

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

Bulletin News:

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Website:

www.stjosephfrenchst.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday — 10:00 am Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Tuesday to Friday — 12:10 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.

August20,2017 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ► August 26 ~ Annual Crab Feast
- ► August 27 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
- ► September 09 ~ Bingo! Fellowship Hall, 1-5pm
- ► September 10 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Turn-out
- ► September 17 ~ CCD Begins! Registration forms in vestibule

No weekday Mass until September 5, 2017



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.

August 13, 2017 — \$2,361

August 5, 2016 — \$2,500

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions August 19, 2017 — August 27, 2017

Saturday, 08/19	5:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 08/20	10:00 AM	† Patrick O. Starks	
_		Requested by Fr. Paul	
Monday, 08/21	-	No Mass	
Tuesday, 08/22	ł	No Mass	
Wednesday, 08/23	-	No Mass	
Thursday, 08/24	-	No Mass	
Friday, 08/25	-	No Mass	
Saturday, 08/26	5:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 08/27	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

Introduction to the Liturgy

In a world in which those who are perceived as different seem to be at greater risk, God invites us to break down the boundaries that separate us from others. As we gather today, let us make this house, God's house, truly a house of prayer for all peoples.

Fr. Paul

CCD Educating and Evangelism

CCD will begin on Sunday, September 17 immediately following mass in the parish center. The CCD class is in need of three teachers, we are asking for dedicated Volunteers to assist in the education of the Catholic Faith. Through education, you are evangelizing. The CCD team is in need of a Pre-Kindergarten teacher for ages 3 to 4 to become familiar with stories from the bible, a First Communion teacher for the ages of 7 and 8 to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion and a teacher for the mature older youth who are continuing their Catholic education to become active members of the church. If you are interested and want to learn more of how you can help in educating the youth and become part of a great team building the educational structure and evangelizing, please see or contact Mary E. Polk. (302) 442-3861 mepolk@yahoo.com.

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help. The weekend of August 19 & 20, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, special video message from Father Klein the Cathedral's Administrator, and a tour of the Cathedral's 99 year-old organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org.

Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

Ouestion of the Week

How patient is my prayer, how undaunted my confidence in Jesus' personal love for me?

How do I treat those who pester me for a share of my time, attention, love?

Parish Bus - June Schedule



DATE	DRIVER Clifton Rashad Daniel Mims	
Sunday, August 6		
Sunday, August 13		
Sunday, August 20	Yolanda Mohammed	
Sunday, August 27	Vanel Fleury	

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL

CRAB FEAST/BUFFET

FEATURING

All you can eat Crabs \$45/ person



Buffet \$35/person



Both Buffet and all you can eat Crabs \$55/person

Prices are for ticket purchased in advance, add \$5 for at the door tickets

Buffet Items



Fellowship Hall

1012 French St.

Wilmington, DE



Fried Whiting Fried Chicken Baked Chicken Macaroni 'n' Cheese Potato Salad Corn on the Cob



Cabbage 'n' Peppers Rolls and Butter Cornbread















all items are fresh and homemade

An assortment of beverages are available for purchase For tickets or more information contact: St. Joseph Catholic Church, French Street: (302) 658-4535 Tuesday-Friday 10 am until 3 pm





Happy Birthday

Kenneth Cunningham	01
Helen Thomas	01
Madeline Porter	03
Bernard Sammons	03
Janelle Mirabeau	04
Michele Hinson	05
Johnae Blyden	06
Ebon Flagg	07
Cameron Granger	07
John Polk, III	07
James Skidmore	07
Deanna Cardenas	08
Angela Pulliam Banks	08
Patricia Fournillier	09
Gray Ramas	09
Anita DiSandro-Cole	10
Matthew Hoey	10
Minnie Lee Newman	12
Debbie Sterling	12
Alyssa Granger	13
Adrienne Hopson	13
Alexis Costa	14
Maketa Jolly	14
Tia Pulliam	15
Stephanie T. Bolden	16
Jolene Tyson	16
Herbert Sterling	16
Lanier Watkins, Jr.	16
Dana B. Willis	16
Erika Caesar	18
Christian Towles	18
Imani Enwerem	19
Mary Mirabeau	22
James Mobley	22
Geraldine Purnell	22
Anthony Dash	23
Chris Cavin`	24
Fallon McClain	24
Serenity Skidmore	24
Gaynell Baynard	25
Aaron Goode	25
Delores Spencer	25
Grant Wycliffe	26
Ethel Barrett	27
Tiffany Mintz	27
Kate Rafter	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 ~ August 2017

Saturday, August 5, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ∼ Lector Debbie Sterling ∼ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, August 6 10:00 am

Jamar Walker ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Stephen Thorpe ~ 1st Lector
Geraldine Cochran ~ 2nd Lector
Denise McIntyre ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, August 12, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ∼ Lector Denise Scales ∼ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, August 13, 10:00 am

Ava Wycliff, Altar Server Fayetta Jackson, Greeter Andrea Queen Lector 1 Lisa Mims, Lector 2 Marie Cousar, Eucharistic Minister Delores Spencer, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, August 19, 5:00 p.m.

Judy Gallagher ~ Lector DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, August 20, 10:00 am

Jalyn Walker~ Altar Server Sheila Cavin ~ Greeter Jasmine MacFarlane ~ Lector Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2 Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, August 26, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ∼ Lector Denise Scales ∼ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, August 27, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter Herb Sterling ~ 1st Lector William Ray ~ 2nd Lector Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister Jed Donahue ~ 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. Parish Council does not meet in June, July or August. Next meeting is September 20.

Fr. Paul Williams, President Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio

Linda Abili
Vincent Caesar
Chantal Jackson
Deirdre Robinson
Doris Matthews
Laura Wharton

Sheila Cavin
Kathy Hodges
Derrick Johnson
Damita MacFarlane
John Rando
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

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.

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

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:

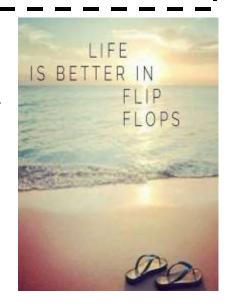
Sunday Morning Fellowship

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







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,

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

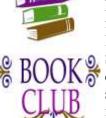
A barrel for non-perishable foods is located in the vestibule of the church. Please help to replenish their food closets by contributing non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. To make a cash donation online, visit https://www.cdow.org/ccdonation.html.

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



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 September 25 and the book for discussion is *Hidden Figures*. Please see Geraldine Purnell for additional information.

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



The gospel message this week can be easy misunderstood. Some may be offended by Jesus' reference to the Canaanite woman, as a dog. Christ is not referring to the woman specifically as a dog but rather this reference is to all the non-Israelites. How great was this woman's faith in recognizing that Christ came for her even though she was an outsider. This is an important message that we all should remember. How open are you to welcoming new people to the faith? How quickly do you judge others and categorize them? How do you react when these individuals request help? We should all strive to remember that Christ came for all, not just an elite few.



Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Do you treat your friends better than your spouse? Who gets your promptness? Who do you dress up for? Who do you clear your calendar for? Who gets your undivided attention and best effort?

PARENTING POINTERS

When life seems to go wrong for your child, reflect on the problems you've faced in your own life. Often it is the mistakes or failures that form us into the person we are. How have you grown from a mistake?

Catholic Forum

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, August 27th, Mary
Gispert from St. Catherine of Siena Church in Wilmington
will discuss their efforts to assist the people of Gulu,
Uganda. 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 Apple
Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts

Vocations

For many of us, life slows down a little in the summer months. What a great opportunity to take stock of where we're going in life! What am I doing to nurture my relationship with the Lord? In practical terms, how do I try to listen for His voice as He reveals to me His plan for my life? Am I trying to become what He's trying to make of me? Or am I following my own agenda – or the plan of someone else? If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, religious brother or religious sister, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Pray for Victims of Abortion

You are invited to attend a prayer service at the graveside of aborted children at Cathedral Cemetery, 2400 Lancaster Avenue in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The prayer service is part of the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children co-sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League. Members of the Delaware Knights of Columbus and other representatives of the pro-life community will be in attendance. The grave in Cathedral Cemetery holds the earthly remains of 63 aborted babies that were abandoned at a Chicago abortion facility and brought to Wilmington by Delaware Right to Life in December of 1988.

Pro Life Conference

This year's speaker is Terry Beatley, head of the Hosea Institute. Her book "*What If We've Been Wrong,*" was written in fulfillment of a promise to Dr. Bernard Nathanson on his deathbed -- to tell the true story of the abortion deception.

Terry will speak at 2:30 p.m. and answer questions on the theme:

Registration begins at 2:00. The cost for the day and the dinner is \$20 per person, \$10 children aged 5-12, with a \$60 maximum per family.

For reservations, go to Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/preview?eid=36692460136
Or contact Pat Radell at patradell@reagan.com or 302-723-9254.

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				
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	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				
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	Mary Joan Thompson	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson				
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	London Louise Simmonds	Vivian Priest	Clifton Coleman				
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson	Christian Coleman				

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be **Saturday**, **September 30**, **2017**. Bus leaves from IHM parking lot at 7:30AM and returns before 8PM. Itinerary includes visit to St. John Paul Shrine and Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Rosary Garden at the Basilica, tour, Confessions, and Mass with Bishop Malooly and our Diocesan priests. Contact Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452 or kdunworth@verizon.net to make a bus reservation. Cost is \$30.00

Ten Days of Prayer to Strengthen a Community of Peace (Spirit and Prayer: Answers to Violence in the City of Wilmington) September 8 through 17

InterFaith Leaders for Neighborhood Ministries, in collaboration with others dedicated to building a safer, more spirit-filled community of Wilmington, is asking the leadership of all houses of worship/communities of faith to dedicate some part of your services and meetings during the period from September 8 through September 17 to focus the power of prayer on bringing about a safer, more peaceful city of Wilmington (and its surrounds).

Imagine what our world, our city would be like were we all—individually and collectively to follow a basic tenet shared by each of our faith traditions:

- Do nothing to others that would hurt you if it were done to you: Hinduism
- Do not offend others as you would not want to be offended: Buddhism
- The successes of your neighbor and their losses will be to you as if they were your own:
 Taoism
- That which we do not wish to be done to us, we do not do to others: Confucianism
- That which you do not wish for yourself, you shall not wish for your neighbor. Judaism
- In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. Christianity
- None of you shall be true believers unless you wish for your brother the same that you
 wish for yourself: Islam
- ...live in such a way that you will enrich, and not diminish, our relatives in the Earth family of animals and plants, soil, air, and water: Earth Wisdom

We will be sending more information and possible resources to those who join us in a commitment to engage together in this community-wide spiritual action

Please send your commitment to participate by return email or to pastor@ststeph.org or (302) 652-7623 Rev. Jason Churchill, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Broom St.,

St. John the Apostle Parish in Milford, Delaware is seeking an experienced **Director of Music** to support and enable the full and conscious participation of the assembly during the liturgies; plan liturgical singing; recruit, coordinate and train the various ministries for music including musicians, cantors and choir.

The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree in music or a related field and three years of experience in a parish setting; or the equivalent combination of education and experience. Additionally, a thorough knowledge of Catholic liturgical traditions and music, and the ability to work collaboratively required.

To apply send resume and letter of interest with salary requirements to St. John the Apostle, 506 Seabury Avenue, Milford, DE 19963 or email pastor@stjohnmilford.com EOE

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities seeks a Part-Time (28 hours per week year round) Payment Processor/Certifier for Delaware Energy Assistance Program to work in the Dover office to process accurately all bills submitted by vendors under the supervision of the Payment Processor Supervisor on behalf of eligible clients. When needed interviews clients, completes applications, calculates and collects documents from clients as required. Determines eligibility of clients and completes the file on the clients. DEAP is a federally funded low-income home assistance program that helps households that need assistance to pay the cost of home energy.

For more information or to apply, see our posting on www.CareerBuilder.com. Visit our website at www.cdow.org