

# 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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**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.

## January 7, 2018 Epiphany of the Lord

- ▶ CCD — Every Sunday following mass in parish center
- ▶ Adult Study Group — Every Sunday following mass in Blue Room. "Ways to Pray" by Cardinal Donald Wuerl
- ▶ January 07 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting — 8:45 am
- ▶ January 07 ~ Un-decorating of Church immediately following Mass
- ▶ January 13 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9am — Noon
- ▶ January 27 ~ Black History Brunch, 11:00 am—1pm  
\$16 Adults, \$5.00 Kids Ages 5-12, Kids under 5 free
- ▶ January 28 ~ KPCLA Meeting, in Blue Room 12:15pm



### 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.

**December 31, 2017      \$2,024      January 1, 2017**

**Thank you for your generosity!!!**

## Mass Intentions

January 6, 2017– January 14, 2017

Saturday, 01/06	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/07	10:00 AM	† Patrick O. Starks Requested by Fr. Paul Williams, OFM
Monday, 01/08	10:00 AM	† Barbara Willis Requested by William Willis
Tuesday, 01/09	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 01/10	12:10 pm	
Thursday, 01/11	12:10 pm	
Friday, 01/12	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 01/13	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/14	10:00 AM	

### 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 of the Word

We celebrate Epiphany today and hear how God's very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The emphasis today is on this revelation to foreigners: the foreign nations that will now pay tribute to the restored Jerusalem, the Gentiles whom Paul recognized as now being co-partners through the gospel, and the magi from the east who recognized the Messiah and paid him homage.

Fr. Paul

### Question of the Week

Is there something I realize that I changed after encountering the Lord, Is there something I realize now that I should change?

### Save the Date

Our annual Black History Brunch will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 am. Please contact Glenda Townsend at 302.478.5246 for additional information.

## Epiphany of the Lord

This feast is usually associated with the visitation of the kings from the east who traveled so very far to see the reason for the new star in the heavens. The word epiphany comes from a Greek word, "koine" or "epiphaneia" which means appearance or manifestation. This is a feast day celebrating the revelation of the God-Son as a human being in Jesus the Christ. It is traditionally celebrated on January 6. In this country, the bishops have chosen to celebrate it on the Sunday that falls in between the dates of January 2nd and January 8th. When the kings or magi visited the Christ-child, they were "foreigners" or "outsiders" who came from far-away lands because they had noticed an amazing celestial manifestation, the appearance of new star.



### Parish Bus - January Schedule

DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, January 7	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, January 14	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, January 21	Daniel Mims
Sunday, January 28	Vanel Fleury



Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas flower fund, thus far. The church is beautifully decorated because of your generosity.

May you have a special blessing this Christmas Season for your extra support to the parish.

**Stephanie Bolden**

*In honor of deceased family members*

**Brenda Burns**

*In memory of her mother Mary E. Ryder, Fred E. Ryder, Sr., Fred E. Ryder, Jr., Lawrence Burns*

**Phyllis Chambers**

*In memory of Phillip & Helen Chambers*

**Dana Crumety**

*In memory of deceased family members of Crumety Family, Brewington Family, Brown Family and Galloway Family*

**Marie & Tony Dash**

*In memory of deceased family members*

**Sandra & Jed Donahue**

*In memory of Serafin Bairos and Alvera Anaral*

**Charmaine Doyle**

*In memory of Richard & Mozella Doyle*

**Jeff and Bo Flynn**

*In memory of deceased family members*

**Gail & John Rando**

*In memory of Bryan Rando, Bill Persinger and all our loved ones who have gone Home to be with the Lord.*

**Rose Henderson**

*In memory of deceased members of McKinley Family and Henderson Family*

**Yvonne Hill**

*In memory of Anna E. Napier, Vincent dePaul Napier, Bernard D. Napier, and Bernadette Y. Napier*

**Michele Hinson**

*In memory of Dennis Hinson and Christine Davis*

**Rob & Adrienne Hopson**

*In memory of Talmadge Hopson, Carol Belton*

**Irmina Hudson**

*In honor of my children and grandchildren*

**Fayette Jackson**

*In memory of Elmer Hudson, Eureka Hudson, William E. Jackson, Sr.*

**Betty Kirby**

*In memory of deceased family members*

**John Manning**

*In memory of James Manning, Marian Manning, Andrew Manning*

**Doris Matthews**

*In memory of LaTaya Lopez, Roy H. McIntyre, IV Mr. & Mrs. Howard Perrigan, Virginia Manuel Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Berry*

**Denise McIntyre**

*In memory of Tempest Shade and LaTaya Lopez*

**Shirley Murray**

*In memory of deceased family members*

**Rafter & O'Connell Families**

*In memory of Jean O'Connell Brynes, Daniel E. O'Connell, Sr., George C. Burns, and Charles Kobsko*

**Sheris Owens**

*In memory of Juanita Owens, John Owens, Clementine Owens, and Mrytle Owens*

**Pat Rafter**

*In memory of Daniel E. O'Connell, Sr., Jean O'Connell Byrnes, George C. Byrnes*

**LaVon Robinson**

*In memory of Lois Robinson and Barbara Willis. In honor of WDGC, Teddie, Dahlcia, L'Ause*

**Deborah & Vincent Robinson**

*In memory of deceased Robinson & Wynne Family members*

**Deidre L. Rogers**

*In memory of Ida Mae R. Stallings, Gertrude Henry and James D. Rogers*

**Denise Scales**

*In memory of James Branch Srr and John Purnell Jr.*

**Herb & Debbie Sterling**

*In memory of Sterling and Hunter Families*

**Delores Spencer**

*In memory of Octavia Manlove*

**Chuck Tarver**

*In Memory of Rupert J. Tarver, Jr., Stanley J. Tarver, Daisy Nero, Darryl Simms*

**Ella M. Taylor**

*In memory of Nathaniel Miles, Gerald Taylor, Mary Smith, Annie M. Dixon*

**Vernon Taylor**

*In memory of Evelyn and Wayman Taylor*

**John & Mary Joan Thompson**

*In memory of Scott Thompson*

**Loretta & Leonard Young**

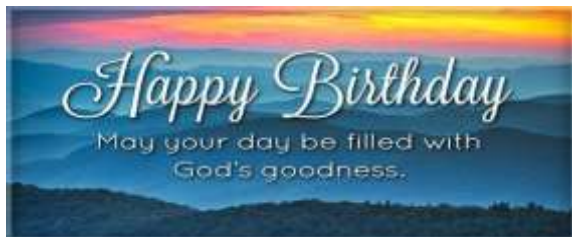
*il memory of deceased members of the Coleman, Reynolds, and Young Families*



# Happy Birthday!

## January

Francis Crumety	01
Thomasina Joseph	01
Arielle Mobley	03
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Chanel Scott	07
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Marie Rivera	08
Jeannette Sammons	08
Albert Fletcher	09
Douglas Loosarian	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Andres Barranco	10
Jacquar White	10
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Laura Chaplin	14
Margaret Clifford	14
Sheris Owens	14
Tauqeer Rashad, Jr.	14
Chantal David Towles	14
Andrew Parlock	17
Nicole Long	10
Margareth Hoey	20
Mikayla Purnell	20
Anne Taylor	20
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Yvonne Bracy	22
Kyle Hopson	22
Josephine Mahler	22
Howard Robbins	22
Aaliyah Herman	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Ryan Turnier	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Tiara Goode	25
Ruth Lewis	27
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	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 - January 2018

### **Monday, January 1, 2018—10:00 am**

Gail Rando ~ Lector  
Pat Rafter ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Saturday, January 6, —10:00 am**

Herb Sterling ~ Lector  
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Sunday, January 7, 10:00 am**

Ava Wycliff, Altar Server  
Sheris Owens, Greeter  
Geraldine Cochran, Lector 1  
Stephen Thorpe, Lector 2  
Barbara Pulliam, 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Delores Spencer, 2nd Eucharistic Minister



### **Saturday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.**

Loretta Young ~ Lector  
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Sunday, January 14, 10:00 am**

J. Wright ~ Altar Server  
Andrienne Hopson ~ Greeter  
Lisa Mims ~ Lector  
Judy Gallagher ~ Lector 2  
Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### **Saturday, January 20, 5:00 p.m.**

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector  
Loretta Young~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Monday, January 21, 10:00 am**

Roberto Rivera & Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server  
Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter  
Andrea Queen ~ Lector  
Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2  
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### **Saturday, January 27, 5:00 p.m.**

S. Bolden ~ Lector  
Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Sunday, December 31, 10:00 am**

Joaquin. Ledesma ~ Altar Server  
Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter  
William Ray ~ Lector  
Herb Sterling ~ Lector 2  
Denise McIntyre ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Marie Cousar ~ 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.

**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



The appearance of the Magi in the Gospel reveals to us that Christ did not just come to the world for a select few, but for the whole world. We are reminded that Christ's message was for all to hear. His light shined bright for the Magi to see and follow. As you walk with Christ does His light shine through you? Do others see Christ's love through your words and deeds? Like the Magi, who presented gifts to our Lord, we too have gifts to give. Utilizing your gifts, to give glory to our Lord, is one way you can show others your Love for Christ.



### Vocations

7 January 2018

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany celebrates the glory of God shining through to humanity in the person of Jesus Christ. Each day, religious sisters, religious brothers, deacons and priests use their time and energies to help us see the glory of God in the world around us. This week, pray that God bless our Diocese with an increase in priestly and religious vocations. And if you think God might be calling you to serve in a religious vocation, 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, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Mark Christian, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Diocese of Wilmington will discuss cremation. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum).*

### Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

#### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

We humans mark time with watches and calendars. As we start a new year, however, perhaps it would be meaningful to enter into a conscious NOW with your beloved. As you read this, pause, find your spouse, and look at each other tenderly. Ponder the goodness of being together. Embrace.

#### PARENTING POINTERS

Gazing at stars can be a wondrous experience. Look up at the sky with your child tonight. Hopefully you will see stars. Ponder the universe 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
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Lee Newman	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

## Guide us to Thy Perfect Light

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



**COME CELEBRATE WITH US:  
"JOURNEY WITH THE BEAR"  
INVITES YOU TO A  
NATIVE DINNER AND DANCE**

**WHEN:** JANUARY 20, 2018, 6:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON HALL  
**COST:** \$10.00 PER PERSON 13 AND OLDER  
Free for kids 12 and under

**SPECIAL SPEAKER: NATOSHA NORWOOD CARMINE, CHIEF  
OF THE NANTICOKE INDIAN TRIBE OF DELAWARE**

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