

# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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PASTOR  
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM  
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DEACON  
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm  
Friday, 10am - 1pm  
**Parish Secretary:** [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)  
**Bulletin News:** [stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com)  
**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.

## August 6, 2017 Transfiguration of the Lord

- ▶ **August 06 ~ Parish Picnic "Flip Flop Sunday"**
- ▶ August 12 ~ Bingo! Fellowship Hall, 1-5pm
- ▶ August 15 ~ Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary  
12:10 pm Mass Only — Holy Day of Obligation
- ▶ August 26 ~ Annual Crab Feast
- ▶ August 27 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir

### 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.

July 30, 2017    \$1,767                      July 24, 2016    \$4,958

Thank you for your generosity!!!

## Mass Intentions

**August 5, 2017 — August 13 2017**

Saturday, 07/29	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/30	10:00 AM	Caine Hernandez Requested by Melanie Holland
Monday, 07/31	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 08/01	12:10 PM	Julianna & Christopher Emesa Requested by Melanie Holland
Wednesday, 08/02	12:10 PM	† Audrey & James Frazer Requested by Melanie Holland
Thursday, 08/03	12:10 PM	† Michael Morese Requested by Louise Malloy
Friday, 08/04	12:10 PM	† Wanda Catherine Requested by Melanie Holland
Saturday, 08/05	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/06	10:00 AM	† James Butler and Butler Family Requested by DeAnna Cardenas

<b>PARISH STAFF</b>	
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

**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](http://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](http://www.cdow.org).

### Introduction to the Liturgy

Today's celebration only occurs on a Sunday once every six years or so. While we heard the Transfiguration Gospel earlier this year on the Second Sunday of Lent, today the context is different. In the words that resound over Jesus today, we can hear the echo of the words that sounded on the day of our Baptism, when we were counted among the beloved of God. Let us pray today that we too will one day inherit the promise of resurrection and life in the kingdom of heaven.

Fr. Paul

### Update

#### Sustaining Hope Capital Campaign

The parish received an additional check from the Sustaining Hope Capital Campaign in the amount of \$88,207. Total amount received for the parish to-date is \$79,650. We're getting closer to new bathrooms in the hall. Please remember to make payments against and honor your pledged amount.

### Question of the Week

What peak experience do you hold onto, or what experience holds onto you? How does it help you when it is time to bear your cross and share in Jesus' passion?

### Parish Bus - June Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, August 6	
Sunday, August 13	
Sunday, August 20	
Sunday, August 27	

*God Bless Our Bus Drivers!*

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1012 French Street  
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302.658.4535

Second Saturday of each month beginning August 2017



1:00 pm — 5:00 pm

August 12, 2017

September 9, 2017

October 14, 2017

November 11, 2017

December 9, 2017



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](mailto: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.

## 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



Thank You!

# 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 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 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



*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, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Father John Bartunek will discuss his book, "Summer Meditations." 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.*

Jesus presents to us another parable from Matthew's gospel this week. In this parable Jesus tells us how valuable the kingdom of heaven truly is. Being more valuable than anything else one is moved to give all that they have in order to ensure they remain a part of his kingdom. Ask yourself, how much are you willing to invest in order to ensure you are part of this kingdom? Are there things that you are holding back from giving up, things that would prevent you from entering His kingdom? This Gospel message reminds us that when we recognize the treasure we have in Jesus we cannot help but joyfully give up everything in order to maintain that treasure. What is God calling you to give up for His kingdom? Are you doing this joyfully?

### *Office for Marriage and Family Life*

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

#### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

One version of the wedding vows states: "I will love and honor you all the days of my life." But what does honor mean? Consider these guidelines: When talking give your undivided attention (make eye contact, don't interrupt. Listen closely). Back your beloved up in front of other people, show your support.

#### **PARENTING POINTERS**

Solomon asked God for an understanding heart. Surely this is the attitude we want to take toward our own children. Yet children test us. They do dumb, crazy, and selfish things. They need to be corrected and disciplined. An understanding heart does not mean ignoring bad behavior but rather loving our child through it. Tongue is the only instrument that gets sharper with use."

#### **Retrouvaille**

Retrouvaille may be the way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

#### **Vocations**

In today's first reading, Solomon asks God for "an understanding heart." He wants, in other words, a heart that understands God's will for him and for the people he is to serve. What is God's will *for you*? Could He be calling you to serve His people as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? 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](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

**As part of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, a pilgrimage to Annecy, Rome and Assisi will take place April 16 – 26, 2018. And you are invited!**

Annecy, the birthplace of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of the Diocese of Wilmington, is an alpine town in southeastern France, where Lake Annecy feeds into the Thiou River. It's known for its cobbled streets, winding canals, and pastel-colored houses. Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display, including ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum. It is the home of Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, as well as the burial place of Blessed Pope Pius IX, the diocese's founder. Assisi is a hill town in central Italy's Umbria region. It was the birthplace of St. Francis, one of Italy's patron saints.

For more information about this affordable, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, including a day-to-day itinerary, exclusive features, and pricing, go to [www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage](http://www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage).

## 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	Clifton Coleman
Leta Johnson	Frances Reed	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	Delores Tuller	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson		

### Hispanic Ministry

Parishes in the Diocese of Wilmington are currently engaging in a reflection and discernment process as part of the Fifth National Encuentro, a four-year process of consultation, discernment, discussion, and collaboration. The main goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways for the Church in the United States to better respond to the ever-growing Hispanic presence, and to help Hispanic Catholics to strengthen their Christian identity and their response as missionary disciples for the entire Church. To help fund these activities, a second collection that will take place at all Spanish-language Masses in the diocese on the weekend of August 26 & 27, 2017. Please be as generous as possible.

City of Wilmington

#### Job Opportunity—General Laborer II

Department of Recreation (Maintenance Division)

City Residency Required

Salary Range: \$28,726—\$34,790

Performs manual work on a variety of tasks, which frequently involves the use of acquired skills; may often require a continuous application of physical strength and endurance.

Apply [www.wilmingtonDE.gov](http://www.wilmingtonDE.gov) or call 302.57.6.2460

### Catholic Charities Saving Energy. Saving Money.

#### Weatherization Workshop

Thursday, August 10, 2017— 6:00 pm

Central Baptist Church

839 North Pine Street, Wilmington, 19801



Attend an Energy Conservation Workshop  
and receive a **FREE** Weatherization Kit.

One kit per family

Things you'll learn at an Energy Conservation Workshop

- ◆ How to save \$\$\$ on your energy bill
- ◆ How to conserve energy in your home
- ◆ How to connect with energy assistance programs

**Space is limited!**

Register by calling Catholic Charities  
at 302-655-9824



Catholic Charities  
Diocese of Wilmington



### glory of stories

**EVERY FRIDAY & SELECT SATURDAYS  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Glory of Stories introduces young visitors to art and the Museum through a story reading followed by an interactive tour of relevant works of art and a studio art project. This program encourages learning through discovery, exploration, and hands-on experiences.

*Ages 2 and up. Free to Members, \$5 per child and one adult free for Non-Members.*



### sunday studio

**SECOND SUNDAYS | NOON – 3:00 PM**

Each month, adults and children can create art together and experiment with new materials, techniques, and themes in the Bank of America Education Wing Studios—no reservations required! This series is sponsored by AT&T.

*Recommended for ages 6+ and adults. Free.*



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