

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



1012 French Street,
Wilmington, DE
19801
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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
pw4ofm@aol.com

DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm
Friday, 10am - 1pm
Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
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Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday — 10:00 am Tuesday to Friday — 12:10 pm
Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Holy days — As announced

**The Church is open for Prayer & Meditation Tuesday—Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.**

Notary Services
Available
Upon Request.
See Loretta Young

MARRIAGE:

All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the Pastor at least one year prior notice in order to satisfy all diocesan requirements for marriage. All couples must attend either Pre-Cana Classes or make an Engaged Encounter.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents and Godparents must participate in a Pre-Baptismal program. Please call the Pastoral Center to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the Pastoral Center and complete a parish registration form.

CARE OF THE SICK AND

HOMEBOUND: The Pastor, Deacon, and special ministers of Holy Communion will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. The Pastor and Deacon make regular visits to local hospitals. **Please notify the Parish Office if any parishioner is ill or hospitalized.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, TELEPHONE NUMBER: Contact the Parish Office if your personal contact information changes.

October 8, 2017

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

- ▶ CCD— Every Sunday following mass in parish center
- ▶ October 14 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting
- ▶ October 14 ~ Bingo! Fellowship Hall, 1-5pm
- ▶ October 15 ~ Adult Study Group Begins! Blue Room
“How to Pray” by Cardinal Donald Wuerl
- ▶ October 18 ~ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- ▶ October 22 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
25th Anniversary
- ▶ November 05 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting — 8:45 am
- ▶ November 05 ~ St. Martin DePorres Mass and Luncheon



Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. Amounts below represent last week's collection and the collection for the same week in 2016.

October 1, 2017 \$3,005 October 2, 2016 \$2,763

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions
September 23, 2017— October 1, 2017

Saturday, 10/7	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday 10/08	10:00 AM	†Clarice Rice Requested by Fr.Paul Williams, OFM
Monday, 10/09	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 10/10	12:10pm	†
Wednesday, 10/11	12:10pm	
Thursday, 10/12	12:10pm	
Friday, 10/13	12:10pm	
Saturday, 10/14	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/15	10:00 AM	

PARISH STAFF	
Pastor:	Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
Deacon:	Robert J. Cousar
Parish Secretary:	Loretta L. Young
St. Vincent dePaul Society:	Fayette Jackson
Director Religious Education:	Mary Polk

Introduction to the Liturgy
 As autumn progresses, we hear more harvest images at our Sunday celebrations. Today we hear two readings about tending vineyards and yielding grapes. Ours may no longer be an agrarian economy, but surely these images resonate in our lives all the same. What are we doing to cultivate the reign of God in the fields where we are living and working?
 Fr. Paul

Ministry for Black Catholics
 The annual Saint Martin dePorres Mass and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2017. All are invited to join this spirit-filled celebration and memorial

Congratulations to LaVon Robinson who will receive the Diocesan Merit Award from Bishop Malooly on Sunday, October 8, 2017, 3:00 pm at St. Joseph’s in Middletown.



PRAYER AGAINST CRIME AND VIOLENCE
 Lord God, crime is on the increase within our city and our country. From the depths of our hearts we pray that you will comfort, heal, and bless all victims of crime. We ask that you protect all people from the evil of crime and violence.
We pray especially for life-changing conversion for all criminals and the violent—

- remove all evil from their hearts
- fill them with your goodness and love
- may they cease their evil works

may our city and land be free from the scourge of crime and violence.
We pray also for the grace to purge ourselves of all violence—

- in our own thoughts and actions
- in our family life
- in our friendships
- in our relationships with others.

Lord, I personally commit to refrain from violent acts or words to settle conflicts.
I further swear to teach others, especially our youth,

- that violence is too quick an answer
- that violence produces irreparable, life-long and threatening results.

Amen.
 Source: Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary

Question of the Week
 Does the “peace of God that surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7) describe the life that pulses through my heart these days?

Parish Bus - October Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, October 1	TBD
Sunday, October 8	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, October 15	TBD
Sunday, October 22	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, October 29	Vanel Fleury

St. Joseph Catholic Church
 1012 French Street
 Wilmington, DE 19801
 302.658.4535
 Second Saturday of each month

\$25 Per 20 Game Packet
\$15 Additional Packets

B I N G O

1:00 pm — 5:00 pm
 October 14, 2017
 November 11, 2017
 December 9, 2017

Concession Stand
 Hot Dogs
 Chips
 Soda

Door Prizes **Cash Prizes**

Parking available in Church lot between 10th & 11th Streets off Walnut
 and YMCA lot at 10th & Walnut Streets

Hurricane Relief


Dominicans at home and abroad are soliciting whatever assistance donors are comfortable providing. A Go Fund Me page has been created and is available at the www.DARDA.org website. DARDA (Dominican American Relief and Development Association) was created 38 years ago after Hurricane David similarly affected Dominica. The group has been identified by the Dominican government as an official collector of relief funds and supplies.

If you would like to offer support for victims in the United States Virgin Island, please send contributions to Catholic Relief, USA designated for U.S. Virgin Islands. www.crs.org

**Prayer for Protection
 against Storms and Hurricanes**

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
 Source: Knights of Peter Claver

25th Anniversary WDGCC Celebration
 Sunday, October 22, 2017
 St. Joseph Catholic Church
 Reverend Paul M. Williams, OFM Pastor
 1012 N French St, Wilmington, DE 19801
 Mass 10:00am
 Celebrant: Bishop W. Francis Malooly, D.D.
 Reception immediately following mass:
 approximately 11:30am
 Anniversary Program 1:00pm
 Featuring
 the Wilmington Diocesan Gospel Choir
 and guest choirs



WILMINGTON **DIOCESAN GOSPEL CHOIR**
Anniversary
 ESTABLISHED • 1992

For details: (302) 658-4535
wilmingtongospel25@gmail.com

Happy Birthday!

October

Mark LeaBough	02
Katherine Moran	02
Anthea Bedminster	04
Alexander Loosarian	04
Marie Dash	05
Felipe Barranco	06
Joyce Robbins Brown	06
Maryann Brown Martin	07
Yvonne Hill	09
Bernard S. Walker, Jr.	09
Aaron Christopher Hill	10
Liana Thompson	10
Demetrius Turner, II	11
Peyton Flagg	12
Derrick Johnson	12
Dalen Daye	15
Barbara Pulliam	16
Rosemary Chaplin	17
Joseph Owens	17
Juscir Henry	18
Andrea Queen	18
Robert Hopson	19
J'Ana McGill	19
Anthony Cecere	21
Howard Robbins	21
Lauren Nieves	22
Albert Scales, Jr	22
Sarah Brysson	23
James Obidike	24
Larry Chatman	26
John Cunningham	27
Gaye Council	29
Kenneth Pulliam, Jr.	29
Kayla Saunders	30
Ella Taylor	30
Jecha Wright	30



*Note: Apologies if your name does not appear on the birthday list.
If this is the case, please call the parish office at 302.658.4535 or
email the parish secretary at parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
Please include your name, birth month, day and year.*

Liturgy Schedule October 2017

Sunday, October 1, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivera, Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Geraldine Cochran ~ 1st Lector
Stephen Thorpe ~ 2nd Lector
Denise McIntyre ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Barbara Pulliam ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 7, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 am

Ava Wycliffe, Altar Server
Sheila Cavin, Greeter
Jed Donahue, Lector 1
Gail Rando, Lector 2
John Rando, Eucharistic Minister
Stacey Lowery, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 am

Tia Pulliam, Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector
Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Debbie Sterling ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 21, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 22, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Deidre Robinson ~ Greeter
Herb Sterling ~ Lector
William Ray ~ Lector 2
Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Debbie Sterling ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 28, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 29, 10:00 am

Jayla Walker ~ Altar Server
Kyle Hopson ~ Greeter
Lisa Mims ~ Lector
Judy Gallagher ~ Lector 2
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Adrienne Hopson ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Parish Leadership

Parish Council is advisory to the pastor on matters of the church such as the mass schedule, improvements to the building, parish social life, etc. The Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and all parishioners are invited. **Parish Council does not meet in June, July or August. Next meeting is October 18.**

Fr. Paul Williams, President
Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio
Linda Abili Vincent Caesar
Kathy Hodges Chantal Jackson Derrick Johnson
Deirdre Robinson Damita MacFarlane
Doris Matthews John Rando
Cheryl Riviere Loretta Young

The **Finance Committee** is responsible for helping the pastor with creating and managing the budget and to ensure the parish is fiscally sound. Members are appointed by the pastor and meet quarterly. Current committee members are:

Deacon Bob Cousar, Chair
Dana Crumety
Judy Gallagher
Herb Sterling
Bertley Wharton

TRIP TO THE BATHROOM

Little people sometimes find it necessary to make a bathroom visit during mass to relieve boredom if nothing else. Fellowship hall and the bathrooms are unsupervised and accessible to outsiders. For the safety of our little ones, their grown-up should accompany them when they take a break. Nothing has happened and we want to be sure it doesn't.

Parking Lot

During the weekdays, the parking spaces are not available. In addition, please do not park in the pastors' or volunteer parking slots. These slots are available on Sunday, but never during the weekday. If you have a special request, please call the office. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We've been blessed to have the coffee and pastries donated on each Sunday of the month as indicated below.

- ◆ 1st Sunday - Ladies Sodality
- ◆ 2nd Sunday - **Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary**
- ◆ 3rd Sunday - Loretta & Leonard Young
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges



Thank You!
Thank You!

THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of Saint Joseph's Parish we invite you to complete the Parish Registration form below and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will contact you.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church Parish Registration Form

Last Name: _____

Full Name: _____

Birthdate: (month, date, year) _____

Church of Baptism: _____

List all resident family members you wish to register at Saint Joseph's and the relationship of all.

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Home Telephone: _____

"You don't always
need a plan.
Sometimes you just
need to breathe, TRUST,
let go and see what
happens."

-Mandy Hale

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE AND NEWS



The Sodality honors the Blessed Mother

through prayer. These ladies faithfully pray the rosary each Sunday before mass and they pray continuously for the parish, the city and for individuals in need of the intercession of the Blessed Mother. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Denise Scales on 302.368.9881.

JUNIOR SODALITY

The Jr. Sodality mission statement includes:

having a deeper appreciation and understanding of others by enriching values of respect, responsibility and sharing with the guidance and example of St. Joseph Senior Sodality. Making a difference by bringing joy, love and refreshments to brighten the lives of others including St. Joseph community and the shut-in, hosting a luncheon for those less fortunate, sharing in the ministries of the church and participating in the Angel Tree Adopt A Child Program. ALL YOUNG LADIES, 6 TO 14, IN THE DIOCESE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT

Jean Toy, 302.658.2218,

Margaret Levesque, 302-656-0813, or Lorenza Hinds, 302-574-0057. FOR INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

Buy gift/ pre-paid cards for a good cause.

Please consider buying gift/ pre-paid cards for everyday items & gifts. Proceeds are used to support the mission of the Knights of Peter Claver, such as service to the Church, assistance to the needy and youth scholarship. Order forms are in the back of the church or online. For information, phone 302 598 0448; Email:

kpc.scrip@stjosephfrenchst.org

Web: http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf

BAYLOR PRISON MINISTRY: Every Friday morning, parishioners and friends brighten the lives of women who are incarcerated. On the first and third Friday, Fr. Paul celebrates mass. For additional information, please contact Rose Henderson, 302-762-9044.

Stock the Pantry - Catholic Charities

Non-Perishable Food Donations

A barrel for non-perishable foods is located in the vestibule of the church. Please help to replenish their food closets by contributing non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. To make a cash donation online, visit <https://www.cdow.org/ccdonation.html>.

Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies' Auxiliary is comprised of over 18,000 Catholic family members. We continue our expansion efforts welcoming all Catholics to join. Our purpose is to render service to God and His Holy Church. If you would like to join our organization please see Grand Knight Vincent Robinson or Grand Lady Brenda Burns.

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Reporting Allegations of Child Abuse to Authorities

1. Division of Family Services at 1-800-292-9582
2. State Attorney General's Office 302-577-8310
3. Report to Fr. Paul, Deacon Cousar or Loretta Young
4. Report to Diocese: Vicar General 302-573-3118



St. Joseph's Book Club Meets in the Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The next meeting is January 29, 2018 and the book for discussion is "One Thousand Gifts." Please see Geraldine Purnell for additional information.

Emergency contact == To contact the pastor after hours, call the parish number. The messages are checked every few hours, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. When the pastor is away, the parish secretary checks the phone frequently and will notify the pastor if there is a grave situation.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The journey of faith is a process that takes time. Please contact the pastor about taking steps leading to initiation as a Catholic Christian. If you know someone who needs special invitation, please inform the pastor. The whole church is built up when an adult embraces the faith. We need to embrace those called by Christ.



The St. Joseph Choir is Recruiting

If you would like to help us celebrate the Mass and get extra credit, (because you know when you sing you are praying twice), please come and join the St. Joseph Choir. We rehearse and sing every Sunday, except 4th Sunday, in the Parish Center Conference Room at 9:15 AM. If you are interested, please see DeAnna Cardenas after Mass or call the Parish Center and leave a message. Thank you!

WILMINGTON DIOCESE GOSPEL CHOIR

WDGC sings at St. Joseph on the fourth Sunday and throughout the Diocese during the year. For information, call Brenda Burns at 302-322-6899.

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE



Reflecting on this week's gospel, I can't help to think about how we treat others. While we may not be as physically violent as the tenants in this parable, we certainly can hurt others through more than just physical violence. We should remember that all that has been provided to us is from the Lord. These gifts go beyond just material possessions; they also include the world we live in and all those that live upon it. As you reflect on this truth this week contemplate how well you are treating these gifts that the Lord has provided you? Do you treat all with dignity and respect? In what way can you do a better job of showing love to your neighbors? In what way can you do a better job of caring for our Earth?

Vocations

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Christians at Philippi how to live so that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." A key element in experiencing that peace is seeking out God's unique plan for one's life. Where is the Lord trying to lead *you*? How does He want you to glorify Him? Is He calling you to priesthood, diaconate or to religious life? If you think so, let's explore that. Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 16** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing ljackson@cdow.org, or by calling 302-295-0657.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 9:05 a.m. on WAAI-FM 100.9 in Hurlock/Cambridge, Maryland. Next Sunday, October 15th, Catholic author and humorist, Susie Lloyd, will discuss her latest book, "Yes, God." For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Have no anxiety at all, but...make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6) We all have anxieties in life - money, health, our kids, safety, etc.) Your spouse cannot solve all your problems, but sharing our needs in prayer together can lessen the anxiety.

PARENTING POINTERS

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor." (Mark 10:21) Invite your child to take a step with you. Each of you choose one belonging to give to a person who has less than you. If you don't know anyone, take it to Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

Adia Bracy	Donald Evans	Serafim Bairos	Nellie Lawrence	Rose Henderson
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Alice Harris	James Thomas	Donna Scott May
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	Barbara Stacey	Gordon Sanders
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Jane McDonald	Giuseppina Fazzino	Arlene Watson
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	Mary Joan Thompson	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	London Louise Simmonds	Vivian Priest	Clifton Coleman
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson	Christian Coleman



Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop



Saturday, October 28, 2017 – 8:00am to 4:00pm

Brandywine Community Church
2200 North Market Street
Wilmington, DE 19802

Sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Workshop is **FREE**

Based on the book by Ruby Payne, PhD, Philip De Vol, TerieDreussi Smith
This workshop, emphasizes concepts, strategies, and approaches to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty on an individual and community level. The goal is to provide a better understanding of the typical characteristics of different economic classes, i.e. wealthy, middle class, and, especially those in poverty.

The workshop, facilitated by certified trainers, will include presentations, videos, group discussions, and networking. Breakfast, Lunch, book, & workbook are all provided.

Registration required:

Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/9Wsan1>

or call Lynne at 302-757-2993



FREE VISION SERVICES

Reeds Refuge Center
1601 N. Pine Street
Wilmington, DE 19802-5007

is partnering with The Envolve Vision Van to provide free vision screenings for adults and children. The Envolve Vision Van will provide free vision services for adults and children. If a vision problem is detected during screening, the eye doctor on the vision van will perform a free screening. If glasses are needed, patients can choose their frames on site and will receive their glasses free of charge in the mail in about a month.

*Parental/guardian consent will be needed for anyone under 18 years of age

Thursday, October 19 at 2 PM - 7 PM

**Christiana Care ~ Christiana Stanton Road
Newark, DE
Bone & Joint Wellness**

Hand and wrist health.
Tuesday October 10th from 6 to 7

Foot and Ankle health
Thursday October 12th from 6 to 7

Hip and knee health
Tuesday October 24th from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

It would be doctors and physical therapist for this free program as they teach you how to keep your joints and Bones healthy for a lifetime. Call +1-800-693-2273

2017 St. Elizabeth Christmas Bazaar

609 S Broom St. Wilmington, DE 19805

Please come out to this event and support St. Elizabeth Church community. This event is cherished by many families. Join in and be a part of the fun, celebration, and support for the parish. We sure would love to see you!

Nov 10th 5:30 to 9:30 Bazaar

Nov 11th 3:00-8:00 Bazaar

Nov 12th Jingle Bell Run, Registration Noon- Run Start 1.00PM

Classic Rock Band "Dodging Cupid" with Deacon Ken

Fabulous Special Chance Baskets-
(Donated by Parents, Parishioners and Students)

Parish Pail Prize Wheel-
(Donated by St. Elizabeth's amazing Parishioners)

Lil Angels Art Auction- Art created by our youngest students

Santa's Workshop- Create an awesome craft gift for a small fee

This & That Sale in Parish Center (old convent)

Vendors- Shop for gifts and goodies

Parish Pantry with cakes, pies, brownies, cookies and more

Delicious Food & Beer/Wine

Cake Wheel & Kids Games

Super 50/50 Drawing