



THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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MASS SCHEDULE

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

*The Church is open for Prayer & Meditation Tuesday—Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.*

Notary Services
Available
Upon Request.
See Loretta Young

MARRIAGE:

All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the Pastor at least one year prior notice in order to satisfy all diocesan requirements for marriage. All couples must attend either Pre-Cana Classes or make an Engaged Encounter.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents and Godparents must participate in a Pre-Baptismal program. Please call the Pastoral Center to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the Pastoral Center and complete a parish registration form.

CARE OF THE SICK AND

HOMEBOUND: The Pastor, Deacon, and special ministers of Holy Communion will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. The Pastor and Deacon make regular visits to local hospitals. **Please notify the Parish Office if any parishioner is ill or hospitalized.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, TELEPHONE NUMBER: Contact the Parish Office if your personal contact information changes.



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 10, 2019

- ▶ CCD Classes ~ Parish Center immediately following mass
- ▶ February 16 ~ Young ladies of the Blessed Mother 12:00 pm —1:30 pm
- ▶ February 19 ~ Bible Study, 12 Week Series, 6:00 pm —8:30 pm
“The Bible Continues” and the “Catholic Take”
- ▶ March 3 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ February 24 ~ KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 12:30
- ▶ March 6 ~ Ash Wednesday:
12:10pm Mass and 1:00 pm Liturgy of the Word
- ▶ March 8 ~ Lenten Fish Fry (New Location: Parish Center)
- ▶ March 9 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10:00 am
- ▶ March 10 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The amounts below reflect collections of 2018 compared to 2019.

February 3, 2019—\$2,795 February 4, 2018 —\$2,116

Stewardship Thought: Ask yourself these two questions
“How do I feel God has blessed me in the past year? and
How do I feel God is calling me to respond?”

Mass Intentions

February 9, 2019 — February 17, 2019

Saturday, 02/09	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/10	10:00 AM	† Minnie Lee Newman Requested by Victor Newman & Family
Monday, 02/11	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 02/12	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Wednesday, 02/13	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Thursday, 02/14	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Friday, 02/15	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Saturday, 02/16	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/17	10:00 AM	Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Loretta L. Young

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

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

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

We are called to be disciples of Jesus. It is not enough just to believe; we are asked to take up our crosses and follow him. WE are challenged to make sacrifices. We are challenged to live out our faith. We are challenged to be the face of Jesus in those whom we meet. As we celebrate Mass today, let us look for ways that we can better live out our faith.

Fr. Paul

Serving Our Parish

A very special thanks to those who made yet another sacrifice to help the parish.

The following individuals are serving the parish as money counters.

1st Sunday: Vincent Robinson & Vernon Taylor
 2nd Sunday: John Polk & Brenda Burns
 3rd Sunday: Denise Scales & Patty Rafter
 4th Sunday: Sandra Donahue & Deborah Robinson
 5th Sunday: Sandra Donahue & Deborah Robinson

Mattu Pennoh has agreed to volunteer to help with data entry in the parish office one day a week.

Gail Rando, DeAnna Cardenas and Denise Scales have agreed to help with CCD education.

On behalf of all parishioners, I extend a very special thanks to these individuals for putting forth extra effort in serving our parish.

Grateful,
Fr. Paul

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

The Bible Continues



WHAT: A 12 week DVD series

WHEN: **Tuesday's beginning Feb 19th**
 6:00 PM Light Supper
 6:30 PM View DVD
 7:30 PM Discussion/Wrap Up
 "The Catholic Take"
 8:00 PM Closing

WHERE: Parish Center Conference Room

CONTACT: Mary Mirabeau,
302-354-2378

Bring bibles for discussion/wrap up.

Question of the Week

How am I called to transform my life? Have I already transformed my life and feel called to encourage others to do so as well?

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"Black History is American History"



Servant of God
Julia Greeley
c.1840 - 1918
Former Slave
Third Order Franciscan

Almighty and Ever-Living God, we thank you for the life of your Servant, Julia Greeley, who burned with great zeal for the proclamation of your Kingdom and the needs of the poor. May we imitate her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which she encountered each day at Holy Mass. We pray that as you always lift up the lowly to places of honor, you may someday raise the name of this holy woman to your sacred altar. We ask this through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom Julia so greatly loved and imitated. Amen.

-Pedro de la Cruz

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Black History Fact: Pearl Bailey



PEARL Pearl Bailey was an American entertainer remembered for her sultry stage voice. Bailey started off singing in nightclubs, later taking secondary roles in many films.

She played the title role in the all-black Broadway production of *Hello, Dolly!* in 1968. She wrote several books, including *Hurry Up America* and *Spit*. She earned her bachelor's degree in theology from Georgetown University at age 67.

Kente Colors & Their Meanings

-  **Gold:** royalty, wealth, spiritual purity
-  **Yellow:** royalty, wealth, holy, precious
-  **White:** purity, healing, festive occasions
-  **Blue:** peace, harmony, love
-  **Green:** harvest, growth, spiritual renewal
-  **Red:** blood, strong political & spiritual feelings
-  **Maroon:** mother earth, healing
-  **Purple:** earth, healing, femininity
-  **Black:** maturation, spirits of the ancestors

Happy Birthday!

February

Jessica Chaplin	01
Rosemary Smith	01
Sam Donahue	02
Zoe Donahue	02
Seth Eckrich	02
John Polk, Jr.	02
Brenda Burns	04
Samia Hopson	04
Denise Scales	04
Daniel Caesar	05
Mary Kegelman	08
Bernard Pearce	10
Sidney Abili	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 Loosarian	21
David May, III	21
Kathleen Hodges	23
Dianne Skidmore	22
Marlyn Rashad	23
Albert Scales, Sr.	23
Chanae Council	25
Mattu Pennoh	25
Martin Taylor	25
Brian Glynn	26
Kevin Daye	27
Daniel Mahler	27
Valerie Williams	28



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 2019

Saturday, February 2, —10:00 am

Herb Sterling ~ Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 3, 10:00 am

Jamia Walker ~ Altar Server

Sheila Cavin ~ Greeter

Stephanie Bolden ~Lector 1

J. Barcon Hilton ~ Lector 2

Marie Cousar ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



Saturday, February 9, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 10, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server

Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter

Geraldine Cochran ~ Lector

Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2

Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Gwen Cavin ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 16, 5:00 p.m.

Judy Gallagher ~ Lector

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Monday, February 17, 10:00 am

Jaylyn Walker ~ Altar Server

Sheris Owens ~ Greeter

Lisa Mims ~ Lector

Jed Donahue ~ Lector 2

Lorraine Eckrich ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Adrienne Hopson ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 23, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector

Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 24, 10:00 am

Jerah Wright ~ Altar Server

Michael Simmonds ~ Altar Server

Denise Scales ~ Greeter

Herb Sterling ~ Lector

William Ray ~ Lector 2

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. **Parish Council does not meet in June, July, August or December. The next meeting is February 20, 2019.**

Fr. Paul Williams, President

Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio

Linda Abili Stephanie T. Bolden

Vincent Caesar Thomas E. Gallagher

J. Barcon Hilton Chantal Jackson

Deirdre Robinson Doris Matthews

John Rando Cheryl Riviere Loretta Young

The **Finance Committee** is responsible for helping the pastor with creating and managing the budget and to ensure the parish is fiscally sound. Members are appointed by the pastor and meet quarterly. Current committee members are:

Deacon Bob Cousar, Chair

Dana Crumety

Judy Gallagher

Herb Sterling

Bertley Wharton

TRIP TO THE BATHROOM

Little people sometimes find it necessary to make a bathroom visit during mass to relieve boredom if nothing else. Fellowship hall and the bathrooms are unsupervised and accessible to outsiders. For the safety of our little ones, their grown-up should accompany them when they take a break. Nothing has happened and we want to be sure it doesn't.

Parking Lot

During the weekdays, the parking spaces are not available. In addition, please do not park in the pastors' or volunteer parking slots. These slots are available on Sunday, but never during the weekday. If you have a special request, please call the office. Thank you.

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 - Marie Dash & Rose Henderson
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Kathy Hodges, Fayette Jackson & Anonymous
- ◆ 5th Sunday - St. Joseph's Parish



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: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

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

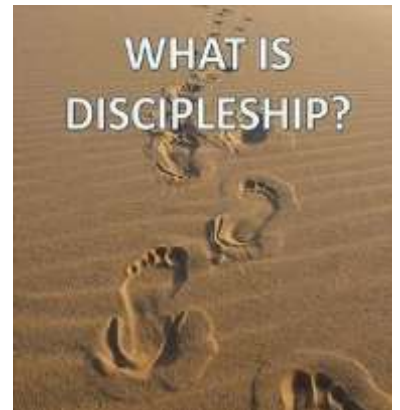
Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Home Telephone: _____

WHAT IS
DISCIPLESHIP?



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.cdw.org/ccdonation.html>.

Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies' Auxiliary is comprised of over 18,000 Catholic family members. We continue our expansion efforts welcoming all Catholics to join. Our purpose is to render service to God and His Holy Church. If you would like to join our organization please see Grand Knight Vincent Robinson or Grand Lady Brenda Burns.

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Reporting Allegations of Child Abuse to Authorities

1. Division of Family Services at 1-800-292-9582
2. State Attorney General's Office 302-577-8310
3. Report to Fr. Paul, Deacon Cousar or Loretta Young
4. Report to Diocese: Vicar General 302-573-3118



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

Mudbound by Hillary Jordan : April 29, 2019

Behind Close Doors by B.A. Paris : June 24, 2019

Becoming by Michelle Obama: September 30, 2019

Please see Geraldine Cochran for additional information.



ST. JOSEPH CHOIR

If you would like to help us celebrate the Mass and get extra credit, (because you know when you sing you are praying twice), please come and join the St. Joseph Choir. We rehearse and sing every Sunday, except 4th Sunday, in the Parish Center Conference Room at 9:15 AM. If you are interested, please see DeAnna Cardenas.

WILMINGTON DIOCESE GOSPEL CHOIR

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

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

Emergency contact == To contact the pastor after hours, call the parish number. The messages are checked every few hours, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. When the pastor is away, the parish secretary checks the phone frequently and will notify the pastor if there is a grave situation.

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Yes, even you! In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us that when the Lord called him to serve as a prophet, he protested because he was unworthy. Sometimes young men and women look at the priesthood or religious life and say to themselves "I could never do that; I'm not holy that way." Guess what? All the baptized are called to be holy, but if we had to be perfect to be a priest, deacon or a nun we wouldn't have any priests, deacons or nuns! When God calls someone, He gives that person the grace he or she needs to live out their vocation. If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations !



Daily Mass offerings around us...

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



Enjoy your morning coffee while you listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, February 17th, Ms. Anne DeSantis will discuss the work of the Saint Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family & Faith. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests..." (1 Cor. 13: 5) Which of these negative qualities is your beloved best at avoiding?

PARENTING POINTERS

February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month by reading, a movie, or personal contact. It might be a challenge to get out of your bubble whether it be black, white, or something in between. Do it anyway.

