

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

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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.



May 28, 2017 Ascension of the Lord

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.

- ▶ CCD Every Sunday following Mass
- ▶ May 28 ~ Make Your Own Strawberry Shortcake Sunday, \$5 Benefits Junior Sodality
- ▶ June 06 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9-11am
- ▶ June 07 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ **June 10 ~ Parish Fund Raiser, Designer Bag Bingo. June 10, 2017 Tickets \$30, only 150 tickets — reserve today! See Damita MacFarlane, Marie Cousar, Sandra Donahue, Adrienne Hopson, or Denise Scales for tickets.**
- ▶ June 18 ~ Caribbean Liturgy and Luncheon. See DeAnna Cardenas
- ▶ June 18 ~ Father's Day
- ▶ June 24 ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am
- ▶ June 25 ~ Confirmation with Bishop Malooly
- ▶ July 08 ~ Bingo, 1pm Fellowship Hall
- ▶ August 06 ~ Parish Picnic



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.

May 14, 2017 — \$2,666 May 15, 2016 — \$2,319

May 21, 2017 — \$2,044 May 22, 2016 — \$2,517

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions

May 27, 2017 — June 4, 2017

Saturday, 05/27	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/28	10:00 AM	
Monday, 05/29	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 05/30	12:10 PM	†Hugh McManus Requested by Jane Crowley
Wednesday, 05/31	12:10 PM	H. T. Conn, Jr. Requested by Kathy & Paul Fahey
Thursday, 06/01	12:10 PM	
Friday, 06/02	12:10 PM	
Saturday, 06/03	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/04	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
Bookkeeper:	Jane Putscher



Introduction to the Liturgy

Today we hear a commandment and a reassurance from the ascending Christ: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” and “I am with you always.” We cannot do the first without the second. In ascending to heaven, it becomes possible for Jesus Christ to be with the Church always and everywhere, rather than in just one place and time. May our prayer today be one of thanksgiving for this wonderful gift of his presence.

Fr. Paul

Question of the Week
To which periphery of my life is the Ascension’s mission impetus sending me?

Make Your Own Strawberry Shortcake Sunday



Benefits the Junior Sodality



Parish Bus - May Schedule

DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, May 07	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, May 14	Clifton Rashad
Sunday, May 21	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, May 28	Vanel Fluery

God Bless Our Bus Drivers! We are grateful to our bus drivers who make personal sacrifices each week to transport our parishioners to and from mass each Sunday. Your crowns will be heavy!

B.Y.O.
Food &
Beverage

St. Joseph Catholic Church
invites you to attend its

Designer Bag Bingo

Door
Prizes &
\$0/\$0!

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 1:00 pm (Doors open at Noon)

St. Joseph Fellowship Hall, 1012 French Street, Wilmington, DE

Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door (18+ only)

Ticket Sellers:

Marie Cousar - 302.388.7469	Adrienne Hopson - 302.290.1713
Sandra Donahue - 646.522.6614	Damita MacFarlane - 610.806.2359
Denise Scales - 302.250.3644	

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For additional information, call church office at 302.658.4535

CARIBBEAN MASS & A TASTE OF THE ISLANDS

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
1012 FRENCH STREET
WILMINGTON, DE 19801

Join us as we celebrate Heritage Month
with a Caribbean themed Mass

on

Sunday, June 18th at 10:00 AM.

Then join us in our Fellowship Hall
for a taste of food favorites,
prepared by our parishioners
from the islands.



SAVE THE DATE

Divided By Water



Together By Culture



WITH "ATIBA" ON
THE STEEL DRUM

SPONSORED BY THE SODALITY OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ON FRENCH ST.

Happy Birthday!

June

Joan McLaughlin	02
Yareli Barranco	02
Jaeda Johnson	03
Donna May	04
Judy Gallagher	04
Stacey Lowery	05
Jerrod MacFarlane	07
Loretta Young	07
Rose Porter	08
Bernadette Winston	08
Mimose Fleury	09
Michele Porter	10
David Redmond	10
Pamela Fletcher	12
Charmaine Doyle Horton	12
Elizabeth Ponder	12
James Thomas	12
Danielle Simmonds	13
Deborah Thomas	15
Judith Smith Brown	16
Fr. Paul Williams	16
Harold Hill, Jr.	17
David May, Jr.	17
Deidre Ann Robinson	17
Margaret Levesque	18
Earl MacFarlane	18
Nicholas Willis	18
Margaret Rose Henry	20
Gavin McClain	20
Sabrina Buckner	21
Jenny Lynn Traynor	22
Charles Wing	23
Dylan Granger	24
Thomas Smith	24
Monique Mirabeau	25
Giavanna Cecere	26
London Louise Simmonds	26

*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 ~ May/June 2017

Saturday, June 3, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector
Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister



Sunday, June 4, 10:00 am

Tia Pulliam ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Stephanie Bolden ~ 1st Lector
Judy Gallagher ~ 2nd Lector
Delores Spencer ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, June 10, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Ava Wycliffe, Altar Server
Fayette Jackson, Greeter
Jasmine MacFarlane, Lector 1
Andrea Queen, Lector 2
Marie Cousar, Eucharistic Minister
Denise Scales, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, June 17, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, June 18, 5:00 pm

W. Walker ~ Altar Server
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
Jed Donahue ~ Lector
Gail Rando ~ Lector 2
John Rando ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, June 24, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, June 25, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
William Ray ~ 1st Lector
Herb Sterling ~ 2nd Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
TBD ~ 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

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 - Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges
- ◆ 4th Sunday - **Loretta & Leonard Young**



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: _____

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.

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.cdow.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 in June and the book for discussion is *The 12 Tribes of Hatie* by Ayana Mathis. **Book Club meets on Monday June 26, 7:00PM.** 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



This week gospel message comes to us from the book of Matthew. This passage reveals Jesus' commission to us, to make disciples. Sometime we forget that Christ has called us to evangelize, and make disciples of others. This call can be scary and difficult to answer, but can be accomplished. Volunteer to be a catechist instructing the youth in the faith, give up some time to assist with youth group, or be a positive role model or mentor to those around you. As disciples we strive to draw closer to the Lord. Joyful participating in the Sacraments and helping those in need is another way we model discipleship. Through modeling discipleship to those around us we encourage others to emulate those behaviors, and assist others in becoming better disciples themselves. Bring this message home this week and contemplate what more you can do to encourage discipleship in others, how are you

Job Opportunities

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities seeks a Program Manager to direct, develop, evaluate and administer the Delaware Energy Assistance Program (DEAP) which assists individuals and families with home heating energy costs. The Delaware Division of Health and Social Services, Office of Community Services, administers this program on a contractual basis under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides the funds. Qualifications are: Bachelor's degree in Social Services, Business Management or related field. Three to five years of relevant work experience which includes supervision and management experience with government contract administration. Ability to administer an effective emergency fuel program. Knowledge, understanding and application of Federal and State regulations. Competence in leadership, communication, problem-solving and time management. Maintain confidentiality. Knowledge of community services. Proficient in bookkeeping/accounting and fiscal management practices.

The Diocese of Wilmington is seeking a Part-time Coordinator of Catholic Youth Ministry Sports. The work schedule is flexible; Monday through Friday up to 20 hours per week with potential, occasional evening and weekend hours. The Coordinator of Catholic Youth Ministry is responsible for coordinating all Catholic Youth Ministry athletic programs and ensuring compliance with Diocesan Safe Environments standards. Qualifications: Three to five years of experience in administering athletic activities/programming or related fields; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, Apple Computers and the Internet. Ability to Travel throughout the geographical footprint of the Diocese of Wilmington. Salary Range:\$17.00 to \$19.00 per hour

To apply or for more information go to www.CareerBuilder.com or apply at jobs@cdow.org. Visit our website at www.cdow.org.



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, June 4th, tune in to hear highlights, including Bishop Malooly's homily, from the recent ordination of Father Richard Jasper at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington. 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.

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 or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Vocations

When He ascended to Heaven, Jesus was taken from the apostles' sight. He remains present to the Church, though, in so many ways: in the Eucharist, in all the baptized, in the Scriptures, and in the lives and ministry of priests, deacons and religious. Is God calling you to live as an agent of Christ's presence through a Church-related vocation? If you think so, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Remember your first long trip together - either for fun, to meet each other's family, or even a funeral. What did you like about making travel plans together? What was a stress because of your differences? What have you learned?

PARENTING POINTERS

The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets, and ceremonies. Inevitably some kids get more awards than others. Help your child recognize his/her internal worth that goes beyond trophies.

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	James Henderson
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	
Barbara Willis	Doris Gallagher	Terry McDonald	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson	
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Mary Joan Thompson	Vivian Priest	Delores Tuller	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	London Louise Simmonds	John Thompson	Charlie Anderson	

ORACLE National Summer Institute for Youth

To you Well Women Witness! We all thought that our encounter with Jesus @ the Well was the bomb! Well! Think of your child or grandchild having 17 days of an experience like our WWW. Why not? The child you love and sacrifice for deserves it! Every summer since 1996, we hold our ORACLE Nat'l Summer Institute for Youth. It's a summer youth program held here in DC with me (Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin) and Msgr. Raymond East and a host of professionals. The dates are Sat., June 17th to July 4th. Our point is to grab our children for Christ; shift the atmosphere; break the chains, and empower them for leadership in the Church as disciples for Christ.

WWW Mystagogia

A **Pentecost Mystagogia** is a powerful teaching done by Sr. Oralisa Martin and Msgr. Raymond East on the Holy Spirit. The theme is: **"Love Worth Waiting For in the Upper Room."** The upcoming Mystagogia is on **Thursday, June 1st at 7:00pm** at ORACLE: 6101 New Hampshire Ave., NE, DC- 20011. **Men are also invited.** Enjoy the flavor of New Orleans Cuisine with Dinner! Register now! Contact Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin: ormartin@oraclereligious.org or (202) 528-8633. **Deadline: May 28th**

2017 Quo Vadis Days for High School and College students will be **Thursday, July 27 to Saturday, July 29** in Malvern, PA. This event offers a time of prayer, fraternity, sports, and recreation focused on the life and ministry of the Priesthood. You will spend three days with other young men who have the same interest and aspiration in life. Is God calling me to be a Priest? For more info and to register online: cdow.org/vocations. Registration deadline is July 9th.

Gift of Days: Spirituality & Aging Retreat

June 6-8 (mid-week)

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat (intended for those 55+) will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. This retreat will consist of input, quiet personal time, prayer rituals, Mass and small group sharing.

Cost: \$125 per person (includes program, lodging & meals)

Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609.884.3829 for more information

June 22nd, 10th Annual Swing Fore Little Sisters Gold Charity Outing at Deerfield Golf Club in Newark, DE with a 12:00 noon shotgun start.

Proceeds from our 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing will go toward replacement of hospital beds in our nursing care units. Please visit our website www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org or contact our Development Office at 302.368.5886.

Save Energy with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has a new program available for individuals who may be struggling with energy costs. As the Energize Delaware Community Energy Center in New Castle County, Catholic Charities can provide households with free energy education, budget counseling, and program referrals. At your appointment, your energy counselor will review your utility bills and discuss ways to reduce your energy usage. They'll also determine what assistance programs are available to help you keep the power on and get back on track. To schedule an appointment, contact Catholic Charities Main Office at 302-655-9624, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

The Ascension of Jesus

It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus, a cloud hid Him from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go" ([Acts 1:11](#))