

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
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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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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.

November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ CCD — Every Sunday following mass in parish center
- ▶ Adult Study Group — **Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec 3**
Room. — *Ways to Pray* by Cardinal Donald Wuerl
- ▶ November 19 ~ Family & Friends Day - Invite friends & family!
- ▶ November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00 am
- ▶ November 26 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
- ▶ November 26 ~ KPCLA Meeting, 12:15 pm
- ▶ December 03 ~ First Sunday of Advent
- ▶ December 03 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting — 8:45 am
- ▶ December 08 ~ Immaculate Conception — Holy Day of Obligation
- ▶ December 17 ~ Church Decorating Party

Welcome Family and Friends



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.

November 12, 2017 \$3,339

November 13, 2016 \$2,493

Mass Intentions

November 11, 2017 – November 19, 2017

Saturday, 11/18	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/19	10:00 AM	Deceased Family Members of Hyacinth Bossiere Requested by DeAnna Cardenas
Monday, 11/20	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 11/21	—	No Mass
Wednesday, 11/22	—	No Mass
Thursday, 11/23 Thanksgiving Day	10:00 AM	C. J. Conn Requested by Kathy & Paul Fahey
Friday, 11/24	—	No Mass
Saturday, 11/25	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/26	10:00 AM	Richard Conn Requested by Kathy & Paul Fahey

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

Our Place of Remembrance



Again this year, during the month of month of November, parishioners are invited to bring framed pictures of their relatives, loved ones and friends who have gone home to God. We will place the pictures on a table in front of the altar. **There will be a candle burning to remind us to pray for our dearly departed.** This memorial will be displayed until the end of Mass on Sunday, November 26.

Introduction to the Liturgy

Jesus in today's Gospel tells the parable of the three servants and how they dealt with the talents given to them. Perhaps it is just a coincidence that our word "talent," which means a gift or skill, is used in this story to refer to a very large amount of money. But the connection works for us. As we continue our prayer together today, this may be a good time to reflect on the talents that we have been given and how we have used them in the service of God's reign.

Fr. Paul

Junior Sodality

Parents and guardians of young ladies, 6 - 14, who would like more information about the activities and mission of the Junior Sodality, please contact Margaret Levesque, 302-656 0813; Jean Toy, 302-658 2218, or Lorenza Hinds, 302-547 0074.

Question of the Week

How am I investing those talents entrusted to me by the Master?

NATIVE AMERICAN NATIVITY

On Sunday, December 10, we invite everyone to enjoy the **Native American Nativity** presented in the Church Hall by Members of the Journey with the Bear Kateri Circle.

Following the Nativity, we will have a brief informational meeting, in the Conference Room, for anyone who is interested in

becoming a member of the newly-forming St. Joseph Kateri Circle.

ALL are welcome!

For more information, contact Gail Rando (352) 445-2350 or gailvets2@gmail.com



Fr. Paul will be traveling over the next few weeks and will not be available during the weekdays. As a result, we will not have weekday Mass until Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Parish Bus - November Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, November 5	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, November 12	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, November 19	Daniel Mims
Sunday, November 26	TBD

Family & Friends Day
Sunday, November 19

Family & Friends Day will take place on Sunday, November 19.

St. Joseph's invites all family and friends to join us for mass and an Italian style feast in the fellowship hall. This year the Ladies Sodality is organizing our Family and Friends luncheon. The meal will include



Baked Ziti
 Garlic Bread
 Rolls
 Beverages
 Desserts



The fee is \$10 per person
 \$5 children under the age of 12

You may eat in or take out. The proceeds will be used to sponsor one of our youth to attend the next National Black Catholic Congress. If you have any questions, please see Denise Scales.



Raffle
Thanksgiving Baskets

The Junior and Senior Sodality are ready with their Thanksgiving fundraiser!



Two (2) baskets this time:

- (1) 20lb turkey (2) 10lb ham

Both baskets will include the following items:

- ◆ Potatoes - sweet & white
- ◆ Green beans
- ◆ Stuffing mix
- ◆ Macaroni cheese
- ◆ Rolls
- ◆ Desserts
- ◆ Drinks
- ◆ Other goodies (including a bottle of wine)



Both baskets will also include a \$10 gift card to Shoprite for any extras needed. Tickets are 3 for \$5 and can be purchased after Mass thru any Sodality member.

Drawing: November 19, 2017



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Wilmington, DE 19801 ♦ 302.658.4535

Two (2)
Chances to
Win!!!

2017 Christmas Raffle
\$10 per ticket

Santa's
Galore!!!

Drawing #1: 5 Red Santa's

Drawing #2: Angel & Santa Set



Great Gifts!

*** Collectors * Christmas * Birthday ***

Beautiful Christmas Decor!

Drawing
December 3, 2017

Contact Damita MacFarlane ♦ 610.806.2359

Happy Birthday!

November

Brian Billings	01
Deacon Robert, Cousar	01
Jordan MacFarlane	01
Michael Simmonds, Sr.	03
Alexis Robinson	05
Kathryn Fahey	06
John E. Manning	06
Michael Crumpler	07
Jeffrey Skidmore	08
Renee Skidmore	08
Tameka Sterling	09
Chloe Williamson	09
Joaquin Ledesma	10
Jean Turner	10
Joan Drakes	12
Felicia Callahan	12
Crystal Herman	15
Dana Marie Crumety	16
Evelyn Taylor	16
Terrence Lockett	17
Starlett Benjamin	18
Shari Watkins	18
Saniya Cunningham	19
Rosalind Klepacki	19
Jerry Robbins	19
Tyrone Steele, Jr.	20
Anthony Bordley	22
Lawrence Chatman, III	22
Prentiss Jolly	22
Elizabeth Rafferty	22
Tia Sewell-Crumpler	22
Trevor Wharton	23
Antoine Brewington	25
Julius Brewington	25
Lance Mintz	25
Brandon Pulliam	25
Eduardo Barranco	26
Sebastian Lewis	26
Marilyn O'Connell	27
Laurel Bedminster	29
Adia Bracy	29
Jane McDonald	30

"May God shower His choicest blessings on you today! Have a gorgeous birthday!"

Liturgy Schedule - November 2017

All Saints Day, November 1, 2017, 10:00 am

Sheila Cavin, Greeter
Denise Scales, Lector
Gwen Cavin, Eucharistic Minister
Stacey Lowery, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, November 5, 10:00 am

Jaylyn Walker ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Gail Rando ~ 1st Lector
Stephen Thorpe ~ 2nd Lector
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



Saturday, November 11, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, November 12, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivere & Ramaj Gray, Altar Server
Adrienne Hopson, Greeter
Jed Donahue, Lector 1
Lisa Mims, Lector 2
Barbara Pulliam, Eucharistic Minister
Lorraine Eckrich, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, November 18, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, November 19, 10:00 am

Ava Wycliffe ~ Altar Server
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
Andrea Queen ~ Lector
Judy Gallagher ~ Lector 2
Stacey Lowery ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Thanksgiving Day, 10:00 am

Gail Rando ~ Lector
John Rando ~ Lector 2
DeAnna Cardenas ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Janice Jolly ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, November 25, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, November 26, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Deidre Robinson ~ Greeter
Andrea Queen ~ Lector
William Ray ~ Lector 2
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise Scales ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

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.

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, August or December. The next meeting is January 17, 2018.**

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.

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: _____

thankful
&
blessed



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

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.cdw.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



Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, November 26th, Ms. Mary Body, Director of Religious Education for St. Mary of the Apostle Church in Hockessin, Delaware will present Advent activities for the entire family. 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.

We are reminded this week of the responsibility we have to utilize the gifts we are given. Each one of us has been blessed with gifts from the Lord. Are you utilizing these gifts to their full potential? We are reminded that when we embrace these gifts, and utilize them, they will flourish. How are you utilizing your gifts for God's glory? Take a moment to reflect on the skills and talents you have? How can these gifts be utilized for the Church? Do you have a beautiful voice, consider joining the choir? Skilled at teaching, catechists are always needed to teach religious education. Do not let your gifts and talents be wasted, embrace them and utilize them for the glory of God.

Vocations

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable in today's gospel reading reminds us that, in the use of our gifts, we're accountable to the One who is the Author of those gifts, the One who is the Author of life itself. If you think God might be calling you to use your gifts as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother, 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!

Office for Marriage and Family Life

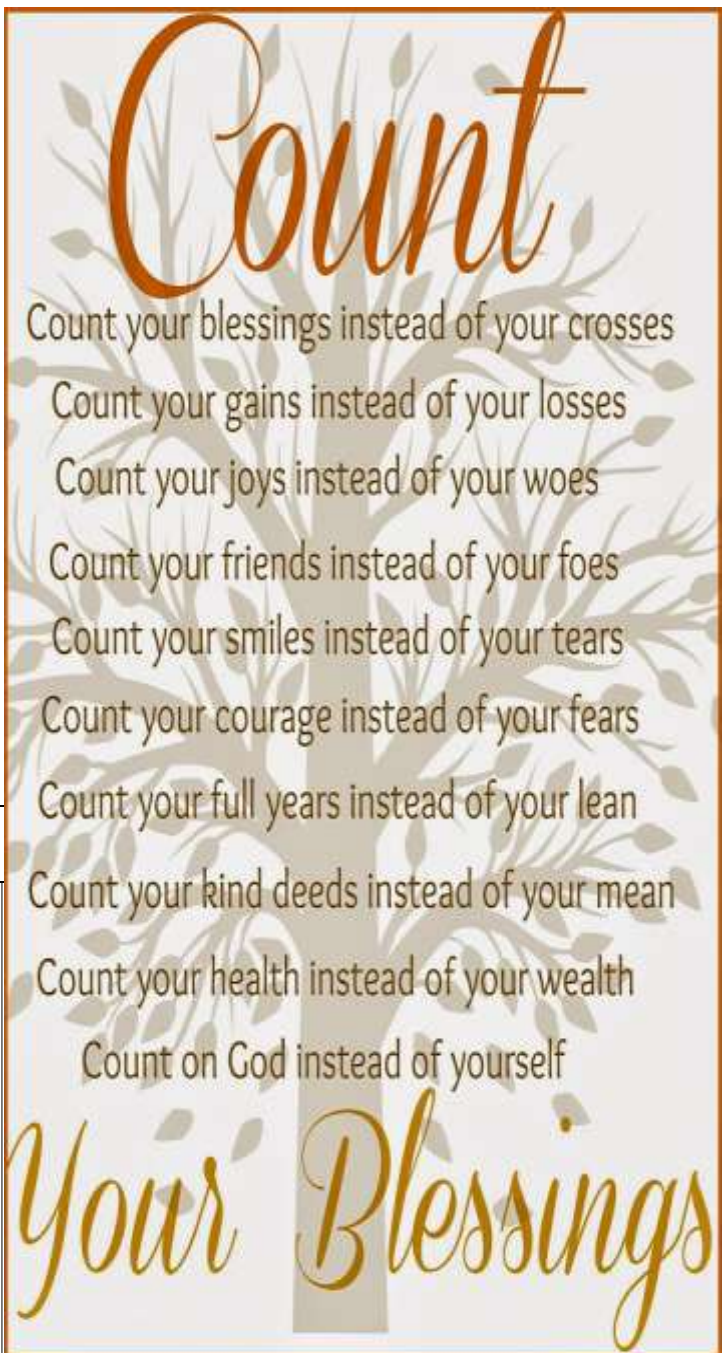
by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"When one finds a worthy wife [husband] their value is far beyond pearls [money]." (Proverbs 31:10) Although this scripture traditionally refers to wives, it works equally well for husbands. Pause for a moment and ponder the worth of your beloved.

PARENTING POINTERS

Once Thanksgiving is over, let the shopping begin! Or must it? The Friday after Thanksgiving is often called Black Friday - the day stores start to make a profit. Buying gifts isn't inherently bad, but giving an experience is often more memorable. Why not stay home and play a game.



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	John Polk
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson	Christian Coleman



**BAYADA Home Health
Care is hiring!**

We are hiring for the following positions:

CNAs, HHAs, Nursing Students, LPNs and RNs

Please call 302-655-1333 for more information

We are located at

750 Shipyard Drive Suite 101

Wilmington, DE 19801

The **Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital** is once again sponsoring "**Lights of Love**" to recognize friends and family or to honor the memory of our loved ones. By making a donation of \$10 or more per name, those honored will have their names displayed on a scroll in the hospital lobby. On December 18, 2017, a Mass in the Chapel (5th floor) and celebration in the lobby led by the Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of Wilmington will be held in honor of those named. For more information contact susanmclaughlin53@gmail.com or send checks payable to the Jr. Board of St. Francis send checks payable to The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital, Inc. and mail them to PO Box 2764. Wilmington, DE 1980 to arrive no later than December 10th. Proceeds benefit Junior Board projects for the hospital.



**St. Peter Cathedral School
Christmas Fundraising Event**



Saturday, December 2, 2017

11:00 am—3:00 pm

School Auditorium

Come take chances on our elegant baskets and a variety of raffles.



Refreshments are available.



Contact us at (302) 656-5234

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,

We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.

For each one, we are grateful.

For each one, we are blessed.

For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.

We praise you.

We rejoice in you.

We give you thanks.

Amen.

