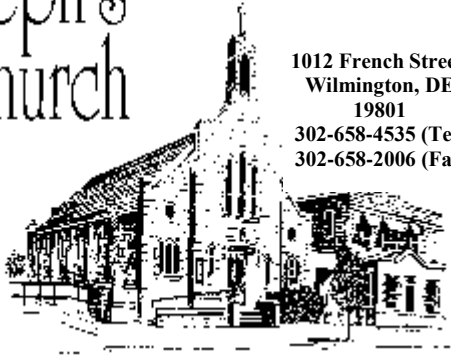


St. Joseph's Church

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, 10 am - 1 pm
Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
Bulletin News: stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com
Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am
Mass — Tuesday thru Friday, 12:10 pm

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.



June 2, 2019 Ascension of the Lord

- ▶ May 28 ~ Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 pm Parish Center Conf. Rm.
- ▶ June 02 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ June 02 ~ Tolton Presentation following mass in Church
- ▶ June 08 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10:00 am
- ▶ June 09 ~ Pentecost Sunday
- ▶ June 16 ~ Father's Day
- ▶ June 18 ~ Faith Sharing Movie Night - "The Shack", 6pm Parish Center
- ▶ June 23 ~ KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 12:30 pm Parish Center
- ▶ June 30 ~ Kateri Circle Meeting, 11:15am Parish Center Conf. Rm.
- ▶ July 14 ~ Mass and presentation in honor of Saint Kateri
- ▶ July 21 ~ Confirmation with Bishop Malooly
- ▶ August 04 ~ Parish Picnic — Contact: Linda Abili

Stewardship Thought

Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully,
joyfully and gratefully managing all the gifts
God has given.



Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses.
The numbers below compares 2019 with the same week in 2018.
Please continue to be prayerful about your contributions to the parish.

May 26, 2019 - \$2,082

May 27, 2018 - \$3,126

Mass Intentions
June 1, 2019 — June 9, 2019

Saturday, 06/01	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/02	10:00 AM	
Monday, 06/03	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 06/04	12:10 PM	
Wednesday, 06/05	12:10 PM	
Thursday, 06/06	12:10 PM	
Friday, 06/07	12:10 PM	
Saturday, 06/08	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/09	10:00 AM	

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
 Deacon: Robert J. Cousar
 Parish Secretary: Loretta L. Young
 St. Vincent dePaul Society: Fayettea Jackson
 Director Religious Education: Mary Polk
 Bookkeeper: Jane Putscher

Dear Lord, bless Saint Joseph's and all parishioners with a year of favor and a year full of your unending love.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Today marks a bittersweet day for the apostles. On the one hand, the Risen Lord is now ascended to be with the Father in heaven. On the other hand, he is no longer physically present on earth with them. Christ is—and will always be—the head of the Church, but before he ascended he placed it in the hands of the disciples. Today we the Church celebrate Christ's ascension by carrying on the mission of the first disciples: witnessing to the Risen Lord to the ends of the earth.

Fr. Paul

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

As I have done for you, you should also do

Our assessed goal this year was \$23,000. To date, we've received payments and pledges totaling \$25,090. Every dollar over our assessed goal is returned to the parish.

Of our 208 households, 54 families participated (26%) and I'm grateful for your generosity.

Participants of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal will receive monthly payment reminders from the diocesan development office. With this in mind, you are asked to submit all payments directly to the diocese using the return envelope enclosed with your monthly invoice. Do not submit payments through the parish office or the weekly Offertory collection.

Again, thank you to all who participated!

Fr. Paul

Faith Sharing Movie Nights!

Parish Center — 6:00 pm



On the 3rd Tuesday during the summer, we will host a movie night. Below is a list of the movies. Light refreshments will be served and a brief discussion will take place following the movie.

- ◆ June 18th ~ The Shack ◆
- ◆ July 16th ~ Bahkita ◆
- ◆ August 20th ~ Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima ◆
- ◆ September 17th ~ The War Room ◆

Everyone is welcome, but space is limited. Contact Mary Mirabeau or DeAnna Cardenas for more information



Parish Bus - June Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, June 2	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, June 9	Daniel Mims
Sunday, June 16	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, June 23	Daniel Mims
Sunday, June 30	Vanel Fleury

Question of the Week

Am I cognizant of Jesus' presence in those around me? Do I realize that others may encounter Jesus in me?

**ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA,
LILY OF THE MOHAWKS
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
JULY 14, 2019**

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church
1012 French Street
Wilmington, DE**

Join us for 10 AM Mass

Dedication of our new St. Kateri Statue

***Blessing of Delegates attending the
80th Annual Tekakwitha Conference***

***Prayer Basket available for your Prayer
Intentions***

Light Refreshments following Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Parish Fund Raising



Saint Joseph's is officially registered as a Charitable organization with Amazon Smile. This is an easy way for everyone in the parish who uses Amazon to participate in on-going fund raising.

Very simply, on your next Amazon purchase, first log-in to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you'll be prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. Select *St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wilmington, Delaware*. On a quarterly basis, The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases. The most important task, is to log-in to Amazon Smile before adding items to your cart. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. Let's see how much we can raise through The AmazonSmile Foundation. If you have any questions, please call the parish office and speak with Loretta Young 302-521-1759.





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 September 18, 2019.**

Fr. Paul Williams, President		
Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio		
Linda Abili	Stephanie T. Bolden	
Vincent Caesar	Thomas E. Gallagher	
J. Barcon Hilton	Chantal Jackson	
Deirdre Robinson	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.

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: _____

Date 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

Because of renovations to the fellowship hall, our Sunday Morning Fellowship with coffee and donuts is suspended until the work is complete. If there is a need to assemble, you may consider using the parish center conference room.

Check with the office for availability.

The renovations have been a long time in the making and **we're grateful that God has brought us to this point.**

Together we anticipate a new kitchen and restrooms and we will convene again for fellowship in approximately 4-6 months.

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 or Margaret Levesque, 302-656-0813. 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



Meets in the Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The group meets at 7:00 pm and the next sessions are:

We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter : June 24, 2019

Becoming by Michelle Obama: September 30, 2019

Please see Geraldine Cochran for additional information.



ST. JOSEPH CHOIR

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.

WILMINGTON DIOCESE GOSPEL CHOIR

WDGC sings at St. Joseph on the fourth Sunday and throughout the Diocese during the year. All voices are invited to join us for rehearsal on Thursday's at 6:30pm in the church. For information, call Brenda Burns at 302-322-6899.

In addition, to become a member of the Saint Joseph Choir or the Gospel Choir, you can simply call the parish office.

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.

Happy Birthday!

June

Yareli Barranco	02
Jaeda Johnson	03
Donna May	04
Judy Gallagher	04
Stacey Lowery	05
Jerrold MacFarlane	07
Loretta Young	07
Rose Porter	08
Bernadette Winston	08
Mimose Fleury	09
Mich'ele Porter	10
Kymyr Tucker	10
Pamela Fletcher	12
James Thomas	12
Danielle Simmonds	13
Judith Smith Brown	16
Fr. Paul Williams	16
David May, Jr.	17
Deidre Ann Robinson	17
Margaret Levesque	18
Earl MacFarlane	18
Nicholas Willis	18
Gavin McClain	20
Charmaine Doyle	21
Jenny Lynn Traynor	22
Charles Wing	23
Dylan Granger	24
Monique Mirabeau	25
Giavanna Cecere	26
London Louise Simmonds	26

*Happy
Birthday
Christian*



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 — June 2019

Saturday, June 1, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, June 2, 10:00 am

Jaylyn Walker ~ Altar Server
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
David Fisher ~ Lector
Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector 2
Marie Cousar ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, June 8, 5:00 p.m.

Judy Gallagher ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, June 9, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server
Stephen Thorpe ~ Greeter
J. Barcon Hilton ~ Lector
Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2
Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Pat Rafter ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



Saturday, June 15, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, June 16, 10:00 am - Happy Father's Day!!

Michael Simmonds & Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Servers
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Jerah Wright ~ Lector 1
Andrea Queen ~ Lector 2
Barbara Pulliam ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Gwen Cavin ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, June 22, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector
Stacey Lowery ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, June 23, 10:00 am

Jamia Walker ~ Altar Server
Denise Scales ~ Greeter
Herb Sterling ~ Lector
William Ray ~ Lector 2
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, June 29, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, June 29, 5:00 p.m.

Jerah Wright ~ Altar Servers
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
Geraldine Cochran ~ Lector
Denise Scales ~ Lector 2
Marie Cousar ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Gwen Cavin ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Give witness to His glory. Jesus reminds His disciples that they are witnesses to His death and resurrection as well as to the forgiveness of sins. Priests, deacons, sisters and brothers bear witness to these saving mysteries by their ministry in service to God's people. Are you interested in finding out what opportunities exist for you to serve in this great venture? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Vocation Director (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdot.org/vocations



Daily Mass offerings around us...

6:30am	St. Ann, IHM
6:45am	St. Anthony (M-S)
7:00am	St. Elizabeth
7:30am	St. Joseph on the Brandywine
8:00am	St. Ann, St. Anthony, St. Patrick(M, W, F), St. Thomas (TWT) St. Hedwig (F) St. Joseph on the Brandywine (S)
8:30am	Corpus Christi (MWF) St. Elizabeth (S) St. Matthew (TTS) St. Mary Magdalen
9:00am	IHM St. Patrick's (First Saturday — Latin)
12:05	St. Joseph on the Brandywine
12:10	St. Joseph French St
12:10	Cathedral of St Peter (T, W, T, F)
5:30 PM	St. Patrick (TT) – with confession at 5:00
6:00pm	St Thomas (M) St. Patrick's (First Friday — Latin)
6:30pm	St. Hedwig (M-Th)

Marriage Moments (by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net)

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Find a way to "lift up" your beloved today - a compliment, a favor, or maybe just be silly and fly a kite together.

PARENTING POINTERS

Don't think that you have to rush in with a solution to every problem your child has. Sometimes all that a child needs is your listening presence to figure out his or her own solution

BISHOP'S 5K WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTREACH



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Wilmington

Please join Catholic Charities for the Bishop's 5K Run/Walk, a totally adaptive event, at 9 am on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE 19702. Pre-register for the event by visiting Bishops5K.com. Registration is \$20 until June 30, \$25 from July 1 to August 22, and \$30 until race day, plus an event fee of \$2.50. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. Call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 with any questions about the Bishop's 5K.

Bishop Malooly will be at the starting line AND finish line of the 4th Catholic Charities Bishop's 5K Run/Walk – will you?



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	Christian Coleman	Nellie Lawrence	Jennie Dahl
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Arlene Dahl
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	Giuseppina Fazzone	Marie Corbitt
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	John Thompson	Jemison Asante	
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Mary Joan Thompson	Vivian Priest	
Arlene Watson	Doris Gallagher	London Louise Simmonds	Chuck Tarver	
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Charlie Anderson	Rose Henderson	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Jessica Fullman	Sister of S. T. Bolden	

Italian Festival Diocese wide class reunions!

Join us during St. Anthony's Italian Festival for a week long diocese wide class reunion! Enjoy catching up with your basketball court rivals from another school, relieve the beauty of your prom or catch up on old times and new family happenings! June 9th thru 16th at St. Anthony's parish grounds. Check below for each days meeting place and time.

June 9th- Classes of 1958-69: Meet at Nona Strada starting at 3pm (located next to the school on 9th St.)

June 10th-Classes of 2001-2018: Meet at Dippin' Dots starting at 6pm.(located across from the rides on Scott St.)

June 11th-Classes of 1970-80: Meet at Salute starting at 6pm.(located across from the rides on Scott St.)

June 12th-Classes of 1981-90: Meet at the La Terapia Del Vino starting at 6pm.(Wine Therapy is located behind the grade school gym entrance)

June 13th-Classes of 1991-2000: Meet at the Tito's Bar starting at 6pm. (located just a few feet from the corner of 10th and Scott's St.)



We invite single Catholic women to experience the life of the Sisters of Bon Secours and to learn more about religious life. This weekend offers time for reflection and one-on-one discussions with a sister. There is also an optional service opportunity to serve those in need and to work as a team within some of our ministries in West Baltimore. That will continue through July 2, 2019 for women who are interested. June 28-30, 2019 & October 25-27, 2019 ARRIVAL: Friday, 5:00 pm DEPARTURE: Sunday, 1:00 pm
PLACE: Sisters of Bon Secours, 1525 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, Maryland 21104 (Near Baltimore)
REGISTER: <https://lifeasasister.org/event-details/come-and-see-vocation-weekend-5/>
or call 410-442-3172



Save the date!

Wilmington Initiatives Transportation Projects Open House

Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Drop-in anytime 4-7 PM

Wilmington Public Library
10 East 10th Street (Rodney Square)

You are invited to a Transportation Open House to learn about several transportation projects proposed for the City of Wilmington. Representatives from the City of Wilmington, Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), DART-Delaware Transit Corporation, and the Wilmington Area Metropolitan Planning Council (WILMAPCO) will be on hand to answer questions. The workshop will highlight many transportation projects planned in the City, including:

- 7th Street Peninsula Study
- 12th Street Connector Alignment Study
- Safety & Capacity Improvement Study for 5-Point Intersection (Maryland, Monroe, MLK)
- I-95 Viaduct Improvements
- Paving Project Coordination with I-95 Construction
- Maryland Avenue Paving & Rehabilitation
- Orange & King Transit Improvements
- A Street
- Garasches Lane
- Christina River Bridge
- Southbridge Phase 2
- Wilmington Bicycle Improvements
- Wilmington Transit Center
- and others

To learn more, please visit www.wilmapco.org/wilmington-initiatives.

Dave Gula, WILMAPCO
100 Discovery Boulevard, Suite 800
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302-737-6205 x122

Wilmington Initiatives is a partnership between the City of Wilmington, DelDOT, DART, and WILMAPCO working together to promote projects in the City of Wilmington designed to create a balanced transportation system.

To learn more about Wilmington Initiatives projects, please visit <http://www.wilmapco.org/wilmington-initiatives/>