

# 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

## Summer Office Hours Effective June 1, 2018

Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm

**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)

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday — 10:00 am      Tuesday to Thursday — 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.

## June 24, 2018 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- ▶ CCD meets in Parish Center following center
- ▶ June 23 & 24 ~ Parish Council Election
- ▶ June 24 ~ Confirmation with Bishop Malooly
- ▶ June 24 ~ KPCLA Meeting in Blue Room, 12:30 pm
- ▶ June 24 ~ Peter's Pence Collection
- ▶ July 08 ~ Support the Church in Eastern Europe Collection
- ▶ August 05 ~ Parish Picnic
- ▶ August 15 ~ Assumption

Confirmation  Jessica Chaplin  
Tia Pulliam  
Roberto Rivera

### 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 2017.

**June 10, 2018 — \$3,120**

**June 11, 2017 — \$2,549**

**Thank you for your generosity!!!**

**Mass Intentions**  
**June 23, 2018 – July 1, 2018**

Saturday, 06/23	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/24	10:00 AM	
Monday, 06/25	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 06/26	12:10 PM	
Wednesday, 06/27	12:10 PM	
Thursday, 06/28	—	No Mass
Friday, 06/29	—	No Mass
Saturday, 06/30	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/01	10:00 AM	

<b>PARISH STAFF</b>	
Pastor:	Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
Deacon:	Robert J. Cousar
Parish Secretary:	Loretta L. Young
St. Vincent dePaul Society:	Fayetta Jackson
Director Religious Education:	Mary Polk

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

We take a short break from Sundays in Ordinary Time this weekend for a solemnity that is **celebrated on June 24 every year, no matter the day of the week” The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.** Before he was born, John was chosen by God to prepare the world for the Son of God. Today, as we remember the birth of Saint John the Baptist, let us recall our own baptism and our initiation into the Christian faith.

Fr. Paul



Parish Council Elections  
 June 23 & 24

The candidates are:

- ◆ Stephanie T. Bolden ◆
- ◆ Thomas Gallagher ◆
- ◆ J. Barcon Hilton ◆
- ◆ Kathleen Hodges ◆  
(2nd Term)
- ◆ Deidre Ann Robinson ◆  
(2nd Term)

Please vote for four (4) candidates.

**Sodality's  
 Salad Bar Sunday  
 June 24, 2018**

**Make Your Own Salad**  
 \$6 Includes Beverage

Several types of lettuce: NO Romaine,  
 Spinach, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Onions,  
 Mushrooms, Cheese, Bacon Bits,  
 Croutons, Eggs, Rolls.

This will benefit the JR Sodality

**Parish Bus - May Schedule**



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, June 3	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, June 10	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, June 17	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, June 24	Daniel Mims

**Question of the Week**

How can I prepare the way for  
 Jesus in my corner of the world?  
 Can I recognize a desert  
 somewhere in my world that is  
 without Jesus' message of hope and  
 comfort?

## Annual Catholic Appeal Update

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal was conducted in all diocesan parishes the weekend of April 14 and 15. St. Joseph is truly blessed with many generous **people, who, despite many economic challenges, have supported this year's** campaign with their pledges and gifts. **To date, \$18,835 has been received representing 78.48% of our parish's \$24,000 goal.**

**If you have given to this year's campaign, please know that your participation** is gratefully appreciated. If you have not yet done so, please consider supporting this important effort with a pledge or one-time contribution. Annual Appeal pledge cards are available in the back of the church.

The diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal provides financial support that enables more than thirty ministries throughout our diocese to bring a glimpse of God into the lives of many. The Appeal is an effective way for the diocese to advance the mission of Christ: to feed and house the poor; to minister to the sick and discouraged; to educate our young; and encourage strong, healthy families.

If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on *Giving - Annual Catholic Appeal*.

Again, thank you for being such a wonderfully generous parish. Please know that you are always in my prayers.

Fr. Paul

### **During Fr. Paul's Absence**

Fr. Paul is preparing for knee replacement surgery scheduled for Thursday, June 28th. He will be out of the office until after Labor Day. Fr. Paul will recover and undergo rehabilitation at Holy Name Friary Retirement Facility in Butler, NJ.

During this time, we are blessed that Fr. Emmet Murphy, OFM will celebrate mass on Saturdays and Sundays.

Our weekday mass will resume in September after Fr. Paul returns to the office.

Keep Fr. Paul in prayer that his surgery and his healing will be a good process and that he returns to us refreshed and free of pain.

Please advise Deacon Bob or Loretta Young, parish secretary should you have any pastoral needs during this time.

# 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
Mich'ele Porter	10
Kymyr Tucker	10
Pamela Fletcher	12
Charmaine Doyle Horton	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



*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 June 2018

### Saturday, June 02, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector  
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, June 03, 10:00 am

Jalyn Walker ~ Altar Server  
Denise Scales ~ Greeter  
Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector  
Gail Rando ~ Lector 2  
John Rando ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Jed Donahue ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



### Saturday, June 09, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector  
Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, June 10, 10:00 am

Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server  
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter  
Geraldine Cochran ~ Lector  
J. Hilton ~ Lector 2  
Marie Cousar ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Barbara Pulliam ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, June 16, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector  
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, June 17, 10:00 am

Jamia Walker ~ Altar Servers  
Deirdre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter  
Judy Gallagher ~ Lector 1  
David Fisher ~ Lector 2  
Janice Jolly ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, June 23, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector  
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, June 24, 10:00 am

DaViona Perrigon ~ Altar Server  
Janice Jolly ~ Greeter  
Herb Sterling ~ Lector  
William Ray ~ Lector 2  
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
To Be Determined ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, June 30, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector  
DeAnna Cardenas ~ 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, August or December. The next meeting is April 18, 2018.**

Fr. Paul Williams, President  
Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio  
Linda Abili Vincent Caesar  
Kathy Hodges Chantal Jackson Derrick Johnson  
Deirdre Robinson Damita MacFarlane  
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.

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

We've been blessed to have the coffee and pastries donated on most Sundays of the month as indicated below.

- ◆ 1st Sunday - Ladies Sodality
- ◆ 2nd Sunday - Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 3rd Sunday -
- ◆ 4th Sunday - **Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges**



**Thank You!**  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

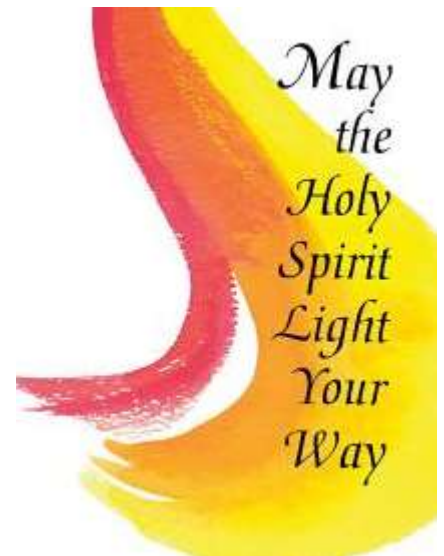
List all resident family members you wish to register at Saint Joseph's and the relationship of all.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_





# 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 book is Born A Crime, by Trevor Noah.

The group will meet on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars. 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 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.

**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.

# THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE



**Let us Rejoice in the Lord! Our Diocese is 150 years old!** For video highlights of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th Anniversary Opening Mass, a calendar of coming events, information about our Historic Churches Pilgrimage Program, *Convocation 150* coming on November 3rd, links, videos, podcasts, and more, go to [www.cdow.org/150th](http://www.cdow.org/150th). Also, follow all the action on social media at [www.facebook.com/cdow150th](http://www.facebook.com/cdow150th), and @CDOW150th on Twitter and Instagram. **"Catholic Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington"** by Fr. Tom Peterman is now available to order as a great gift for Easter, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and more. New low price of \$30 includes shipping and handling. To order and pay, [petermanpublication@gmail.com](mailto:petermanpublication@gmail.com) or mail your check for \$30 to Rev. Thomas Peterman, 2505 Centerville Road, Wilmington DE 19808.

## Office for Marriage and Family Life

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

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Use the light to do something outdoors to renew your love in the early morning or late evening

### PARENTING POINTERS

Discipline does not mean punishment. The purpose of discipline is to help your child learn to become responsible. Allow your child to experience the consequences of their actions.



## Vocations

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

As the great herald of the Christ child is born again, let us all herald the Christ into this world, why not consider becoming a priest for the Diocese of Wilmington by contacting Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations/](http://www.cdow.org/vocations/)



Listen to Catholic Forum Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, July 1, 2018, tune in to meet a newly ordained priest from our diocese, Father Matthew Mary, MFVA and learn about his fascinating conversion and vocational calling. 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Annual Diocesan Pro-Life Conference

To Benefit 40 Days for Life and Rachel's Vineyard

Saturday September 15, 2018

St. Helena's Church Masci Hall

602 Philadelphia Pike Wilmington DE

Workshops 2:00-4:45

Mass 5:00

Dinner following Mass

Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington and the Knights of Columbus/ Christopher Council



Featured speaker: Dr La Verne Tolbert

Workshop: "Helping Kids Say No to Sex"  
Dinner: "Planned Parenthood is NOT Your Friend"

Updates will be posted at [www.facebook.com/wilmingtonforlife/](http://www.facebook.com/wilmingtonforlife/)



**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	Rose Henderson
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	James Thomas	Donna Scott May
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	Jane McDonald	Barbara Stacey	Arlene Watson
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Mary Joan Thompson	Giuseppina Fazzone	
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	London Louise Simmonds	Jemison Asante	
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Charlie Anderson	Vivian Priest	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Jolene Tyson	John Thompson	

"HE WAS NOT AFRAID.  
HE WAS UNAFRAID.  
HE BELIEVED IN THE POWER  
OF BEARING WITNESS  
TO THE TRUTH."  
CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

**I AM  
MLK Jr.**

**SCREENING**  
June 30, 2018  
3:00 p.m.  
Brandywine Town  
Center 16  
3300 Brandywine Parkway  
Wilmington, DE 19803  
Reserve your tickets:  
gathr.us/t/23330

SCAN WITH YOUR  
SMARTPHONE  
TO RESERVE  
YOUR TICKET(S).

**TICKETS  
MUST BE  
PURCHASED IN  
ADVANCE BY  
2:00 P.M.  
ON JUNE 20**

COME TO CAMEROON  
**EXPLORE AFRICA**  
IN MINIATURE

Explore Cameroon in a 10-day adventure. Visit the nation's capital Yaoundé and experience the energy of Ewando Village. See the natural wonders of the other side of the Atlantic at the beach, Oving Lodge, and the Nyong River. Conclude your journey with a delicious farewell dinner.

Date - June 30-30, 2019  
Trip cost - \$4,500. Cost includes international airfare, in-country transportation, accommodations, and meals. Museum and zoo visits are an optional addition.

AMBROSIA MONDOA (302) 293-3695  
RACHEL NGEH (302) 312-0734

The Biblical Storytellers of TRC Presents

An Afternoon of Soul Stirring  
Storytelling & Song

**SUNDAY  
AUG. 12  
@3:00pm**

Delaware Theatre Company  
200 Water Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

**\$20- general seating**

for more info call 302-439-0899  
www.Firsthousewives.com

