

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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Notary Services
Available
Upon Request
See Loretta Young

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.



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.

May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

- ▶ CCD Every Sunday following Mass
- ▶ May 06 & 07 ~ Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-up Weekend
- ▶ May 07 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am
Crowning of the Blessed Mother
- ▶ May 14 ~ Mother's Day
- ▶ May 14 ~ First Holy Communion
- ▶ May 20 ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am
- ▶ June 06 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9-11am
- ▶ **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

Street Closing Due to Races

Sunday, May 14 — Delaware Marathon
Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21 — Grand Prix Bicycle Race

Welcome to New Parishioners

Naomi Jean Lumpkin
Nancy Sheard
Wanda Johnson
Charmaine Doyle



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 30, 2017 - \$3,060 May 1, 2016 - \$3,123

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions
May 06, 2017 — May 14, 2017

Saturday, 05/06	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/07	10:00 AM	
Monday, 05/08	NO MASS	—————
Tuesday, 05/09	12:10 PM	Fr. Paul M. Williams, OFM Requested by St. Joseph's Parishioners Anderson, SC
Wednesday, 05/10	12:10 PM	
Thursday, 05/11	12:10 PM	
Friday, 05/12	12:10 PM	
Saturday, 05/13	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/14	10:00 AM	

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

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him”

In today's Gospel Jesus tell us, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Everyone is welcome to the flock by Jesus. As followers of Christ, we too must act faithfully to reach out to others. As Christ committed His life to being the “one shepherd”, we too must commit ourselves to providing service to all.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Fr. Paul

Question of the Week

Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life? How can I “call them by name” to be like Jesus, my Good Shepherd?

Race Weekends

May 14, Mother's Day —, Delaware Marathon

May 20 & 21— Grand Prix Bicycle Race

Please allow extra time for your travel into Mass. If you are traveling on I-95, a good idea might be to exit at Martin Luther King Boulevard and travel east on Fourth Street and make left onto to Walnut Street. Walnut Street is usually has at least one lane open.



Parish Bus - May Schedule

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

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!

May

Lavon Robinson	01
Kamille Watkins	04
Thomas Lacroix	05
William Cavin, Jr.	06
Thomas Gallagher	06
Vincent John Thomas Robinson	06
Mary Mintz	07
Michele Scott-Costa	08
Christopher Willis	08
Pat Rafter	09
Sean Willis	09
Roger Bacon	09
Irence White	10
Julian Cecere	11
Roberto Rivera, III	11
Ann Elder	12
Frank Costa	14
Stefani Cousar	15
Quincey Lowery	15
Noah Turner	15
Jed Donohue	16
Jerah Wright	17
John Wharton	18
Devon Costa	19
Brendan Hill	19
Brysen Hill	19
Cholly Anderson	20
John Carney	20
Marie Cousar	20
Travis Goode	20
Rose Comegys	21
Haven Flagg	21
Samantha Jolly	21
Massassi Odou	21
Julia Vaughan	21
Iyke Enwerem	22
Geraldine Reybold	22
Vanessa Crumety	24
William Yah	25
Denise Buckner	27
Justice Johnson	27
Cathlyn Cantelmi	28
James Henderson	28
Joseph Skidmore	28
Charles Tarver	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*

Liturgy Schedule ~ May 2017

Saturday, May 6, 5:00 pm

Herb Sterling ~ Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, May 7, 10:00 am

Xavier Wycliff ~ Altar Server

Sheris Owens ~ Greeter

Andrea Queen ~ 1st Lector

Lisa Mims ~ 2nd Lector

Lorraine Eckrich ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



Saturday, May 13, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector

Stephen Thorpe ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Roberto Rivera, Altar Server

Kyle Hopson, Greeter

Geraldine Cochran, Lector 1

Stephen Thorpe, Lector 2

Denise Scales, Eucharistic Minister

Janice Jolly, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, May 20, 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Young ~ Lector

Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, May 21, 5:00 pm

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server

Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter

Gail Rando ~ Lector

Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector 2

John Rando ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Barbara Pulliam ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, May 27, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, May 28, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server

Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter

Herb Sterling ~ 1st Lector

William Ray ~ 2nd Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Denise McIntyre ~ 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. Next meeting is May 9, 2017.

Current committee members are:

Deacon Bob Cousar, Chair
Dana Crumety
Judy Gallagher
Herb Sterling

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



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: _____

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 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.cdown.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



BRING IT HOME

Reflecting on John's gospel message this week, one is struck with the image of Christ as our shepherd, savior, and protector. This image grows even more beautiful as you realize, He is a shepherd that knows his sheep personally. Jesus calls us by name and we recognize Him through the personal connection that has been made. As followers of Christ we should strive to create these personal connections with others as well. Before leaving Church reach out to someone you do not recognize and welcome them. Introduce yourself, find out their name, and have a brief conversation. This may be all they need to come back next week, and if they do return, make sure you let them know you are happy to see them.



Good News!

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, May 14th, Karen Barbieri, founder of Pietra Fitness will discuss what some call, "Catholic Yoga." 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.

Vocations

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's responsorial psalm reminds us that the Lord leads us to restful waters. Each of us, though, is called to get there in a unique manner through the mystery of our vocation. Is God calling you to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, religious sister 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!

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus and they were talking about all the things that had occurred." (Luke 24:13) Take a walk today. Talk. Be conscious of the presence of Jesus.

PARENTING POINTERS

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15) Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones? Let go of outdated ones? Discuss together

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	Alice Harris
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman	James Henderson
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 Fazzone	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	

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.

DIRECTV Ch 371, DISH Ch 258, AT&T U-VERSE Ch 565, VERIZON FIOS Ch 288
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.

Gift of Days: Spirituality & aging Retreat

June 6-8 (mid-week)

Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat (intended for those 55+) will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. This retreat will consist of input, quiet personal time, prayer rituals, Mass and small group sharing.

Cost: \$125 per person (includes program, lodging & meals)

Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609.884.3829 for more information

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

Save Energy with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has a new program available for individuals who may be struggling with energy costs. As the Energize Delaware Community Energy Center in New Castle County, Catholic Charities can provide households with free energy education, budget counseling, and program referrals. At your appointment, your energy counselor will review your utility bills and discuss ways to reduce your **energy usage. They'll also determine what** assistance programs are available to help you keep the power on and get back on track. To schedule an appointment, contact Catholic Charities Main Office at 302-655-9624, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Making here runway debut...do you recognize this beautiful super model? Isn't she lovely....

