

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



1012 French Street,
Wilmington, DE
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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

Bulletin News: stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com

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.

April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday



- ▶ CCD & Adult Catechism will resume on Sunday, April 23
- ▶ **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
Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
- ▶ April 22 ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am
- ▶ April 29 & 30 ~ Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend
- ▶ April 30 ~ Baptism of Ramaj Gray
- ▶ April 29 ~ Junior Sodality Meeting, 9:30 -11:30 am
- ▶ May 06 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9-11am
- ▶ May 07 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am and Crowning of Mary
- ▶ May 14 ~ Mother's Day
- ▶ May 14 ~ First Communion
- ▶ **June 10 ~ Parish Fund Raiser, Designer Bag Bingo. June 10, 2017 Tickets \$30, only 150 tickets — reserve today! See Damita MacFarlane, Marie Cousar, Sandra Donahue, Adrienne Hopson, or Denise Scales for tickets.**
- ▶ June 18 ~ Caribbean Liturgy and Luncheon. See DeAnna Cardenas
- ▶ June 18 ~ Father's Day

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

April 02, 2017 - \$4,181

April 04, 2016 - \$2,941

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions
April 08, 2017 — April 16, 2017

Saturday, 04/08	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Palm Sunday, 04/09	10:00 AM	† Janet Forrest Requested by The Cousar Family
Monday, 04/10	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 04/11	12:10 PM	
Wednesday, 04/12	12:10 PM	Fr. Paul Williams, OFM Requested by St. Joseph Parish, Anderson, SC
Holy Thursday, 04/13	7:00 PM	
Friday, 04/14	2:00 PM 3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service
Easter Vigil, 04/15	7:00 PM	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday, 04/16	10:00 AM	† Edith Hickman Requested by The Cousar Family

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




Introduction to the Liturgy

The glorious entrance into Jerusalem that we just experienced in our procession finds an echo in the centurion's word near the end of our Passion proclamation today: "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

In between, we will hear proclaimed Isaiah's prophetic description of the Suffering Servant, Saint Paul's great hymn of praise, and the dramatic unfolding of the Passion according to Saint Matthew. Let us take time to absorb it all, reflecting on the every great love of God for us, revealed in the man who was truly the Son of God.

Fr. Paul




Question of the Week

As I carry home the blessed palms that celebrate Jesus' victory, how will I embrace and implement Jesus' gentle, loving way of bringing about God's kingdom into my corner of the world?

Easter Flowers

Your support of the altar flower fund in memory /honor of a special person is appreciated. A special envelope is included box sets and additional Easter flower envelopes are in the rear of the church. Please consider contributing as this will help to off-set the cost incurred by the parish. Please contact Loretta Young for additional information.





Parish Bus - February Schedule

DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, April 2	Daniel Mims
Sunday, April 9	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, April 16	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, April 23	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, April 30	Clifton Rashad

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

invites you to attend its

Designer Bag Bingo

FUNdraiser!!!

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 1:00 pm (Doors open at Noon)

St. Joseph Fellowship Hall, 1012 French Street, Wilmington, DE

Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door (18+ only)

Ticket Sellers: Marie Cousar - 302.388.7469, Sandra Donahue - 646.522.6614,
Adrienne Hopson - 302.290.1713, Damita MacFarlane - 610.806.2359,
Denise Scales - 302.250.3644

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For additional information, call church office at 302.658.4535

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality of St. Joseph Catholic Church

Easter Dinner Raffle

Basket contains:

10# Ham

Pineapple

Sweet Potatoes

Brown Sugar

Stringbeans

Chicken Broth

Apple Pie

Macaroni (3boxes)

Sharp Cheddar Cheese

Cake Mix

Frosting

Rolls

Butter

\$25 Visa Gift Card

\$25 ShopRite Gift Card

Tickets...3 for \$5

See any member of the Sodality for tickets

Drawing
After Mass
Palm Sunday



Drawing
April 9, 2017

1012 French Street
Wilmington, DE



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!

April

Juanita Harmon	02
Bruce Daye	04
Carolyn Wing	06
Dominique Broadus	07
Lisa Sorantino	07
Michelle Plummer	09
Beverly White	10
Jamai Walker	12
Helena Crumety	13
Lakesia Anderson	15
Lonnie Ashe	15
Earl White	15
Toni-An Cunningham	16
J'Amie Walker	16
Jata Wright	16
Ange Michelle Vanier	17
Claude Adzalla	18
Ava Simone Wycliff	19
Brandon Harris	19
Vincent Robinson	19
Vincent Caesar	21
Patricia Robbins	21
John Madison	23
Marissa Ledesma	24
Eric Pitts	24
Andrew Loosarian	26
Deacon Robert Levesque	26
Judith Taylor	26
Kharan Bracy	27
Annette Jackson	27
Adele Blanchard	28
Ramsey Lowery	28
Christopher Blancato	29
Julianna McGill	29
Zaniyah Hammond	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 ~ April 2017

Saturday, April 1, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.

Jecha/Jerah Wright - Altar Server
Fayette Jackson - Greeter
Andrea Queen - Lector 1
Geraldine Cochran - Lector 2
Stacey Lowery - Eucharistic Minister
Barbara Pulliam - Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, April 8, 5:00 pm

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server
Deirdre Robinson ~ Greeter
Judy Gallagher ~ 1st Lector
Jasmine MacFarlane ~ 2nd Lector
Marie Cousar ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Joaquin Ledesma, Altar Server
Denise Scales, Greeter
Stephanie Bolden, Lector 1
Jasmine MacFarlane, Lector 2
Denise McIntyre, Eucharistic Minister
Marie Cousar, Eucharistic Minister

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

John Rando, Lector

Sunday, April 15, 7:00 pm ~ Easter Vigil

Tia Pulliam ~ Altar Server
Stephen Thorpe ~ Greeter
Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Barbara Pulliam ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.

Jamir Walker ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Jasmine MacFarlane ~ 1st Lector
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 2nd Lector
Delores Spencer ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Marie Cousar ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, April 22, 5:00 p.m.

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, April 23, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Mar ~ Greeter
Kevin O'Connell ~ 1st Lector
Jed Donahue ~ 2nd Lector
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Stacey Lowery ~ 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. **No Meeting in April. Next meeting is May 17, 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	John Rando
Laura Wharton	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 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 - Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges
- ◆ 3rd Sunday - Loretta & Leonard Young
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 5th Sunday -



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: _____

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: _____

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, 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 Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively Discussion. The next meeting is in June and the book for discussion is *The 12 Tribes of Hatie by Ayana Mathis*. Please see Geraldine Purnell for additional information..



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 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

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know?

The *Charter* calls for annual audits of dioceses and eparchies to ascertain compliance with USCCB guidelines. Annual Audits have been conducted since 2003. Results of the audits are published online in May for the public.



The gospel reading on Palm Sunday reveals the many trials and tribulation that Christ underwent for our salvation. Before all this takes place however, Jesus rides into Jerusalem and is glorified for the king that He truly is. Palms were laid down on the road as people sang his praises and glorified Him. Shortly afterwards, however this crowd quickly turned on Christ and the same individuals who praised him were now ridiculing him. How often does this happen in our own life? We may find it easy to sing the Lord's praises when times are good or when we are in the presence of others who believe, but in tough times or when surrounded by those who ridicule us, do we stand strong? Certainly this is not easy, even Peter himself faltered denying Christ three times, but with God's assistance we can endure. Take a moment each day this week to thank God for His sacrifice and ask Him, that in moments of difficulty and persecution that He provide strength to persevere.

Vocations

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah says "The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." Every day, priests, sisters, brothers and deacons participate in that same mission. Might God be calling you to serve the Church in this way? If you think so, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Good News!

You are invited to listen to the Catholic Forum podcast. A new podcast is posted every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on iTunes or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, April 16th, tune in for the annual Easter Special featuring Bishop Malooly's Easter message to the people of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, and some joyful Easter music from the St. John the Baptist/Holy Angel choir. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Palm Sunday. Because we know how this Palm Sunday parade turns out, isn't it amazing how quickly the praise turns to condemnation. How fickle we humans are. St. Paul reminds us, "He humbled himself..." (Phil. 2:8) Who is the more humble of the 2 of you? (trick question) .

PARENTING POINTERS

Palm Sunday. Tell your children the story of how the people praised Jesus by waving palms. Of course just a few days later we remember Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. Perhaps learn how to make a palm cross with your child.



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	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	Vivian Priest

**Registration
Now Open**



July 6-9, 2017

**The National Black Catholic Congress
Hyatt Regency Orlando, Florida**

E-mail: nbcc@nbcccongress.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.



IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD.
—Matthew 21:9



Empowering Our Sisters:
OUR JOURNEY TO WELLNESS

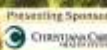
**SATURDAY
APRIL 15, 2017
8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

- * Health and Wellness Workshops
- * Health Screenings, Exhibitors and Prizes
- * Luncheon Fashion Show
- * **REGISTRATION IS FREE!**

Girls 181 and up are welcome. Health information and activities will be age-specific.
For more information, email ghmh@delatadelta.org.
Transportation available.

**JOHN H. AMMON MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER
CHRISTIANA HOSPITAL
4755 OGLETOWN - STANTON ROAD
NEWARK, DELAWARE**

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*Legislator and
Civil Rights Advocate*



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Female elected to
Wilmington City Council*

**MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
FASHION SHOW**

**Wednesday,
April 19, 2017**

Chase Center at the Riverfront

800 South Madison Street - Wilmington, DE 19801

Call 577-8475/428-1269 for more information

**Jazz Trio, Silent Auction & Vendor Sale begins at 5:00
Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
The Fashion Show begins at 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.
Individual ticket cost
Donation - \$65.00**

*Proceeds benefit
MATRICULATING COLLEGE STUDENTS of the 2nd Rep. District*