

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

Notary Services
Available
Upon Request
See Loretta Young

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.**

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 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

- ▶ CCD Every Sunday following Mass
- ▶ Adult Catechism ~ April 30 is the final class for the season
- ▶ 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
- ▶ May 20 ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am
- ▶ May 20 & 21 ~ Wilmington Grand Prix Race
- ▶ **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



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 23, 2017 - \$2,415 April 24, 2016 - \$3,149
Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions
April 29, 2017 — May 06, 2017

Saturday, 04/29	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/30	10:00 AM	† Helen Jezyk Requested by Tom & Judy Gallagher
Monday, 05/01	NO MASS	—————
Tuesday, 05/02	12:10 PM	
Wednesday, 05/03	12:10 PM	
Thursday, 05/04	12:10 PM	
Friday, 05/05	12:10 PM	† Bernice Ashe Requested by LaVon Robinson
Saturday, 05/06	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/07	10:00 AM	

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

**THEIR EYES WERE
 OPENED AND THEY
 RECOGNIZED HIM**

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him”

St. Luke recalls for us in today’s Gospel that it was only when Jesus opened their eyes and minds through his explanation of the scriptures and the breaking of the bread that the two disciples on the road to Emmaus came to recognize Him.

As men and women of faith, we are like those disciples, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus who is always there accompanying us, whether we recognize Him or not.

Our Lord teaches us that at the end of our mortal life, He will call us to be with Him for all eternity. He will do so because of His great love for us and because of our response to do what He has asked: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters not only in our parishes and diocese but throughout the world.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *“Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him”* invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help. The Appeal offers each of us an opportunity to unite as a Catholic community and to reach out to serve others – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children, and the elderly.

This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this year’s campaign.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal”.

Introduction to the Liturgy

We continue our celebration of Easter today by again hearing stories from the early church. We who have completed our Lenten journey of renewal, as well as those of us who are newly baptized, can together hear these stories and use them to deepen our own faith.

As we celebrate together today, let us each resolve to take the Good News of Easter that we share with each other and spread it at home, at work, and in the world around us.

Fr. Paul



Question of the Week

*Where did I encounter Jesus, perhaps by surprise, this past week?
 Where will I look for Jesus in the week that lies ahead?*

Parish Bus - February Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, April 30	Clifton Rashad
Sunday, May 07	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, May 14	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, May 21	
Sunday, May 28	

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

B.Y.O.
Food &
Beverage

Door
Prizes &
50/50!

Designer Bag Bingo

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 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

Saturday, April 29, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 am

Xavier Wycliffe ~ Altar Server
Deirdre Robinson ~ Greeter
Kevin O'Connell ~ 1st Lector
Jed Donahue ~ 2nd Lector
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Gwen Cavin ~ 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?

Safe Environment training is taking place in all dioceses of the United States. Over 2 million clergy, employees, and volunteers have been trained to prevent and respond to the abuse of children. Contact your local coordinator to find out how you can get involved.



In Luke's gospel message this week we are told of the account of Jesus appearing to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. One of the most interesting aspects of this text is that the two did not recognize Christ during their travels.

These two were making the journey to Emmaus after witness the death of Jesus and were very distraught. For them this was one of the darkest times in their life and journey with Christ. So why did He not reveal himself and comfort them? I believe the answer to this comes upon reflecting on how and when His true nature was revealed to them. It was through Christ breaking of the bread that their eyes were opened and they recognize that they have been traveling with Jesus the entire time. How often in our darkest hours do we feel alone or abandoned by God?

During these times are we drawn to the table of the Lord in celebration of the Eucharist? Like these two disciples in the participation of the Eucharist we can come to recognize that we are not alone during these times of turmoil. It is a beautiful and joyous thing to know that Christ is every present with us and through the regular celebration of the Sacraments we are reminded of this.

Vocations

3rd Sunday of Easter

In today's first reading, Peter says "Exalted at the right hand of God, [Jesus] received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured [the Holy Spirit] forth." In the outpouring of the Spirit, each of the baptized is called to holiness, and each is given a specific vocation for the good of the Body of Christ. Could God be calling you to serve as a priest, religious sister, deacon or religious brother? 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, May 7th, tune in to hear the young people who are winners in the annual Knights of Columbus Vocations Essay Contest, present their essays. 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

Favor your beloved. Call to mind a recent favor your spouse has done for you. Think of a treat you can offer your beloved today.

PARENTING POINTERS

Teach your child a virtue today, but do it without talking. Let your actions speak. Consider charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, or generosity.

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	Serafim Bairos
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman	
Leta Johnson	Frances Reed	Octavia Manlove	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	
Barbara Willis	Doris Gallagher	Terry McDonald	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson	
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Mary Joan Thompson	Vivian Priest	Delores Tuller	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	London Louise Simmonds	John Thompson	Charlie Anderson	

Coordinator of Parish Communications

St. John the Beloved Church is seeking candidates for the part-time position of Coordinator of Parish Communications. This position will coordinate and distribute accurate and timely information via printed and electronic formats. The position maintains public and employee awareness of the mission of St. John the Beloved Parish by planning and maintaining external and internal information vehicles, which include the weekly bulletin, parish calendar, parish website, and Facebook. Additional duties include parishioner email coordination, taking and uploading photos to media, as well as other items as assigned. This position develops and implements a broad range of communications and media relations activities to support the parish's Evangelization, information programs and activities. Workdays and times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 12 noon. Position requirements: Associates degree plus 3 years of social media, marketing and graphic design experience or equivalent combination of education and experience; proficiency in Apple Pages, Microsoft Publisher and Microsoft office products; Excellent communications and organizational skills; Ability to interact and collaborate with staff and outside vendors; Proficiency in writing, grammar and spelling; knowledge of the Catholic Church and its liturgical year.

Please send resume and hourly rate requirements to parish@sjbde.org EOE.

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

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.



Human Trafficking happens here, but we can stop it!

Human Trafficking is a gross violation of human rights that hides behind the silence of its victims. Sadly, our state is not immune from this grave injustice but, we can help! We may feel that the enormity of this crime against humanity cannot be stopped by our own small efforts, but even one life saved is a powerful change.

Maryland's Catholic bishops recently issued a statement to raise awareness about human trafficking and to urge all Maryland's Catholics to attend a free regional informational session called, "Proclaiming Liberty to Captives" presented by the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and local experts who will provide effective tools for combating human trafficking in our local communities. Sessions will be held in both English and Spanish.

Do not miss this opportunity to learn about human trafficking and ways you can help end it here in Maryland! Please visit the Maryland Catholic Conference's website <http://www.mdathcon.org/humantrafficking> to RSVP for the information session in your region and for a list of other sessions that you may attend.