

Pastor

Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM pw4ofm@aol.com

DEACON

Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm **Office Hours:**

Friday, 10am - 1pm

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Bulletin News: stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

SCHEDULE

Sunday — 10:00 am Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Tuesday to Friday — 12:10 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **February 5, 2017**

- ▶ CCD Parish Center immediately following Sunday Mass
- ► Adult Catechism Sunday's, 11:30 —12:15 am in Blue Room
- ► February 05 ~ Baptism of Jaylen Elijah Ross-Herman
- ► February ~ Black History Month Activities
 - 05 Video of Black History and discussion with adults by Lanier Watkins
 - 12 Video of Black History and discussion with youth by Lanier Watkins Health Screenings by Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Tau Eta Chapter
 - 19 Presentation by Dr. Angela Winand, Delaware Historical Society, Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
 - 26 Soul Food Luncheon
- ► February 05 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am
- ► February 11 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9-11am
- ► February 25 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
- ► February 25 ~ NAACP Annual Breakfast & Oratory Presentation, 9am
- ► February 25 ~ Mardi Gras Party, Sponsored by KPCLA, 7pm Midnight Nawlins Sampler & Showcase, 2 tickets for \$50
- ▶ February 25 ~ KPCLA Meeting in Blue Room, 11:30 am
- ► March 01 ~ Ash Wednesday, 12:10pm Mass, 1pm Liturgy of Word
- ► March 03 ~ KPC Lenten Fish Fry
- ► April 01 ~ KPCLA - Sands Casino Bus Trip, Bethlehem, PA \$40,

Contact Deborah Robinson

► May 06 ~ KPCLA - National African American Museum, \$40,

Contact Mary Mirabeau

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. January 29, 2017 - \$3,089

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions February 4, 2017— February 12, 2017

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Saturday, 02/04	5:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 02/05	10:00 AM	† William Forbes	
		Requested by Jane Crowley	
Monday, 02/06		NO MASS	
Tuesday, 02/07	12:10 PM		
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Wednesday, 02/08	12:10 PM		
Thursday, 02/09	12:10 PM		
Friday, 02/10	12:10 PM		
Saturday, 02/11	5:00 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 02/12	10:00 AM	† Robert	
		Requested by Jane Crowley	

Introduction to the Liturgy

Our Sunday focus on discipleship continues in today's readings. We who were called to live the Beatitudes last week are now encouraged to let our light shine. As we move through our celebration today, let us ask God to strengthen our faith so that we can truly believe that the presence of Christ in each of us has the power to bring light to the darkness of racism, fear, hunger, oppression, and all the other evils in our world.

Fr. Paul

SNOW & CHURCH

During the wintertime, many ask about a St. Joseph's snow policy. I always offer the following: When there is a winter storm, it is best to err on the side of safety when you are thinking about coming to mass. Loretta will submit all parish weather cancellations on radio station WDEL ll50 and change the voicemail greeting advising whether or not there will be mass. Remember, I might not be able to make it from the friary at St. Paul's if the snow is too deep or if the roads are treacherous. While this is not a specific policy, my best advice is to be prudent.

Fr. Paul

PARISH STAFF

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
Bookkeeper: Jane Putscher

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Below is a summary of the matters discussed during the January 25th Parish Council meeting.

- ◆ Agreed to have a Caribbean Liturgy and Luncheon.

 Date to be determined. Coordinator: DeAnna Cardenas.
- ♦ Building Repairs: Corrected steam leak in parish hall; cleaned and reorganized kitchen storage room; preparing to replace lavaliere microphone in church; ice machine is broken and can not be repaired. Agreed to replace.
- ◆ Parish Bus: We currently have four drivers and one in training.
- ◆ Parish Council will prepare to solicit candidates for the **St. Joseph Scholarship.** Scholarship(s) are available to active parishioners attending Catholic grade school or high school. Scholarship (s) will be awarded in the spring of this year. Coordinators are Damita MacFarlane and Linda Abili.
- ♦ Bingo New Parish Fundraiser: KPC and KPCLA are facilitating a new parish fundraiser with the goal of raising a minimum of \$10,000 per year with all proceeds going to the Church. Kick-off Designer Bag Bingo in June 2017 and Cash Bingo one Saturday per month beginning in July 2017. This will be an on-going parish fund raiser and all parishioners are needed to ensure success.

Question of the Week

How can my discipleship contribute some aspect of gospel truth unobtrusively, like salt, to the worlds in which I move? Is there another situation that calls for my baptismal witness to shine more obviously, like a light on a lampstand?

Parish Bus - January Schedule



DATE	DRIVER		
Sunday, February 5	Yolanda Mohammed & Clifton Shine		
Sunday, February 12	Daniel Mims		
Sunday, February 19	Yolanda Mohammed		
Sunday, February 26	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!



Party & Showcase

Saturday, February 25, 2017 7:00 pm til 12:00 Midnight

Tickets: \$30 each or 2 for \$50

Parish Fellowship Hall 1012 French Street Wilmington, DE 19801



Price Includes: Games, Music, Food Sampling of Gumbo, Jambalaya, Red Beans & Rice, Shrimp Etoufee Lots of Nawlins style fun!

Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
Contacts: Anthea Bedminster at 302. 897.5320 or
anthbed@yahoo.com

St. Joseph's Parish Office at 302.658.4535

Happy Birthday

Jean Brysson	01	
Jessica Chaplin	01	
Rosemary Smith	01	
Sam Donahue	02	
Zoe Donahue	02	
Seth Eckrich	02	
Matt Hoey	02	
John Polk, Jr.	02	
Brenda Burns	04	
Samia Hopson	04	
Denise Scales	04	
Daniel Caesar		
Natasha Craig Ofosu		
Bernard Pearce	10	
Atim Kilama	11	
Kendra Parlock	12	
Christel Turnier	12	
Sidney Abili	13	
Cathleen Lozes	13	
Joseph Persaud	14	
Le'Verne Cecere	15	
Brenda Daye	15	
Marcus Small	15	
Terrence Clark	16	
George Winston	16	
Lorraine Eckrich	16	
Kaeman Saunders	18	
Tyiesha Enwerem	19	
Timothy Skidmore	19	
L'Ause Dye	20	
Jacqueline Loosararian	21	
David May, III	21	
Kathleen Hodges	23	
Dianne Skidmore	22	
Marlyn Rashad	23	
Albert Scales, Sr.	23	
Nicole Martin-Henry	24	
Chanae Council	25	
Martin Taylor	25	
Brian Glynn	26	
Robachelle Neely	26	
Kevin Daye	27	
Daniel Mahler	27	

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 February 2017

Saturday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Chris Walker ~ Altar Server
Deirdre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
Lorraine Eckrish ~ Lector 1
Geraldine Cochran ~ Lector 2
Janice Jolly ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise Scales~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 11, 5:00 pm

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister



Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server Kyle Hopkins ~ Greeter Andrea Queen ~ 1st Lector Jasmine MacFarlane ~ 2nd Lector Barbara Pulliam ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 18, 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Young ~ Lector DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter Kevin O'Connell ~ 1st Lector Stephanie Bolden ~ 2nd Lector Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 25, 5:00 pm

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 am

J. Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Marissa Ledesma ~ Greeter
Herbert Sterling ~ 1st Lector
William Ray ~ 2nd Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise McIntyre ~ 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. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017. 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
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 <u>not</u> 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:
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

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

- 1st Sunday Ladies Sodality
- 2nd Sunday Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
- 3rd Sunday Loretta & Leonard Young
- 4th Sunday Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges
- 5th Sunday Gail & John Rando





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, and the last thing at night. When the pastor is away, 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.

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, Please see Geraldine Purnel

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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

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 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 vou!

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

Good News!S

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, February 12th, tune in to hear an interview with Father Emerson Rodriguez, OFM, Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Wilmington and learn about the V Enquentro. 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 iTunes or iHeartRadio podcasts.

The Way of St. Francis
A Weekend for Black Catholic Men
Open to Religious Life
February 10-12, 2017
at Holy Name College
Silver Spring, MD

Join our friars to learn about Franciscan life and ministry and to hear about the experiences and joys of African- American men.

We welcome men of African descent ages 18 to 45 to share meals and conversation and to listen to presentations by friars and others involved with the Order that was founded in 1209 by St. Francis of Assisi.

For information or to RSVP, contact Kirk Gaddy at 443.285.1663 or kgaddy@sfismd.org by February 1. Include "Vocation Retreat" in the subject line.



This event is sponsored by the Franciscan friars of Holy Name Province. Learn more about our way of life at www.HNP.org



Matthew's message speaks about us being a light to the world and those around us. As spoken in the Gospel when one lights a lamp they do so for others to see it, not to cover it up or hide it. As Catholic we know that Jesus is the light of the World and we should proudly display this truth in both word and deed. This week ask yourself; have you been a beacon of light for the Lord? Is Christ's love shinning through you? With Christ at our side others will see the love and joy that He provides burning brightly through us.

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"I establish my covenant with you." (Genesis 9:11) Although this passage refers to God's covenant with Noah to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage covenant is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

PARENTING POINTERS

"Share your bread...Shelter the homeless...Clothe the naked." (Isaiah 58:7) Although this scripture is usually meant to urge people to go beyond their own families, if you are in the active parenting stage of life, it may be enough to feed, shelter, and clothe your own family. If you're stretched pretty thin this week, you're allowed to count that. It's holy

Vocations Reflection

Jesus Christ is the true light of the world, and He invites all the members of His Body to be light for the world. Some He calls to serve as priests or deacons, religious sisters or brothers. What about you? Might God be calling you to religious life or holy orders? One of the most important things we can do in our lives is to work at discerning God's personal call for us. If you'd like some help along the way, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Don't forget to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

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

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	James Thomas



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!

The 78th Annual Tekakwitha Conference, with the theme, "Loving One Another Through the Spirit of Saint Kateri," will be held on July 19-23, 2017 in Rapid City, South Dakota. For more information, including registration, go to www.tekconf.org. In Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, please contact Gail Rando at naministry@gmail.com, 352-445-2350 or Sharon Ward wsward2@verizon.net, 302-545-3383 for more information.

WWW: Well Women Witness

Sponsored By: ORACLE Religious Assn. "In Times Like These We Need the Savior!"

Incarnation Catholic Church 880 Eastern Avenue, NE; DC 20019

Speaker ~ Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin

Saturday, March 4, 2017 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Closing Mass @ 4:00PM For registration online:

http://events.eventzilla.net/e/w-w-w-well-womenwitness--anniversary-2138892608

Tickets: \$55 up to Jan. 23rd; \$60 after Jan.23rd ~2017

Breakfast & Lunch Included

Credit Card payment ~ Call: Sis/Dr. Oralisa Martin (202) 528-8633

CATECHETICAL DAY- DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

Please join Bishop W. Francis Malooly at St. Thomas More Academy on March 11, 2017 for Catechetical Day. John Collins, William H. Sadlier's National Speaking Consultant, is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information on the day please call the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or to register please visit www.cdow.org/catecheticalday.

2017 Pilgrimage Registration for the 2017 Pilgrimage Love Without Measure is now open! We are in the eighth year and we hope to gather one thousand youth, young adults, and families this year. The date is April 8, 2017 and registration closes on April 2, 2017. Our guest presenter/musician is <u>Cooper Ray</u>. Please visit the <u>Pilgrimage</u> webpage for more details on the event and to register. There is also a registration for Pastors who would like to assist with Reconciliation and/or closing Mass. Please feel free to pass this information on to your Pastor. Please reply to this email if you would like posters to advertise.

Annual Recognition Dinner The Annual Recognition Dinner will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at The Rollins Center at Dover Downes. Now is the time to meet with your parish and school leaders to name your Volunteer of the Year recipient, name your two St. Timothy National Youth Award recipients, and to decide on nominations for the St. John Bosco Diocesan Award and the Companions on the Journey National Award. All named recipients and nominations must be submitted to CYM prior to April 2, 2017. You can visit the <u>Recognition Dinner website</u> for more details on the criteria of the awards, to submit your names, and to make reservations. Dinner reservations must be made online prior to April 27, 2017.