

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
pw4ofm@aol.com

DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm
Friday, 10am - 1pm
Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
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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.

August 27, 2017 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ 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



God of wisdom and might, we praise You for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 20, 2017 — \$3,140

August 21, 2016 — \$2,500

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions

August 27, 2017— September 3, 2017

Saturday, 08/26	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/27	10:00 AM	† Patrick O. Starks Requested by Fr. Paul
Monday, 08/28	---	No Mass
Tuesday, 9/29	---	No Mass
Wednesday, 08/30	---	No Mass
Thursday, 08/31	---	No Mass
Friday, 09/01	---	No Mass
Saturday, 09/04	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/03	10:00 AM	† Ericka Boston Requested by Melanie Holland

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

We are called Christian because we choose to follow Jesus Christ. As we gather for worship today, it might be good to reflect on who Christ is for us, just as he asks the question in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The answer that we give will tell us much about who we need to be in this world.

Let us pray today for the grace to live up to the name of Christ with which we identify ourselves.

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.

Thank You!!!

Much appreciation to the Crab Feast committee for another great event. A special thank you to Josephine Griffin, Dana Crumety, Marie Corbitt, Julianna McGill, Sheila Cavin, and all who help to prepared and served the food.

Everyone present, especially me, really enjoyed the buffet, and of course, the crabs are always a crowd favorite!

Again, thank you!

Fr. Paul

Question of the Week

How does Peter's continuing presence in the Church through the ministry of Pope Francis impact my life of witness?

Parish Bus - June Schedule



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

St. Joseph Catholic Church

1012 French Street

Wilmington, DE 19801



302.658.4535

Second Saturday of each month beginning August 2017

\$25 Per 20 Game Packet

\$15 Additional Packets



1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

September 9, 2017

October 14, 2017

November 11, 2017

December 9, 2017



Door Prizes

Concession Stand

Hot Dogs
Chips
Soda

Cash Prizes

Happy Birthday!

August

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

Fayette 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 Sheila Cavin
 Vincent Caesar Kathy Hodges
 Chantal Jackson Derrick Johnson
 Deirdre Robinson Damita MacFarlane
 Doris Matthews John Rando
 Laura Wharton Loretta Young

The **Finance Committee** is responsible for helping the pastor with creating and managing the budget and to ensure the parish is fiscally sound. Members are appointed by the pastor and meet quarterly. 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!
 Ευχαριστώ

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

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 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



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

The Gospel message this week is most often referenced to show the authority of the Church. This is a valuable truth to take from this passage but there is also another truth that can be gleaned. Jesus asks his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" During our life we may also be questioned about Christ's nature and who we claim Him to be. With the number of self-proclaimed "nones" increasing, more people may approach you about, or challenge, your beliefs. How will you respond to this challenge and to their questions? Have you prepared yourself to answer in a loving and truthful fashion? Remember you may be the only representation of Christ that these individuals will experience. What you say will be just as important as how you say it. If you are approached, will you respond with patience and love to relay this truth in a joyous and merciful manner?

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6



Vocations

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that Jesus has given to Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose. One of the ways priests exercise that ministry is through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which the faithful are freed from the binding effects of sin. God is calling men in our Diocese to serve as priests even now. Are you one of them? If you think so, 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!

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.

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

How wise, knowledgeable and beyond human understanding are the ways of God. (Romans 11:33-36) What intellectual trait is your beloved strongest in? What about yourself?

PARENTING POINTERS

Have a memory party. Pull out old photographs or songs from your youth. Enjoy. Maybe even organize those loose photos or digital files.

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.

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	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.,

WILMINGTON HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
HEALTHY WILMINGTON 2020
City of Wilmington, Michael S. Purzycki, Mayor
Department of Parks & Recreation, Kevin F. Kelley, Sr., Director

SAVE THE DATE !!!
Sat., September 16, 2017

WILMINGTON WELLNESS
Healthy People
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

"Living Well in the City"
WILMINGTON WELLNESS DAY

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
W.H.A.C.C. AT HELEN CHAMBERS PARK
501 N. MADISON ST., WILMINGTON, DE 19801

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL SHAWN R. BAKER, 576-3828
OR NORA KATURAKES, 623-4628

