

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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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
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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.

September 3, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ September 09 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting
- ▶ September 09 ~ Bingo! Fellowship Hall, 1-5pm
- ▶ September 10 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Turn-out
- ▶ September 17 ~ CCD Begins! Registration forms in vestibule
- ▶ September 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.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions

August 27, 2017— September 3, 2017

Saturday, 09/03	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/03	10:00 AM	† Ericka Boston Requested by Melanie Holland
Monday, 09/03	—	No Mass
Tuesday 09/03	12:10pm	Melanie Holland
Wednesday, 09/03	12:10pm	Jim Butler † Requested by The Cousar's
Thursday, 09/03	12:10pm	Henry Emrson Requested by Melanie Holland
Friday, 09/03	12:10pm	Lois Carter † Requested by The Cousar's
Saturday, 09/04	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/03	10:00 AM	Frances Reed † Requested by The Cousar's

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

Today is a day of reflection for all of us who have gathered here at God's invitation. Jesus asks us what profit there is in gaining the whole world if we forfeit our life. We would do well to assess our priorities and examine whether we wish to live for ourselves or for Christ. Let us pray today for the grace to take up our cross and follow him.

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.



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

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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

Grant Wycliffe	26
Ethel Barrett	27
Tiffany Mintz	27
Kate Rafter	31

September

Billie Harris	01
Sharon Fournillier	01
Enrique Nieves	01
Amanda Shine	01
Leonard Young	01
Marrisa May	03
Cheryl Riviere	03
Ernest Sutton	03
Jacques Turnier	03
Mary Ann Cunningham	07
Kimberly Glynn	07
Beth Corbett Wright	09
Richard Mark Jolly	09
Bruce Robinson	10
Gordon Sanders	10
Ariana Goode	12
Derrick Lowery	12
Maya Cunningham	13
Kathleen O'Connell	13
Lanier Watkins	13
Marques Polk	14
John Purnell, Jr.	14
William Willis, Jr.	15
Michele Francia	16
Doris Matthew	16
Ana Walters	16
Kevin O'Connell	17
Jaylen Ross-Herman	17
Chanae Owens	19
Clifton Rashad	19
Aidhan Corbett	21
Wilbert J. Spencer	22
Judith Obieke	23
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

Liturgy Schedule August/September 2017

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

Saturday, September 2, 5:00 p.m.
Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, September 3, 10:00 am
Jamar Walker ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 1st Lector
Judy Gallagher ~ 2nd Lector
Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, September 9, 5:00 p.m.
Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, September 10, 10:00 am
Tia Pulliam, Altar Server
Kyle Hopson, Greeter
Lisa Mims, Lector 1
Jasmine MacFarlane, Lector 2
Stacey Lowery, Eucharistic Minister
Adrienne Hopson, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, September 16, 5:00 p.m.
Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, September 17, 10:00 am
Xavier Wycliffe ~ Altar Server
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector
Andrea Queen ~ Lector 2
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, September 23, 5:00 p.m.
Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, September 24, 10:00 am
Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Deidre Robinson ~ Greeter
Herbert Sterling ~ 1st Lector
William Ray ~ 2nd Lector
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
John Rando ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

*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*

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, September 9th, tune in to hear Bishop Malooly's homily recorded at the August 19, 2017 ordination of permanent deacons. 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?

Vocations

St. Paul's words in today's second reading are as timely for us as they were for the Romans to whom he originally addressed them: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God." The most important thing we can do is discern God's will for our lives and then work toward carrying it out. And that requires allowing God to transform our minds, so that the most important question changes from "what do I want to do with my life" to "what do You want me to do with my life, Lord?" If you think God might be inviting you to priesthood or religious life, 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

Sometimes in marriage it seems like one of us is deaf or at least not listening. Other times the speaker mumbles (or so I tell my husband). Which of you is better at speaking; which at listening? Practice each other's gift.

PARENTING POINTERS

Sometimes each of us makes a fool of ourselves. Share a time that you did something foolish and how you recovered. It will give your child hope that they too can recover.

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 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
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

Autumn Grief Support Group

If you are newly bereaved or have been struggling alone with the weight of long term grief, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center's Bereavement Ministry invites you to join us on eight Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Meeting in Nazareth House
 Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center
 2501 Milltown Road
 Wilmington, Delaware 19808

Session 1	Sept. 13	Introductions and Reasons for Coming
Session 2	Sept. 20	Responses within the Grieving Process: Behavioral, Cognitive, Emotional, Physical and Spiritual Responses
Session 3	Oct. 4	Adjustments and Understanding the Grieving Process
Session 4	Oct. 11	Facing Changes: Challenges
Session 5	Oct. 18	The Year's Cycle: Anniversaries, Birthdays, Holidays and Memorials
Session 6	Oct. 25	Relationships with Family and Friends
Session 7	Nov. 1	Stress: Methods of Coping
Session 8	Nov. 8	Experiences: Towards Healing and New Strength

Co-facilitators and Contact Persons:
 Mrs. Frances Castello, M.Div., BCC/Ret. (National Association of Catholic Chaplains Board Certified Retired Hospice Chaplain),
 484-732-8026 or 201-669-0566 or fcastello434@comcast.net and
 Mrs. Angela Malmgren, M.S. in Pastoral Care and Certified Spiritual SDirector, 302-650-0066 or angie.malmgren@gmail.com

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

The Light is Ahead!
Don't Look Back!

Look always ahead!
 Set your face towards Jesus,
 your Brother,
 your Savior and Lord,
 the Light of the World.

Don't look back
 at yesterday's mistakes,
 at yesterday's regrets, or
 at any shadows of yesterday.

Look to Jesus,
 Look upon the brightness
 of His promises.
 Look upon His love
 that casts out fear.
 Look upon His guiding light
 that leads you
 from the shadows of yesterday
 to the light of tomorrow!

Always Look Ahead!

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