

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

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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.

April 23, 2017 Second Sunday of Easter

- ▶ CCD & Adult Catechism will resume on Sunday, April 23
- ▶ April 22 ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am
- ▶ April 29 & 30 ~ Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend
- ▶ April 29 ~ Baptism of Lanier "LJ" Watkins, Jr.
- ▶ April 29 ~ Junior Sodality Meeting, 9:30 -11:30 am
- ▶ April 30 ~ Baptism of Ramaj Gray
- ▶ May 06 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9-11am
- ▶ May 07 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am and Crowing of Mary
- ▶ May 14 ~ Mother's Day
- ▶ May 14 ~ First Holy 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
- ▶ June 25 ~ Confirmation with Bishop Malooly

Divine Mercy
Christ's Promise of Redemption
JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

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 16, 2017 - \$3,860

April 17, 2016 - \$3,257

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions
April 22, 2017 — April 30, 2017

Saturday, 04/22	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Palm Sunday, 04/23	10:00 AM	† Joseph Buerger Requested by Jane Crowley
Monday, 04/24	11:00 AM	Funeral Mass Bernard "Jakey" Jenkins
Tuesday, 04/25	12:10 PM	
Wednesday, 04/26	12:10 PM	† Susan Martinez Requested by A. M. Comegys
Thursday, 04/27	12:10 PM	C. Owen Cardenas Requested by DeAnna Cardenas
Friday, 04/28	12:10 PM	† Mary Crimion Requested by John & Ann Corrigan
Saturday, 04/29	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/30	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
Bookkeeper:	Jane Putscher



THEIR EYES WERE
 OPENED AND THEY
 RECOGNIZED HIM

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him"

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps bring Christ to those who seek His presence - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly.

As parishioners of [insert parish name], we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members of the diocese, it is important for each of us to serve others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we are also one with other parishes and with our diocese.

Our parish target is \$23,000. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since 100% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministerial needs.

Please give prayerful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next week prepared to complete your pledge to offer your support.

Introduction to the Liturgy

Every year we celebrate Easter for seven weeks—a "week of weeks" - because we need all this time to appreciate all the new things that God is doing in our lives. So on this Second Sunday of Easter, which the Church as also designated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy, we focus on the early church and how those disciples received and spread the Good News of God's merciful love. May we learn much from them as we pray together today.

Fr. Paul

Question of the Week

To Whom or to what situation this week can I bring Jesus' healing gift of shalom by offering my own forgiveness and reconciliation?



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

Door
Prizes &
50/50!

B.Y.O.
Food &
Beverage

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

Adrienne Hopson - 302.290.1713

Sandra Donahue - 646.522.6614

Damita MacFarlane - 610.806.2359

Denise Scales - 302.250.3644

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For additional information, call church office at 302.658.4535

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!
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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?

There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexual abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church. A cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child sexual abuse is permanently removed from the priesthood., regardless of when the abuse occurred.



This week in John's gospel we hear the account of Jesus visiting the disciples after his resurrection. It is from this gospel message that Thomas received his nickname as doubting Thomas. Jesus also provides each one of us a reassurance through this story as well when he states, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." While we are the blessed that have not seen but still believe, some of us may still experience moments of doubt. It is during these moments that many of us tend to look to others for support and reassurance. Many times it is through the faith of others, like the Saints, that we are encouraged, and our hope restored. It is not just the lives of the Saints, however, but our own lives that can bring this encouragement. Are you living out your faith daily and in a joyful fashion? You never know how your actions and your faith can affect others, living with Christ in your heart and letting His love shine through you, will surely benefit all you encounter.

Vocations

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Today's first reading reminds us that the early Christians "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." Christians today are called to the same tasks; some live out that calling as religious sisters and brothers, as priests or as deacons. What about you? Might God be calling you to a life of service to the Body of Christ? 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 30th, 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, podcast 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

Over the years people develop little quirks and annoying habits. In healthy marriages both partners learn to overlook a lot and do little favors to accommodate the other.

PARENTING POINTERS

God so loved us that he gave us his only Son. The gift was not pain-free, however, as we know from the crucifixion. When your child becomes a cross to you, remember Jesus words, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

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



Congratulations to Mrs. Hill for a significant accomplishment with the senior group challenge. Well done!

Also, just a reminder to all seniors that we are still walking and to turn in your steps totals to

Julianna McGill.

Again, great job Mrs. Hill!!!

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

Beginning the week of April 9, you and your child can be part of this fun and educational program!

- Library-sponsored, parent-driven program to promote early literacy to newborns, infants, and toddlers.
- Receive a log to track the titles you and your child read together.
- Receive a stamp and/or sticker for every 100 books read.
- Complete 1000 books and your child will receive a grand prize!
- Recommended for ages birth to five (with parent or caregiver).

Contact your local New Castle County Library for information or go to ncocda.org/libraries

New Castle County Department of Community Services, Division of Libraries
County Executive Matthew Meyer

BULLETIN NOTICE

NEW CATHOLIC TELEVISION PROGRAM FOR YOU EVERY DAY

Be inspired by a new Catholic television program for every day living that will motivate you to achieve your hopes and dreams as you live a life of power, impact, freedom and purpose. It provides practical ways of living life to the fullest and helping you make faith a part of your daily life.

Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy Television program is seen by millions of people whose lives have been changed by his down-to-earth approach.

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EVERY DAY

8:30am (EST) | 7:30am (CST) | 5:30am (PST)

For more information go to BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com where you can watch the program daily.