilmington, DE
- 12:00-12:30 PM - Departure from Port of Wilmington Wilmington, DE

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE. REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED AT eucharisticpilgrimage.org

UNA NACIÓN BAJO DIOS

Ruta de Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini
Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional

La Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional (Ruta de Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini) estará en la Diócesis de Wilmington los días **11 y 12 de junio de 2026**.
Todos están invitados a unirse en oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento.

11 DE JUNIO DE 2026

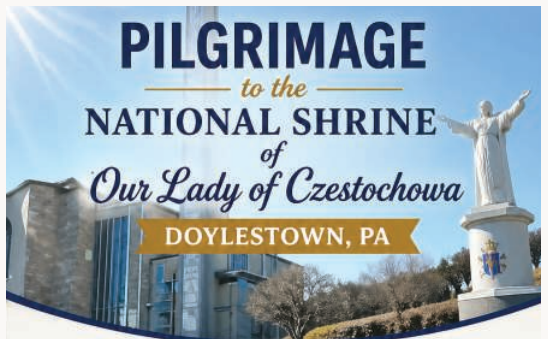
- 11:00-11:30 AM - Llegada Kent Island, MD
- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Misa St. Christopher, Chester, MD
- 2:00-4:00 PM - Evento de servicio Ss. Peter & Paul, Easton, MD
- 5:30-6:30 PM - Procesión Eucarística Georgetown, DE
- 6:30-7:30 PM - Misa bilingüe Georgetown, DE
- 7:30-9:30 PM - Noche de comunión y fe Georgetown, DE
- 10:30 PM-5:30 AM - Adoración Eucarística durante la noche Ocean City, MD

12 DE JUNIO DE 2026

- 6:00-7:15 AM - Procesoión al amanecer (Paseo marítimo de Ocean City) Ocean City, MD
- 7:15-7:45 AM - Bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento Holy Savior, Ocean City, MD
- 10:30-11:45 AM - Misa y Consagración al Sagrado Corazón Catedral de San Pedro, Wilmington, DE
- 12:00-12:30 PM - Salida desde el Puerto de Wilmington Wilmington, DE

TODOS LOS EVENTOS SON GRATUITOS.
SE RECOMIENDA REGISTRARSE EN eucharisticpilgrimage.org

Únase a nosotros en oración mientras caminamos con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento a través de nuestra nación.



PILGRIMAGE to the NATIONAL SHRINE of Our Lady of Czestochowa DOYLESTOWN, PA

TRIP DETAILS

Thursday, May 7th
Departure: 7:00 AM - St. Polycarp Parking Lot
Return to Smyrna: 5:00 PM
Bus sponsored by St. Polycarp BVM Sodality

COST

\$36 - Bus only
\$61 - Bus + Optional Polish Lunch (or bring your own)
Reserve Your Seat - For More Information

CONTACT

Betty Sloven churchladybetty@gmail.com
Call / Text: 302-547-8174



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Bible Study

We have two Bible study options at St. Dennis! **Monday evenings**, 6:30-7:30 pm, meets in classroom 7 in the parish hall. **Friday mornings**, 9-10 am, meets in the parish library in the parish hall. No Bible study on First Fridays (go to Eucharistic Adoration instead!)

All are welcome!



The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit from 4PM Media and The Ministry of The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

Join us on **Thursdays from 9-10 am in the parish library** as we explore this series together. All are welcome!

Join Us!

The Christian Formation Committee is a group of dedicated parishioners who want to foster faith formation for people of all ages at St. Dennis. All are welcome to "come" and attend the next meeting!

The next meeting is **Tuesday, May 5th at 7 pm on Zoom.**

Scan the QR code below to join the meeting. Hope to see you there! ♥



The children of St. Dennis are good stewards of God's gifts.



Here are some of the ways they have given back to God lately:

- Helping Others
- Using Clean and Respectful Language
- Telling Others About Jesus and My Faith.

Please pray for our children that they may always use God's gifts to further His kingdom.

Welcome to the Catholic Church! Initiation Ministry Sessions

Sundays from 9:15-10:45 am in the Parish Hall

If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, learn more about the Catholic faith, or receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, we invite you to come! Come and see what awaits you in a closer relationship with our loving God. *For more information, contact Jennifer Hinton at stdennisreled@gmail.com or 410-648-5145.*

Baptism Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation Classes will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8 pm on **May 18 and June 1-15**. If you are expecting a child or would like to have your child (up to age 6) Baptized,

please contact Jennifer Hinton at stdennisreled@gmail.com or 410-648-5145 to begin the process. The parents must meet with Mrs. Hinton prior to the first session.



May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May is the month of Mary! Honor our Blessed Mother on Mother's Day as we crown her our queen. Procession will begin after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, May 10th. All are invited!

Coronación de la Santísima Virgen María en el mes de Mayo

¡Mayo es el mes de María! Honremos a nuestra Santísima Madre en el Día de la Madre mientras la coronamos como nuestra Reina. La procesión comenzará después de la Misa de las 11:00 a. m. del domingo 10 de mayo. ¡Todos están invitados!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years . . . Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2226.

Let us support your family as you grow in faith together! Sundays April 26 & May 3 we will be holding registration for Religious Education for next school year from 9-11 am in the hall. Register at these sessions to get the early registration discount! Tuition assistance is available - do not let the cost keep your child from Religious Education!

Online registration will also be available from our website, stdennischurch.org, beginning April 26th. The early tuition rate applies through May 31st - after that rates will increase.

Please share this info with any family that has children in grades pK-10! For new students please bring your child's Baptism certificate and any pertinent custody documents.

Contact Jennifer Hinton at stdennisreled@gmail.com or 410-648-5145 with any questions.

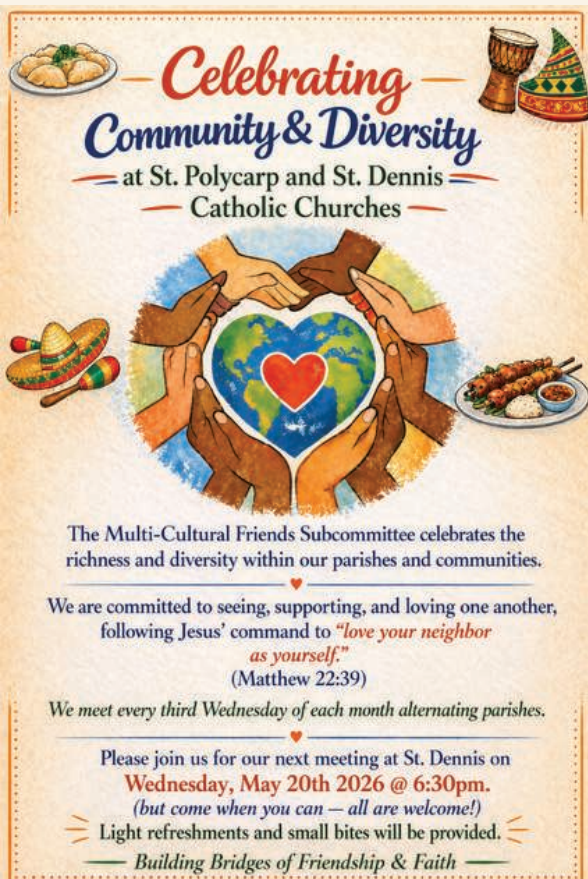
"La educación en la fe por parte de los padres debe comenzar en los primeros años del niño... Los padres tienen la misión de enseñar a sus hijos a rezar y a descubrir su vocación como hijos de Dios. La parroquia es la comunidad eucarística y el corazón de la vida litúrgica de las familias cristianas; es un lugar privilegiado para la catequesis de niños y padres." Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 2226.

¡Permítanos apoyar a su familia mientras crecen juntos en la fe! Los domingos 26 de abril y 3 de mayo, llevaremos a cabo las inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa del próximo año escolar, de 9:00 a 11:00 a. m. en el salón parroquial. ¡Inscribase durante estas sesiones para obtener el descuento por inscripción anticipada! Hay asistencia económica disponible para la matrícula; ¡no permita que el costo impida que su hijo reciba Educación Religiosa!

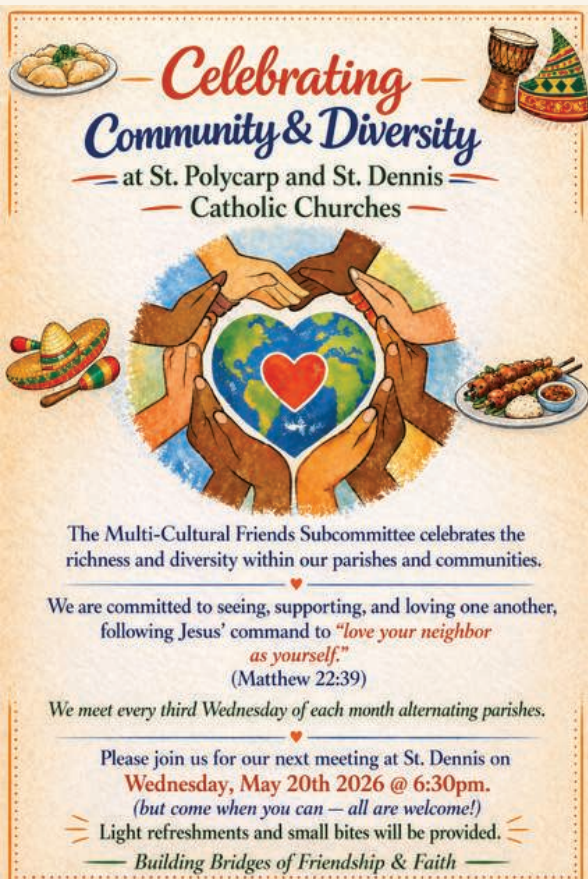
También estará disponible la inscripción en línea a través de nuestro sitio web, stdennischurch.org, a partir del 26 de abril. La tarifa de inscripción anticipada se mantendrá vigente hasta el 31 de mayo; después de esa fecha, las tarifas aumentarán.

¡Por favor, comparta esta información con cualquier familia que tenga niños cursando desde preescolar (pK) hasta el 10.º grado! Para los estudiantes nuevos, por favor traiga el certificado de bautismo de su hijo y cualquier documento pertinente sobre su custodia.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Jennifer Hinton a través del correo electrónico stdennisreled@gmail.com o llamando al 410-648-5145.



**Celebrating
Community & Diversity**
— at St. Polycarp and St. Dennis
Catholic Churches —



The Multi-Cultural Friends Subcommittee celebrates the richness and diversity within our parishes and communities.

We are committed to seeing, supporting, and loving one another, following Jesus' command to *"love your neighbor as yourself."*
(Matthew 22:39)

We meet every third Wednesday of each month alternating parishes.

Please join us for our next meeting at St. Dennis on
Wednesday, May 20th 2026 @ 6:30pm.
(but come when you can — all are welcome!)

Light refreshments and small bites will be provided.

— Building Bridges of Friendship & Faith —



**Celebrando
Comunidad y Diversidad**
— en las Iglesias Católicas de
San Policarpo y San Dennis —



El Subcomité de Amigos Multiculturales celebra la riqueza y diversidad dentro de nuestras parroquias y comunidades.

Nos comprometemos a vernos, apoyarnos y amarnos unos a otros, siguiendo el mandato de Jesús de *"Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo."*
(Mateo 22:39)

Nos reunimos cada tercer miércoles de cada mes, alternando parroquias.

Por favor, acompáñenos a nuestra próxima reunión en San Dennis el miércoles 20 de mayo de 2026 a las 6:30 p.m.
(pero lleguen cuando puedan — ¡todos son bienvenidos!)

Se ofrecerán refrigerios y bocadillos.

— Construyendo Puentes de Amistad y Fe —

MASS Intentions



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026



8:30 am

Daria McDonough
Mary Whelan Burkitt



FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026



8:30 am

Mary Friel Huber
Margaret Stryker DeLucia

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026



8:00 am | *Novena Mother's Day*

11:00 am | *Novena Mother's Day*





STEWARDSHIP

Second Collection

May 3 Capital Improvement
May 10 Mother's Day
May 14 Ascension of the Lord (Thursday Holy Day)

	APRIL 26	2026
8 am Mass		\$1,619
11 am Mass		\$666
Parish Maintenance		\$838



Save the Date:



Sunday October 11, 2026:
One Mass at 9 am bilingual



This day we will celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint St. Dennis.



Following Mass will be the blessing of new statue of Saint Dennis.



Then our Annual Forum and Parish Picnic will be at the Hall afterwards.

All are Welcome!

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

FUNDRAISING

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*Hosting an event? A family gathering too large for your home?
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¿Celebrando un evento? ¿Organizando una reunión familiar demasiado grande para su hogar?

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We are looking for someone to conduct these sessions. Volunteers with a compassionate heart are welcome

About the Sessions

- Reading material and leading group discussions.
- Six sessions · One hour each
- Helping loved ones understand the many phases of grief.
- It is important to know and understand that there are challenges which are normal at this time.
- Thought is needed for discernment of God's new plan for the future.

Contact Ann at 610-608- 2223 or the parish office 410-648-5145

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

will be having a

PIT BEEF Sandwich Sale



**SATURDAY
MAY 9TH**

11AM - 2PM



IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING PARKING LOT


Menu includes:





\$12.00

Please mark YOUR CALENDARS!



Birtright of DE will host its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale at our parish.

Please support Birtright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses on Mother's Day, **May 10**. Loose Roses Cost

\$3/one rose

\$5/ three roses

\$20/ dozen roses

\$45/ twenty five roses

A limited number of roses arranged in vases with baby's breath and baker's fern will be available for an additional donation. Checks should be made out to Birtright of DE. Thank you for helping mothers in need to CHOOSE LIFE!



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