

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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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.

March 19, 2017

► CCD in Parish Center immediately following mass

Bulletin News: Website:

- ► Adult Catechism Resumes on March 26
- ► Every Friday During Lent ~ KPC Lenten Fish Fry
- ► March 19 Baptism of Armando Nieves and Evangely Martinez
- ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7pm ► March 20 Whisper My Name by Renee Wynn. Author will be present.
- ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am ► March 25
- ► March 27, 28, 29 ~ Parish Revival, 7pm.

Preacher: Fr. Kenneth Gaddy, CSsR

- ► April 01 ~ KPCLA Sands Casino Bus Trip, Bethlehem, PA \$40 Contact Deborah Robinson
- ► April 02 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am
- ► April 08 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9-11am
- **Holy Week Schedule**
 - ~ Palm Sunday Breakfast, \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children
 - Monday, April 10, 7pm Chrism Mass Holy Cross, Dover, DE
 - Holy Thursday, April 13, 7pm Mass
 - Good Friday, April 14,
 - 2pm Stations of the Cross
 - 3pm Good Friday Service
 - Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15, 7pm Mass
 - Baptism of Carter Godette
 - ~ Easter Sunday, April 16, 10am Mass
- ► April 30 ~ Caribbean Liturgy and Luncheon. See DeAnna Cardenas
- ► April 30 ~ Baptism of Ramaj Gray
- ► May 06 ~ KPCLA National African American Museum, \$40, 7AM Departure from St. Joseph's. Contact Mary Mirabeau
- ▶ June 11 ~ Parish Fund Raiser, Designer Bag Bingo. SAVE THE DATE!

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

March 12, 2017 - \$3.867

March 13, 2016 - \$1,606

Thank you for your generosity!!!



Mass Intentions March 17, 2017 — March 26, 2017

Saturday, 03/18	5:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 03/19	10:00 AM		
Monday, 03/20		- NO MASS	
Tuesday, 03/21	12:10 PM		
Wednesday, 03/22	12:10 PM		
Thursday, 03/23	12:10 PM	† H. T. Conn	
		Requested by Kathy & Paul Fahey	
Friday, 03/24	12:10 PM	Fr. Paul Williams, OFM	
•		Requested by St. Joseph Parish,	
		Anderson, SC	
Saturday, 03/25	5:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 03/26	10:00 AM	F. J. Fahey	
, ,		Requested by Kathy & Paul Fahey	

Introduction to the Liturgy

Today the Church celebrates the first of three scrutinies with the Elect and their communities. The scriptures are chosen explicitly to help the Elect as they undergo their final preparations for the Easter sacraments. The baptized too can scrutinize their own lives today, following the example of the Elect in allowing our Lord to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the way we live.

Fr. Paul



PARISH STAFF

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

Question of the Week

How will I personally share the journey of our catechumens to the waters of Baptism? Or, if our community has no catechumens, how will I share with one other person my discovery of Christ as "Savior of the world"?



Applications are in the rear of the church for the following scholarships. The youth of the parish and their parents are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities.

- St. Joseph Parish Scholarship. Available to youth of parish who are attending Catholic grade school or high school.
- 2. *Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary* will present multiple scholarships to Catholic students who attend grade school, high school or who plan to attend college.
- 3. *The Monday Club* will award scholarships to worthy students who plan to attend college in the fall of 2017.

Parish Bus - February Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, March 5	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, March 12	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, March 19	Daniel Mims
Sunday, March 26	Yolanda Mohammed

God Bless Our Bus Drivers! We are grateful to our bus drivers who make personal sacrifices each week to transport our parishioners to and from mass each Sunday. Your crowns will be heavy!

St. Joseph Catholic Church 1012 French Street Wilmington, DE 19801

302.656.5562

Fish Fry

Friday Lenten Special
11:00 am -2:00 pm

Fish Fry



Fish Sandwich ~ \$6.00

Fish Dinner - \$9.00

2 Sides — Collard Greens, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad,

St. Joseph Fellowship Hall

Place Your Order @ 302.656.5562

Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver

71st ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH APRIL 9, 2017 \$10 per person

\$5 for children under 12 yrs. old

Menu:

Omelets, Waffles, Grits, Bacon, Turkey Sausage, Scrapple, Biscuits, Fried Potatoes, Orange Juice & Coffee



For tickets see Marie Corbitt, Damita MacFarlane, or Denise Scales St. Joseph's Fellowship Hall

1012 French Street — Wilmington, DE 302.656.5562 Wilmington, Delaware





Happy Birthday

March

Jasmine Blackwell	02
Ada Newby	03
Vivian Priest	03
Stephen Thorpe	03
Blanche Tucker	03
Marlene Turnier	03
Alex Chaplin	04
Ikesha McGill	07
Lettie Williams	07
James Wesley Mobley	08
Dan Rafter	08
Patrick Ouedraogo	11
Kenneth Pulliam, Sr.	11
William Ray, Jr.	12
Jean Toy	12
Demetrius Turner, Sr.	12
Ron Toy	13
Elizabeth Ashe	14
Kendelle Glynn	14
Malva McSween-Alleyne	14
Chris Wright	15
Victor Newman	17
James Corbett	18
Sly Enwerem	19
India Turner	19
Martin Willis	20
Avril Madison	22
Frances David	23
Bruce Daye, Jr.	25
D'Aviona Perrigan	27
Deidre Rogers	27
Joseph Rafter	29
Vincent Crumety	30
Micha Gallagher	30
MeKaela Rashad	30
Ciairra Simmonds	31
Bertley Wharton	31

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 March2017

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

Herb Sterling ~ Lector Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, March 5, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Tia Pulliam ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Geraldine Cochran ~ Lector 1
Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector 2
Marie Cousar ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, March 11, 5:00 pm

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, March 12, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server

Kyle Hopkins ~ Greeter

Judy Gallagher ~ 1st Lector

Lisa Mims ~ 2nd Lector

Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Gwen Cavin ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

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

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Lector Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.

J Wright ~ Altar Server Sheris Owens ~ Greeter Kevin O'Connell ~ 1st Lector Denise Scales ~ 2nd Lector Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, March 25, 5:00 pm

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.

Joaquin ~ Altar Server Marrissa Ledesma ~ Greeter Herb Sterling ~ 1st Lector William Ray ~ 2nd Lector Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister Marie Cousar ~ 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. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017. The members are:

Fr. Paul Williams, President
Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio
Linda Abili Sheila Cavin
Vincent Caesar Kathy Hodges
Chantal Jackson Derrick Johnson
Deirdre Robinson Damita MacFarlane
Doris Matthews
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

Parking Lot

During the weekdays, the parking spaces are <u>not</u> 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

Name:	
Full Name:	
List all resident family members y Saint Joseph's and the relationship	
Email Address:	
Mailing Address:	
Cellular Phone:	
Home Telephone:	

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
- 5th Sunday Gail & John Rando





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.

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 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, and the last thing at night. When the pastor is away, 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.

St. Joseph's Book Club Meets in the Book Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively Discussion. The next session will take place on Monday, March 20 and the book is Whisper My Name by Renee Wynn. Please see Geraldine Purnell.

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

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 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

Good News!S!

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, March 26th, Monsignor
Peter J. Vaghi from the Archdiocese of Washington will
discuss his new book, "Meeting God in the Upper Room:
Three Moments to Change Your Life." 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 iTunes or iHeartRadio
podcasts.



In John's gospel this week we are presented with the account of the Samarian woman at the well. From this one encounter with Christ this woman became a believer. She not only became a believer herself she also brought many to Christ because of her words about this experience. As Catholics we encounter Christ at every Mass and should be moved to spread this experience to others. When was the last time you spoke to someone about your experience with the Lord? In this age, this joyful task is wrought with stress and in many cases responded with anger or ridicule. This should not prevent us from spreading this truth and living our faith. This week I encourage you to speak about your experience with Christ to your family at the dinner table. Take five minutes and go around the table to tell each other about one joyful or meaningful experience you had. The more you speak of Christ the easier it becomes, and the more you live your faith, the more experiences you will have to draw upon.

April 1: Blue Ribbon Casino Night & Auction, Christ the Teacher Catholic School, 2451 Frazer Road, Newark, DE 19702, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Tuition Raffle tickets available (winners receive tuition vouchers to any Catholic elementary or high school). Proceeds from this exciting fundraiser will go toward the construction of a new gymnasium and preschool building. Tickets/donations/sponsorships available until March 20. For more information contact the School's Asst. Principal at 302-838-8850 x130 or by

Vocations **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Even though Moses was following the Lord's command, the people grumbled against him. Every vocation carries the same risk; following the Lord – as a committed married person, single person, priest or religious – is not always popular. At the same time, the Lord blesses those who hear His call and follow. Is God calling you to serve the Church through a vocation of religious ministry? Let's talk. Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org).

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

If you don't do regular maintenance on your car, it may start spluttering and clanking. If your spouse is making noises (complaining, nagging etc.), maybe it's time to look under the hood. You may find that neglect is the culprit. Perhaps you haven't listened closely to what your beloved needs. Maybe work or the kids have become a priority. Ask.

PARENTING POINTERS

"The people grumbled against Moses" (Ex 17: 3) It's normal in any family to grumble occasionally. Parents grumble about their kids and vice-versa. But what happens after the grumbling? Model apologizing for your child. "I'm sorry. I'll try to do better." who is hard to love.

Make a pilgrimage to Fatima here in our own diocese!

The historic, world-famous, International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting the following parishes as part of the Fatima Centennial US Tour for Peace, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions:

Saturday, April 1 8am-2pm Saint Joseph on the Brandywine, Wilm Saturday, April 1 4pm-6am -All Night Vigil- Corpus Christi, Elsmere Sunday, April 2 12 Noon-6am -All Night Vigil- Saint Jude The

Apostle, Lewes

Monday, April 3 10am-6am -All Night Vigil- Saints Peter & Paul, Easton, MD

Many favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the historic Image. Join us for an extraordinary day of graces, healing and prayer with Our Lady. All are welcome!

Say "Yes" to Our Lady! www.fatimatourforpeace.com



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

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

Registration Now Open



July 6-9, 2917

The National Black Catholic Congress Hyatt Regency Orlando, Florida

E-mail: nbcc@nbccongress.org / tel: 410.547.8496

Congress XII in Orlando, Florida is coming July 6-9, 2017! Never been to a Congress? Find out what all the fuss is about watch the Congress XI video (from 2012) here!

May 13th New York City Bus Trip New York on your own. Tickets \$45. See Denise Scales for details.

2017 Pilgrimage Registration for the 2017 Pilgrimage Love Without Measure is now open! We are in the eighth year and we hope to gather one thousand youth, young adults, and families this year. The date is April 8, 2017 and registration closes on April 2, 2017. Our guest presenter/musician is Cooper Ray. Please visit the Pilgrimage webpage for more details on the event and to register. There is also a registration for Pastors who would like to assist with Reconciliation and/or closing Mass. Please feel free to pass this information on to your Pastor. Please reply to this email if you would reservations.. Dinner reservations must be made online prior to April 27, 2017.

Catholic Charities Thrift Center can turn the household goods you no longer use into a welcome addition for a household in need. We need your clean and useable furniture, appliances, beds, mattresses, and household goods. Bring items Wilmington Thrift Center, 1320 E 23rd Street, Wilmington 19802. Have large items? Call us at 302-764-2717 to schedule a pickup. Store hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don't

Catholic Charities Job Opportunities

The Diocese of Wilmington Catholic Charities' is seeking a Secretary I/Receptionist to work in the Georgetown office of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities Job Opportunities Continued from previously column

The Diocese of Wilmington is seeking a full time, Accountant located in Wilmington, Delaware to perform accounting and financial reporting services including funds, investments transactions and banking. The primary responsibilities are: Monitors billings on contracts insuring all expenses and allowables are billed. Follows up on invoices. Reviews, verifies and prepares general ledger journal entries. Examines/evaluates the general ledger for unusual balances or transactions. Manages Catholic Charities numerous bank accounts reconciliations and records for monthly activity for all sites. Maintain and analyzes monthly financial reports for management. Supervises daily activities of the accounts payable clerk. Prepares schedules and financial statements for annual audit. Reviews and verifies all receipts and payments.

Provides support to the CFO.

PART-TIME GENERAL MAINTENANCE

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities is seeking a Part-time General Maintenance worker to maintain the buildings, grounds and vehicles in Kent and Sussex Counties in Delaware and Somerset County, Maryland. Catholic Charities directs and coordinates the charitable and social services programs of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. Flexible work schedule of 21 hours per week.

PART-TIME BASIC NEEDS CASE MANAGER

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities seeks 1 Parttime Basic Needs Case Manager (21 hours per week) to work at Seton Center/Community Center in Princess Anne, Maryland which provides multiple social service programs.

FULLTIME DIRECT SERVICE SPECIALIST

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities is seeking a Fulltime Direct Service Specialist for Bayard House, a community based maternity home for teenage girls and women within the city of Wilmington.

For more information or to apply, see our posting on www.CareerBuilder.com.