

# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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DEACON  
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm  
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**Parish Secretary:** [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)  
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**Website:** [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://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.

## November 26, 2017 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- ▶ CCD — Every Sunday following mass in parish center
- ▶ Adult Study — **Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec 3**  
Room: Ways to Pray by Cardinal Donald Wuerl
- ▶ November 26 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
- ▶ November 26 ~ KPCLA Meeting, 12:15 pm
- ▶ December 03 ~ First Sunday of Advent
- ▶ December 03 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting — 8:45 am
- ▶ December 08 ~ Immaculate Conception — Holy Day of Obligation
- ▶ December 17 ~ Church Decorating Party
- ▶ December 24 ~ Christmas Eve:
  - 10:00 am Mass
  - 5:30 pm Concert
  - 6:00 pm Mass in the Evening
- ▶ December 25 ~ Christmas Day — 10:00 am Mass



Christ the  
King  
SUNDAY

## Mass Intentions

**November 25, 2017 – December 3, 2017**

Saturday, 11/25	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/26	10:00 AM	Richard Conn Requested by Kathy & Paul Fahey
Monday, 11/27	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 11/28	12:10 pm	Special Intention Requested by S.A. Guild
Wednesday, 11/29	12:10 pm	Special Intention Requested by S.A. Guild
Thursday, 11/30	12:10 pm	Special Intention Requested by S.A. Guild
Friday, 12/01	12:10 pm	Carol & Dep Elson Requested by Melanie Holland
Saturday, 12/02	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/03	10:00 AM	† Matthew Reynolds Requested by Fr. Paul


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

### Introduction to the Liturgy

Often when we think of Christ with his title of “King” we think about the Last Judgment. At our celebration today we will indeed hear about Christ at the end-times. Yet the purpose of our gathering here is not to become fearful about what is to come, but rather to support one another in the tasks at hand, encouraged by our good and faithful Shepherd. This way, when judgment time comes, we can be ready and rejoice over the good deeds that have built up God’s kingdom.

Fr. Paul

**Our Place of Remembrance**



Again this year, during the month of November, parishioners are invited to bring framed pictures of their relatives, loved ones and friends who have gone home to God. We will place the pictures on a table in front of the altar. **There will be a candle burning to remind us to pray for our dearly departed.** This memorial will be displayed until the end of Mass on Sunday, November 26.

### NATIVE AMERICAN NATIVITY

On Sunday, December 10, we invite everyone to enjoy the **Native American Nativity** presented in the Church Hall by Members of the Journey with the Bear Kateri Circle.

Following the Nativity, we will have a brief informational meeting, in the Conference Room, for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the newly-forming St. Joseph Kateri Circle.

ALL are welcome!


For more information, contact Gail Rando (352) 445-2350 or gailvets2@gmail.com

**Question of the Week**

Having myself been found by divine mercy, what will I do during Advent to seek those in need? Are they already right here in front of me?

**Junior Sodality**

Parents and guardians of young ladies, 6 - 14, who would like more information about the activities and mission of the Junior Sodality, please contact Margaret Levesque, 302-656 0813; Jean Toy, 302-658 2218, or Lorenza Hinds, 302-547 0074.



### Parish Bus - November Schedule

DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, November 5	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, November 12	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, November 19	Daniel Mims
Sunday, November 26	TBD

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Wilmington, DE 19801 ♦ 302.658.4535

Two (2)  
Chances to  
Win!!!

**2017 Christmas Raffle**  
**\$10 per ticket**

Santa's  
Galore!!!

Drawing #1: 5 Red Santa's



Drawing #2: Angel & Santa Set



Great Gifts!

\* Collectors \* Christmas \* Birthday \*

Beautiful Christmas Decor!

Drawing  
December 3, 2017

Contact Damita MacFarlane ♦ 610.806.2359

### WHEN I SAY, "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"  
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"  
That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak with human pride  
I'm confessing that I stumble—  
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And pray for strength to carry on

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success  
I'm admitting that I've failed  
And cannot ever pay the debt

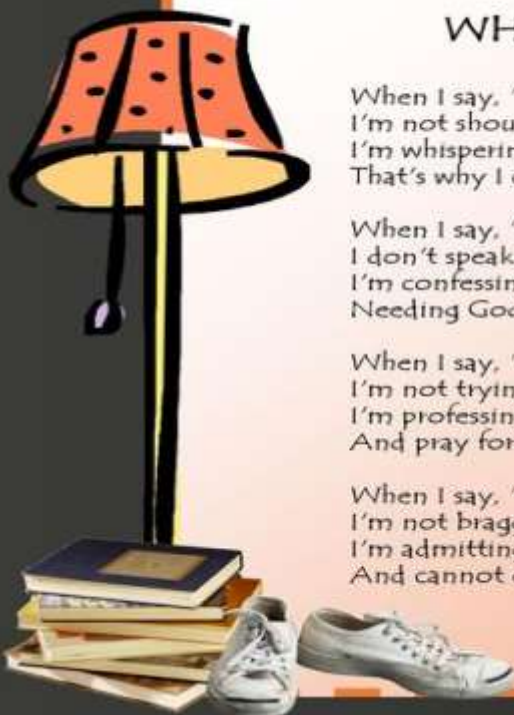
When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't think I know it all  
I submit to my confusion  
Asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect  
My flaws are all too visible  
But God believes I'm worth it

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain  
I have my share of heartache,  
Which is why I seek God's name

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I do not wish to judge  
I have no authority...  
I only know I'm loved

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# Happy Birthday!

## November

Brian Billings	01
Deacon Robert, Cousar	01
Jordan MacFarlane	01
Michael Simmonds, Sr.	03
Alexis Robinson	05
Kathryn Fahey	06
John E. Manning	06
Michael Crumpler	07
Jeffrey Skidmore	08
Renee Skidmore	08
Tameka Sterling	09
Chloe Williamson	09
Joaquin Ledesma	10
Jean Turner	10
Joan Drakes	12
Felicia Callahan	12
Crystal Herman	15
Dana Marie Crumety	16
Evelyn Taylor	16
Terrence Lockett	17
Starlett Benjamin	18
Shari Watkins	18
Saniya Cunningham	19
Rosalind Klepacki	19
Jerry Robbins	19
Tyrone Steele, Jr.	20
Anthony Bordley	22
Lawrence Chatman, III	22
Prentiss Jolly	22
Elizabeth Rafferty	22
Tia Sewell-Crumpler	22
Trevor Wharton	23
Antoine Brewington	25
Julius Brewington	25
Lance Mintz	25
Brandon Pulliam	25
Eduardo Barranco	26
Sebastian Lewis	26
Marilyn O'Connell	27
Laurel Bedminster	29
Adia Bracy	29
Jane McDonald	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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org) Please include your name, birth month, day and year.*

## Liturgy Schedule - November 2017

### All Saints Day, November 1, 2017, 10:00 am

Sheila Cavin, Greeter  
Denise Scales, Lector  
Gwen Cavin, Eucharistic Minister  
Stacey Lowery, Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector  
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, November 5, 10:00 am

Jaylyn Walker ~ Altar Server  
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter  
Gail Rando ~ 1st Lector  
Stephen Thorpe ~ 2nd Lector  
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



### Saturday, November 11, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector  
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, November 12, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivere & Ramaj Gray, Altar Server  
Adrienne Hopson, Greeter  
Jed Donahue, Lector 1  
Lisa Mims, Lector 2  
Barbara Pulliam, Eucharistic Minister  
Lorraine Eckrich, Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, November 18, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector  
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, November 19, 10:00 am

Ava Wycliffe ~ Altar Server  
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter  
Andrea Queen ~ Lector  
Judy Gallagher ~ Lector 2  
Stacey Lowery ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### Thanksgiving Day, 10:00 am

Gail Rando ~ Lector  
John Rando ~ Lector 2  
DeAnna Cardenas ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Janice Jolly ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, November 25, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector  
Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, November 26, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server  
Deidre Robinson ~ Greeter  
Andrea Queen ~ Lector  
William Ray ~ Lector 2  
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Denise Scales ~ 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, August or December. The next meeting is January 17, 2018.**

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 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 - Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 3rd Sunday - Loretta & Leonard Young
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges



**Thank You!**  
 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.

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**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cellular Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# 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](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.cdw.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 January 29, 2018 and the book for discussion is "One Thousand Gifts." 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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



“Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers of mine, you did for me.” This verse, is one that we should all strive to remember, and take to heart. It is a call to action, a call to serve our community, and provide charitable actions to those in need. Jesus reminds us that our actions, or lack of them, are important. As followers of Christ we should not over look the needs of those around us. The Corporal Works of Mercy allow us to express our faith, and show it to others through our deeds. As we move into the Advent season, and begin to prepare for Christmas, take a moment to remember those in need. This time of year the needs of others are great, but so are our opportunities to provide for these needs. How can you show your faith through your actions this holiday season? How can you show the love of Christ to others through your deeds? Embrace one of these opportunities, and express His love through your action.

### Vocations

#### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

In today’s first reading, God tells us through the prophet Ezekiel that He will look after and tend His sheep, rescuing them, pasturing them and giving them rest. For the last two thousand years, God has called men to join in that work by serving the Church as priests who lead, nourish, heal and serve His people. If you think God is calling you to the priesthood, or if you know a healthy young man whom you think God might be calling, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)



*Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, author, Diane Houdek will discuss her book, “The Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis.” For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://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](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

#### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Let Matthew 25 ring in your ears: "I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, ill, in prison..." Spend some time and money responding to this sales pitch from Christ the King as Christmas approaches.

#### PARENTING POINTERS

Discuss with your family one new habit each of you would like to develop between now and Christmas. Let lighting a candle on your Advent wreath be time to remind you of your resolve to begin again to be a better person.



**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
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 Fazzino	Arlene Watson
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	Mary Joan Thompson	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	London Louise Simmonds	Vivian Priest	John Polk
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson	Christian Coleman



**BAYADA Home Health  
Care is hiring!**

We are hiring for the following positions:

CNAs, HHAs, Nursing Students, LPNs and RNs

Please call 302-655-1333 for more information

We are located at

750 Shipyard Drive Suite 101

Wilmington, DE 19801

The **Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital** is once again sponsoring "**Lights of Love**" to recognize friends and family or to honor the memory of our loved ones. By making a donation of \$10 or more per name, those honored will have their names displayed on a scroll in the hospital lobby. On December 18, 2017, a Mass in the Chapel (5th floor) and celebration in the lobby led by the Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of Wilmington will be held in honor of those named. For more information contact [susanmclaughlin53@gmail.com](mailto:susanmclaughlin53@gmail.com) or send checks payable to the Jr. Board of St. Francis send checks payable to The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital, Inc. and mail them to PO Box 2764. Wilmington, DE 1980 to arrive no later than December 10th. Proceeds benefit Junior Board projects for the hospital.



**St. Peter Cathedral School  
Christmas Fundraising Event**



**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

**11:00 am—3:00 pm**

**School Auditorium**

**Come take chances on our elegant baskets and a variety of raffles.**



**Refreshments are available.**

Contact us at (302) 656-5234



**Choir School of Delaware**  
presents  
**Messiah**

**Saturday, December 16, 2017, 7:30 pm**  
**First and Central Presbyterian Church**  
1101 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Celebrate the holiday season with the Christmas portion and favorite choruses from Handel's most beloved oratorio! Also enjoy other holiday favorites!

**Tickets**  
\$25 per person; available at [ChoirSchoolOfDelaware.org](http://ChoirSchoolOfDelaware.org) and at the door

For more information, please call (302) 543-8057 ext. 8 or visit [ChoirSchoolOfDelaware.org](http://ChoirSchoolOfDelaware.org)