

Pastor

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Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours:

Website:

Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm

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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.

September 24, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

► CCD— Every Sunday following mass in parish center



► September 23 & 24 ~ Diocesan Special Collection

Share in the Spirit - Catholic Education

► September 23 ~ Junior Sodality Meeting @ 10:30am

► September 24 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir

► September 25~ St. Joseph's Book Club Meets @ 7:00pm Book is *Hidden Figures*

► October 14 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting — 8:45 am

► October 14 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting

► October 14 ~ Bingo! Fellowship Hall, 1-5pm

► October 22 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir 25th Anniversary

▶ November 05 ~ St. Martin DePorres Mass and Luncheon



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.

September 10, 2017 \$3,521

September 11, 2016

\$2,004

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions September 23, 2017— October 1, 2017

Saturday, 09/23	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/24	10:00 AM	
Monday, 09/25		No Mass
Tuesday09/26	12:10pm	
Wednesday, 09/27	12:10pm	
Thursday, 09/28	12:10pm	
Friday, 09/29	12:10pm	
Saturday, 09/30	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/01	10:00 AM	Ina Boston Requested by Melanie Holland

Introduction to the Liturgy

Every now and then our Sunday celebration reminds us more than usual of God's lavish and generous love. Today the Gospel presents the parable of the generous landowner and the workers in the vineyard, with the latecomers getting paid as much as those who worked all day. The message is that it's simply never too late to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Today let us pray in gratitude for God who's generosity is so compelling.

Fr. Paul

CCD - Educating and Evangelism

CCD takes place every Sunday following mass in the parish center. CCD class is not only for preparing your child to receive a Sacrament, the instructors have been working very hard to develop a plan to introduce a plan where they can deliver liturgical education, assist the parents to use this information to strengthen their moral foundation in the church and their community and to understand more deeply the effectiveness of prayer. All children within this parish are being asked to participate as they are our future.

We are still looking for a Mentor/Instructor for St. Joseph's Leaders of Tomorrow for those youth 14 to 18 of age. Please consider being a volunteer for our teens.

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

Congratulations to LaVon Robinson who will receive the Diocesan Merit Award from Bishop Malooly on Sunday, October 8, 2017, 3:00 pm at St. Joseph's in Middletown. LaVon works tirelessly for the parish with years of dedication to our children. She is a CCD instructor, works at the front desk and she spreads her love of God throughout the Wilmington community. Mark your calendars and help LaVon celebrate this most worthy recognition.

Dear Friends,



Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul

Question of the Week

How will I stop acting like a self-appointed judge of "latecomers" and begin serving as a member of God's "welcome wagon"? After all, God has welcomed even me.

Parish Bus - June Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, September 3	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, September 10	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, September 17	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, September 24	



Parish Council - Membership Update

Congratulations to Cheryl Riviere who has been appointed by Fr. Paul to parish council for a three year term. We are grateful to Doris Matthews and Sheila Cavin whose term has expired. You're service to the parish over the last three years is greatly appreciated.

Ministry for Black Catholics

The annual Saint Martin dePorres Mass and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2017.

All are invited to join this spirit-filled celebration and memorial mass as we remember one of the great saints who cared for the poor.

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: Knights of Peter Claver







Friends of the Poor® Walk Saturday September 30th, 2017

Concord Mall ♦ 4737 Concord Pike ♦ Wilmington, DE 19803



Where & When: Enter via the back entrance behind the Mall to register at 8:30 a.m. The walk will take place inside the Concord Mall between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Walking the main path plus the side paths is equal to a half mile.

To sign up online, go to: https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2001 Contact Andrea Starr (302) 740-0662 for additional information.

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Michai Sewell	24
Sandra Donohue	28
Sadequa Simmonds	28
Barry Granger	29
Shirley Murray	29
Kyle Buckner	30
Christopher Parks	29
Dalicia LeaBough	30
Walter Spencer	30
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Mark LeaBough	02
Katherine Moran	02
Anthea Bedminster	04
Alexander Loosararian	04
Marie Dash	05
Felipe Barranco	06
Joyce Robbins Brown	06
Maryann Brown Martin	07
Yvonne Hill	09
Bernard S. Walker, Jr.	09
John Polk	09
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Aaron Christopher Hill	_
Liana Thompson	10
Demetrius Turner, II	11
Peyton Flagg	12
Derrick Johnson	12
Dalen Daye	15
Barbara Pulliam	16
Rosemary Chaplin	17
Joseph Owens	17
Juscir Henry	18
Andrea Queen	18
Robert Hopson	19
J'Ana McGill	19
Anthony Cecere	21
Howard Robbins	21
Lauren Nieves	22
Albert Scales, Jr	22
Sarah Brysson	23
James Obidike	24
Larry Chatman	26
John Cunningham	27
Gaye Council	29
Kenneth Pulliam, Jr.	29
Kayla Saunders	30
Ella Taylor	30
Jecha Wright	30
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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 September/October 2017

Saturday, September 23, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ∼ Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, September 24, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server

Deirdre Robinson ~ Greeter

Herbert Sterling ∼ 1st Lector

William Ray ∼ 2nd Lector

Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

John Rando ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 1, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivera, Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server

Sheris Owens ~ Greeter

Geraldine Cochran ~ 1st Lector

Stephen Thorpe ~ 2nd Lector

Denise McIntyre ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Barbara Pulliam ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 7, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ∼ Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 am

Ava Wycliffe, Altar Server

Sheila Cavin, Greeter

Jed Donahue, Lector 1

Gail Rando, Lector 2

John Rando, Eucharistic Minister

Stacey Lowery, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Lector

Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 am

Tia Pulliam, Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server

Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter

Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector

Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2

Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Debbie Sterling ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 21, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector

Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, October 22, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server

Deidre Robinson ~ Greeter

Herb Sterling ~ Lector

William Ray ~ Lector 2

Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Debbie Sterling ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, October 28, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector

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 October 18.

Fr. Paul Williams, President Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio Linda Abili Vincent Caesar

Kathy Hodges Chantal Jackson Derrick Johnson
Deirdre Robinson Damita MacFarlane
Doris Matthews John Rando
Cheryl Riviere 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

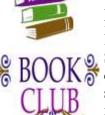
A barrel for non-perishable foods is located in the vestibule of the church. Please help to replenish their food closets by contributing non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. To make a cash donation online, visit https://www.cdow.org/ccdonation.html.

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



This week, Jesus relays to us the parable of the workers in the vineyard. This parable emphasizes God's grace and generosity. God loves all his children and does not want any of them to miss out on this love. He does not limit the time that one has to come to Him and does not give up on anyone, always leaving the opportunity for them to come to Him. What are you doing to show others this abundant love, and provide them an opportunity to experience it? When was the last time you invited someone to attend Mass with you? Even just inviting someone to lunch, or for a walk in the park, can give him or her an opportunity to experience God's love through you.

Vocations 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." One of the hallmarks of Christian growth is realizing that God's plan for me might be different from what I'd like to choose as a career. Sorting it all out involves discernment, and that's never easy to do by oneself. If you think God might be calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life, and if you'd like some help as you seek clarity, 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!



Join the Bishop at the "Blue Mass"

Bishop Malooly invited you to the 2017 Diocese of Wilmington "Blue Mass" on Friday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited

to attend

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, October 1st, De.
Lou De Angelo, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese
of Wilmington, will be interviewed. 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.

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In marriage sometimes one partner gives more than the other (makes more money, does more chores - especially the unwanted ones, etc.) Recently I broke my arm and my husband became St. Jim to me. When has your beloved carried the bigger part of life's burdens for you

PARENTING POINTERS

Monday (September 25) is <u>National Eat Dinner Together</u> <u>Day</u>. Maybe you always eat dinner together. If not, make a special effort to eat together on this day. Tell stories of your day. What was the high? What was the low?

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at the Franciscan retreat house, Wilmington, DE October 6-8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. For more information contact Nan Freeman at 302-528-8313 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

Annual Red Mass

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated on **Monday**, **October 2**, **at 6:00 p.m**. at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. This is the 30th Annual Celebration of the Red Mass, and the homilist will be Fr. Robert Kennedy, who was homilist for the first diocesan Red Mass. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Red Mass is celebrated annually for judges, lawyers, law professors and students, and government officials. The Mass invokes the gifts of the Holy Spirit for those who seek justice and serve in its

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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Adia Bracy	Donald Evans	Serafim Bairos	Nellie Lawrence	Rose Henderson
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Alice Harris	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

John Thompson

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITAR

As much as you want
to plan your life, it has
a way of surprising you
with unexpected
things that will make you
happier than you
originally planned.



Christian Coleman



Charlie Anderson

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



Sean Willis

Saturday, Sept. 30 Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



City Deanery Bus Transportation Available

Departs: St. Elizabeth Church – 7:30 a.m.
Returns: - approx. 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20 per person



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Contact: Edith Ryan 302.384.8717 or edith_dallas@hotmail.com	

Please reserve a seat for me on the City Deanery bus.

(Please print information and complete one form for each passenger.)

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y Contact on Pilgrimage day (Name/Phone #) _____

checks payable to **St. Elizabeth's Church** and be sure to write <u>Marian Pilgrimage</u> in the memo. Checks can either be dropped off at the St. Elizabeth Rectory or mailed.

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The Via Crucis

We cordially invite you to be a part of a special weekly Lenten presentation.

The Via Crucis (The Way of the Cross) was begun by Christ's first followers. Few words are spoken; presented in the centuries-old tradition of the Church to encourage the pious meditation of its people. You can be a part of this tradition; no experience is necessary to participate. Your participation can be credited towards community service or other scholastic requirements. More importantly, however, you become a part of something sacred and special.

All grade-school age to college-age boys and girls are welcome. Bring along your friends and relatives as well!

We also have a choir that facilitates this moving prayer. They would also welcome your participation.

For further details on the Via Crucis, please contact me at:

stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com or Call 302-545-5047 Maria G. Finamore, Ed.D. Director - Via Crucis