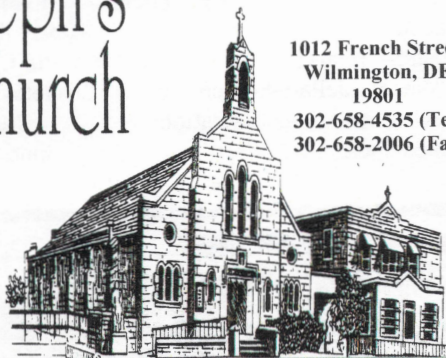


St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



1012 French Street,
Wilmington, DE
19801
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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

Parish Secretary:

parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Bulletin News:

stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com

Website:

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.



JANUARY 1, 2017

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

- ▶ **CCD** — Will resume on Sunday, Jan 8, 2017
- ▶ **Adult Catechism** — Will resume on Sunday, Jan 8, 2017
- ▶ **New Year's Eve** ~ Mass 5:00 pm
- ▶ **New Year's Day** ~ Mass 10:00 am
- ▶ **Christmas Break** ~ Parish Office Closed, Dec 26 thru Jan 2
No weekday mass, Dec 26 thru Dec 30
Weekday mass and regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017
- ▶ **January 28 ~** Prayer Breakfast, 9-11am,
\$15 Adults, \$7 Children

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 2015.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions

December 31, 2016 — January 8, 2017

Saturday, 12/31	5:00 PM	
Sunday, 01/01	10:00 AM	People of the Parish
Monday, 01/02	—	NO MASS
Tuesday, 01/03	12:10 PM	
Wednesday, 01/04	12:10 PM	
Thursday, 01/05	12:10 PM	
Friday, 01/06	12:10 PM	B. Cecelia Requested by Paul & Kathy Fahey
Saturday, 01/07	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/08	10:00 AM	

Introduction to the Liturgy

Today is the Church's oldest celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. There can be no better way to start the New Year than to honor our Blessed Mother and pray with her for peace in our world. As we pray together today at God's invitation, let us be mindful of how the Holy Mother of God cares for the church and the world that her Son died to save.

Fr. Paul



Question of the Week

To whom do I need to bring a special greeting of Christ's peace, with the assurance of supportive friendship, this New Year's Day?

PARISH STAFF

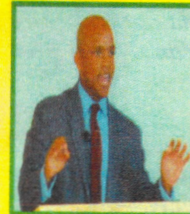
Pastor: Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
 Deacon: Robert J. Cousar
 Parish Secretary: Loretta L. Young
 St. Vincent dePaul Society: Fayette Jackson
 Director Religious Education: Mary Polk
 Bookkeeper: Jane Putscher



11th Annual Breakfast
Black History Month

Do Black Lives Matter in

Today's Black Churches



Speaker:
 Rev. Ceon James,
 Pastor & Founder of
 Grace Christian Fellowship,
 UCC Philadelphia, PA

Saturday, January 28, 2017
 9:00 am. - 11:00 a.m.
 Tickets: \$15.00 (adults)
 \$7.00 (children 8 and over)
 Contact Dr. Glenda Townsend-302-478-5246

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 Wilmington, DE 19801



Parish Bus December Schedule

DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, December 4	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, December 11	Daniel Mims
Sunday, December 18	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, December 25	Daniel Mims

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!



Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas flower fund, thus far. The church is beautifully decorated because of your generosity. There is still time for additional contributions.

Patrick Abili

In memory of John, Clara, James Knott

Lonnie Ashe

In memory of deceased family members

Brenda Burns

In memory of her mother Mary E. Ryder, Fred E. Ryder, Sr., Fred E. Ryder, Jr., Lawrence Burns

Gwen Cavin

In memory of Flora Harris, Willie Dale, Viola Grigs, Revater Wells

Dana Crumety

In memory of Hortense Crumety, Arlene Wilson, In honor of Francis & Emma Crumety, and Stewart, Battafargno and Ford Families

Marie & Anthony Dash

Herman & Marian Evans, Betty Poindexter, James Evans, Jr., Kenneth & Rozina Dash

Sandra & Jed Donahue

In memory of deceased family members

Joan Drakes

In memory of Joseph & Elsie Alleyne, Sister Theresa Alleyne

Vanel Fleury

In memory of deceased family members

Rose Henderson

In memory of McKinley Family

Yvonne Hill

In memory of Anna E. Napier, Vincent dePaul Napier, Bernard D. Napier, and Bernadette Y. Napier

Rob & Adrienne Hopson

In memory of Talmadge Hopson, Carroll Belton

Irmina Hudson

In honor of Quinlan Family

Fayette Jackson

In memory of Elmer Hudson, Eureka Hudson, William E. Jackson, Sr.

John Manning

In memory of Marian Manning, Andrew Manning

Earl & Damita MacFarlane

In memory of deceased family members

Doris Matthews

In memory of LaTaya Lopez, Roy H. McIntyre, IV Mr. & Mrs. Howard Perrigan, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Berry

Elizabeth McGeever

In memory of Francis & Nancy McGeever

Denise McIntyre

In memory of Roy McIntyre, IV LaTaya Lopez

Shirley Murray

In memory of Parents and Son

Rafter & O'Connell Families

In memory of Jean O'Connell Brynes, Daniel E. O'Connell, Sr., George C. Burns, and Charles Kobsko

John & Mary Polk

In memory of Bernice Wilson, Edward Wilson, John & Josephine Polk

Pat Rafter

In memory of Daniel E. O'Connell, Sr., Jean O'Connell Brynes, George C. Brynes, Joseph W. Faustman

LaVon Robinson

In memory of Lois Robinson and in honor of Barbara Willis, St. Joseph Church Family

Marie Reed

In memory of the Reed & Robertson Families

Gorden & Gwen Sanders

In memory of Darrell F. Sanders & L. Sanders-Smith, Rochelle Famsey

Jacqueline Smith

In memory of deceased members of Smith, Fearon, Sammons and Gould Families

Chuck Tarver

In Memory of Rupert J. Tarver, Jr., Stanley J. Tarver, Daisey Nero, Darryl Simms

John & Mary Joan Thompson

In memory of Scott Thompson, L. Sanders-Smith, Rochelle Famsey

Dora Williams

In memory of all who have gone before me in the name of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

Barbara Willis

In Thanksgiving!

Loretta & Leonard Young

In memory of deceased members of the Coleman, Reynolds, and Young Families



Happy Birthday!

January

Francis Crumety	01
Arielle Mobley	03
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Oryem Kilama	06
Chanel Scott	07
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Marie Rivera	08
Jeannette Sammons	08
Albert Fletcher	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Andres Barranco	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Jacquar White	10
Brian Owens	12
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Luzma Kilama	13
Laura Chaplin	14
Margaret Clifford	14
Sheris Owens	14
Tauqeer Rashad, Jr.	14
Chantal David Towles	14
James DiSandro-Cole	15
Theodore Busch	16
Symone Martin	16
Andrew Parlock	17
Julian Carter	19
Nicole Long	10
Margareth Hoey	20
Mikayla Purnell	20
Anne Taylor	20
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Kali Watkins	21
Yvonne Bracy	22
Kyle Hopson	22
Josephine Mahler	22
Howard Robbins	22
Aaliyah Herman	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Ryan Turnier	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Tiara Goode	25
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	30
Ethel Newton	31
Latasha Newton	31

Liturgy Schedule ~ January 2017

Sunday, January 1, 2017 New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.

Tia Pulliam ~ Altar Server
 Deirdre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
 Herbert Sterling ~ Lector 1
 William Ray ~ Lector 2
 Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
 Marie Cousar ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 7, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
 Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 8, 10:00 am

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server
 Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
 Jasmine MacFarlane ~ 1st Lector
 Judy Gallagher ~ 2nd Lector
 Delores Spencer ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
 Lorraine Eckrich ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



Saturday, January 14, 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Young ~ Lector
 DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.

Ava Wycliff ~ Altar Server
 Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
 Gail Rando ~ 1st Lector
 Lisa Mims ~ 2nd Lector
 John Rando ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
 Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 21, 5:00 pm

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
 Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 am

J. Ledesma ~ Altar Server
 Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
 Herbert Sterling ~ 1st Lector
 William Ray ~ 2nd Lector
 Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
 Pat Rafter ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 28, 5:00 pm

Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector
 Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 am

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server
 Kyle Hopson ~ Greeter
 Anthea Bedminster ~ 1st Lector
 Stephen Thorpe ~ 2nd Lector
 Gwen Cavin ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
 Denise McIntyre ~ 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
 Please include your name, birth month, day and year.*

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. **The next meeting is scheduled for January 18.** The members are:

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
- ♦ 5th Sunday - Sandra & Jed Donahue and Kathy & Paul Fahey



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: _____

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 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

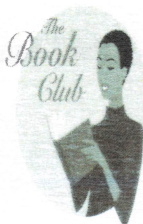
Web: http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf

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.

The **Saint Vincent dePaul Thrift Store Boutique** is in need of shopping bags. PLEASE give bags from department Stores such as MACY, BOSCOV, NORSTROM and any specialty boutiques. . Saint Vincent de Paul has a Boutique Store in Eastern Maryland and use these type of shopping bags for customers. Please provide Barbara E. Willis with all bags.

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 session will take place on Monday, January 23, 2017.

The book is **Black Indians** by **William Loren Katz**. Please see Geraldine Purnell.



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.

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.

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>.

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Good News!

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, January 8th, tune in to hear an interview with Sister Crista Rowe and Ms. Jennifer Callahan from Ministry of Caring. 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 catholicforumradio.libsyn.com or search "Catholic Forum Radio" on iTunes or iHeartRadio podcasts

Vocations Reflection

Parents: we don't know much about the hidden life of Jesus as He grew up under the loving care of Joseph and Mary. What we do know is that both Joseph and Mary trusted firmly in God's promises. Do you have a daughter or son that God might be calling to priesthood or religious life? If so, how are you modeling trust in God for them? Watching a child discern and respond to any kind of vocation is always an act of faith. If you think your daughter or son might have a religious vocation and would like to speak about it, please 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

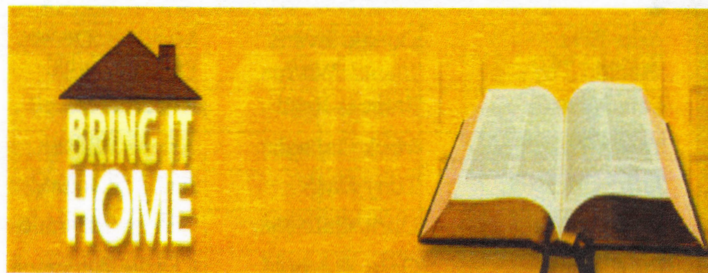
by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

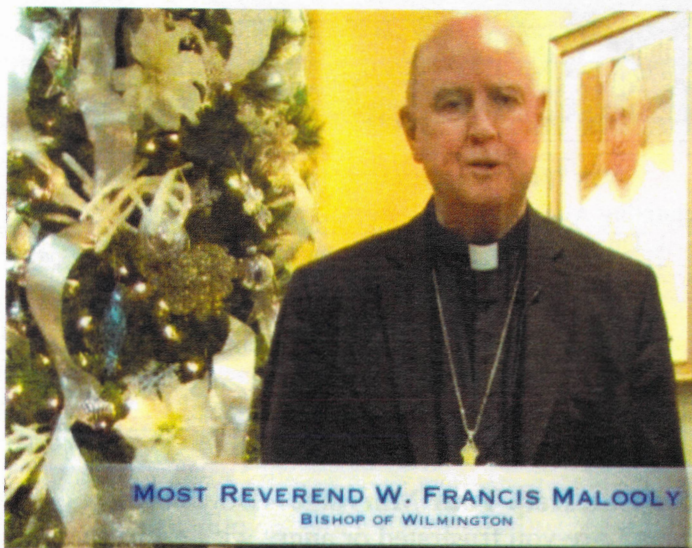
Traditionally people make resolutions to improve themselves at the beginning of the year. In marriage, since you are united in love, what improves one spouse also improves the other. What marriage building practice do you want to start or continue during 2017?

PARENTING POINTERS

According to tradition, 3 kings came to honor the baby Jesus and we call this feast the Epiphany (the recognition of Jesus as God by the larger world). Consider giving something gold, sweet smelling, or soothing (myrrh) to your child as a sign of God's presence within him or her.



Happy New Year! This Sunday we bring in the New Year and celebrate the Blessed Mother Mary. As you contemplate your New Years resolutions I would challenge you to make the declaration this year to, like Mary, say yes to God. When reflecting on Mary I am always drawn back to the fact that despite the issues it may have caused her, she still said yes to God. Contemplate how you have said yes to God and in what way is God calling you to continue to say yes to Him. We all have different gifts and talents to offer so consider utilizing these in support of the Church and its mission.



Love is the Reason for the Season

..as Christians we are called to love those who are on the margins of society. Let's open our hearts to God and to one another.

May our loving of God and each other inspire us to better discipleship and fill us with joy this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Excerpts from the Bishop Christmas recording.
https://youtu.be/_zuQewKuYNY

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	Margaret Dorsey	Nellie Lawrence	Rose Henderson
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Delores Tuller	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman
Leta Johnson	Frances Reed	Roberta Howell	Bernard Paskins	Donna Scott May
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	Arlene Watson	Barbara Stacey	Jemison Asante
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Jane McDonald	Giuseppina Fazzone	Mary Joan Thompson
Barbara Willis	Doris Gallagher	Terry McDonald	Bernice T. Ashe	Gordon Sanders
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Charlie Anderson	James Collins	Leonard J. Young, Jr.
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	London Louise Simmonds	John Thompson	



The National Black Catholic Congress

Hyatt Regency Orlando, Florida

E-mail: nbcc@nbccongress.org / tel: 410.547.8496

Congress XII in Orlando, Florida is coming July 6-9, 2017!
Never been to a Congress? Find out what all the fuss is about -
watch the Congress XI video (from 2012) here!

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

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. The Retrouvaille Program is endorsed by the Diocese of Wilmington. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February 10-12, 2017 program, call 1-800-966-7981 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Grade School Open House:

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School's Open House will be on January 22, 2017, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Please stop by to take a tour and meet our teachers from Preschool through 8th Grade who will be on hand to answer questions about our academic and extracurricular programs. We especially invite you to talk with us about our Special Education Program! Please feel free to inquire about our family-friendly single-rate tuition program. Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year will begin at the Open House! For additional information please contact our office at 302-421-3743, or visit our website: sapgs.org.

