

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

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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.**

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.

July 23, 2017
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ July 23 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
- ▶ July 29 ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am
- ▶ **August 06 ~ Parish Picnic "Flip Flop Sunday"**
- ▶ August 26 ~ Annual Crab Feast
- ▶ August 27 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir



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.

July 16, 2017 \$2,816 July 17, 2016 \$2,228

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Mass Intentions

July 22, 2017 — July 30, 2017

Saturday, 07/22	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/23	10:00 AM	† Mrs. Hodges Requested by Jane Crowley
Monday, 07/24	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 07/25	12:10 PM	Dave Nelaminic Requested by Melanie Holland
Wednesday, 07/26	12:10 PM	† Jim Butler Requested by Charles Miller
Thursday, 07/27	12:10 PM	Alex & Kani Elam Requested by Melanie Holland
Friday, 07/28	12:10 PM	Ken Conn Requested by Paul & Kathy Fahey
Saturday, 07/29	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/30	10:00 AM	Caine Hernandez Requested by Melanie Holland

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM

Deacon: Robert J. Cousar

Parish Secretary: Loretta L. Young

St. Vincent dePaul Society: Fayettea Jackson

Director Religious Education: Mary Polk

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help. The weekend of August 19 & 20, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, special video message from Father Klein the Cathedral's Administrator, and a tour of the Cathedral's 99 year-old organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org.

Introduction to the Liturgy

For the past few Sundays we have heard Jesus defining discipleship for us. Today our attention is drawn to the focus of our work as disciples, the kingdom of heaven. For the next two Sundays we will hear parables about what the kingdom of heaven is like, but it will not always be easy for us to grasp the meaning of these parables. Perhaps our prayer today can be for clarity and understanding, so that we will be able to discern what God wants of us.

Fr. Paul



Question of the Week

This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference.

Parish Bus - June Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, July 2	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, July 9	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, July 16	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, July 23	Daniel Mims
Sunday, July 30	Vanel Fluery

God Bless Our Bus Drivers!

Parish Picnic



Bring a dish to share

Sign-up Sheet
in Vestibule

“Flip Flop Sunday”

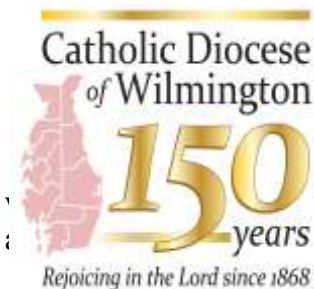
Sunday August 6, 2017



12 o'clock til 5:00 pm
Green Acres Swim Club
Silver Side Road
Wilmington, DE



Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Rolls
Beverages & Water Ice
provided by Parish



Year-long sesquicentennial celebration to begin March 3, 2018

The Diocese of Wilmington will celebrate our 150th anniversary year beginning March 3, 2018 to March 3, 2019. Throughout the year, we will have many opportunities to celebrate this noteworthy event. This year-long celebration include special Masses and prayer services, pilgrimages, a keepsake-publication, traveling exhibit, and a Eucharistic Congress. The Diocese of Wilmington was established on March 3, 1868 by Blessed Pope Pius IX.

The **commemorative keepsake book** will highlight every parish in the Diocese. St. Joseph's is proud to mark 128 years and will have a very nice feature in the publication. If you would like to pre-order your book, please see Loretta Young. The cost is \$30. The commemorative book will only be available through this pre-order process. We will only place an order based on those who sign-up to purchase the book. A sample of the book is available in the parish office.

As it becomes available, detailed information about the 150th anniversary celebration will be posted on the Diocese of Wilmington's website, www.cdow.org.

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington comprises 56 parishes, 18 missions and 36 schools serving the State of Delaware and the nine counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore. There are over 244,000 Catholics in the diocese.

Happy Birthday!

July

Bryce Anderson	02
Michael Charles Simmonds, Jr.	02
Sheila Cavin	03
Bowman Thomas Flynn	03
Mavis Woolley	03
Marcela Y. Hill	07
Kaego Enwerem	06
Johnny A. McClain, Jr.	07
Roberto Rivera, Jr.	07
Fayetta Jackson	09
William Harmon, II	09
Elmslie Wharton	10
Grace Obidike	11
Lavern Rae Robinson	11
Melissa Thorpe	11
Michelle Shine	13
Vincent M. Robinson	14
Elliott Scott	14
Joshua Stephen Thorpe	15
Dawn Jolly	16
Patricia Owens	16
Vonda Wright	16
Johnny P. Saunders	19
Mary Joan Thompson	19
Lauren Mahler	21
Comfort Yah	21
Kayla C. Willis	23
Jeffrey Flynn	24
Jasmine MacFarlane	24
Glenda Townsend	24
Phyllis Woolley-Roy	24
Avery Bordley	26
Gwendolyn Cavin	26
Derrick Porter	26
Michelle Robinson	26
William Willis, Sr.	26
Jacqueline Smith	27
Laura Wharton	27
Howard Robbins	28
Marie Anne Wilson-Woolley	28
Isabella E.-Bernini	29
Marc Woolley	29
Eric Owerms	30
Vernon Taylor	31

*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 ~ July 2017

Saturday, July 1, 5:00 p.m.

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, July 2, 10:00 am

Tia Pulliam ~ Altar Server
Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter
Stephen Thorpe ~ 1st Lector
Geraldine Cochran ~ 2nd Lector
Stacey Lowery ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Barbara Pulliam ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, July 8, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Kali Watkins, Altar Server
Sheris Owens, Greeter
Judy Gallagher, Lector 1
Jasmine MacFarlane, Lector 2
Jed Donahue, Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer, Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, July 15, 5:00 p.m.

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, July 16, 5:00 pm

Xavier Wycliffe ~ Altar Server
Janice Jolly ~ Greeter
Gail Rando ~ Lector
Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector 2
Denise McIntyre ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
John Rando ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, July 22, 5:00 p.m.

Denise Scales ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, July 23, 10:00 am

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

Saturday, July 29, 5:00 p.m.

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, July 30, 10:00 am

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Marissa Ledesma ~ Greeter
Kevin O'Connell ~ 1st Lector
Jed Donahue ~ 2nd Lector
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Stacey Lowery ~ 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

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 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 - Paul & Kathy Fahey and Jed & Sandra Donahue



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

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 meeting is September 25 and the book for discussion is *Hidden Figures*. 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



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, July 30th, Catholic author and humorist, Susie Lloyd, will discuss her book, "Bless Me, Father, for I Have Kids." 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.

This week, in Matthew's gospel, Jesus presents us with another parable. This parable provides us with another account of a farmer planting seeds. Jesus informs us that while the farmer plants good seeds, there is another, our enemy, who also spreads weeds amongst them. Rather than immediately pulling out the weeds, Jesus informs us that we should wait until the time of harvest. At this time they will all be uprooted and separated, the weeds to the fire and the wheat to the barn. This parable offers us some great insight into our judgmental nature, and our need to be patience and allow God to work on his time, not our own. How often are we quick to judge others? Let us not forget that there is a danger of judging too quickly and uprooting wheat with the weeds. Are you more likely to pass judgment on those around you or spread the love of Christ? Are you treating others as Christ would, in the hope that they are wheat, or have you already passed judgment as if they are weeds? Stay hopeful and spread the love of Christ to all. We never want to uproot the wheat with the weeds so let God do the harvesting.

Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"For we do not know how to pray as we ought." (Romans 8: 26) Praying together is one of the most intimate (and scary) deeds a couple can do. Revealing our innermost thoughts and feelings can be a risk.

PARENTING POINTERS

When speaking to your kids (or anyone) consider these proverbs: "It is better to leave angry words unspoken than to mend the heart those words have broken." and "The tongue is the only instrument that gets sharper with use."

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans (*and us*) that "the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit." He's speaking, of course, about the Holy Spirit, Who knows God's unique plan for each one of us. What are you doing to try to discern God's plan *for you*? Suppose God is calling you to priesthood or to religious life? How would you know? If you'd like to talk about it, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

As part of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary celebration, a pilgrimage to Annecy, Rome and Assisi will take place April 16 – 26, 2018. *And you are invited!*

Annecy, the birthplace of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of the Diocese of Wilmington, is an alpine town in southeastern France, where Lake Annecy feeds into the Thiou River. It's known for its cobbled streets, winding canals, and pastel-colored houses. Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display, including ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum. It is the home of Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, as well as the burial place of Blessed Pope Pius IX, the diocese's founder. Assisi is a hill town in central Italy's Umbria region. It was the birthplace of St. Francis, one of Italy's patron saints.

For more information about this affordable, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, including a day-to-day itinerary, exclusive features, and pricing, go to www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage.

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	Clifton Coleman
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 Fazzino	Arlene Watson	
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	Mary Joan Thompson	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson	
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	London Louise Simmonds	Vivian Priest	Delores Tuller	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson		

Hispanic Ministry

Parishes in the Diocese of Wilmington are currently engaging in a reflection and discernment process as part of the Fifth National Encuentro, a four-year process of consultation, discernment, discussion, and collaboration. The main goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways for the Church in the United States to better respond to the ever-growing Hispanic presence, and to help Hispanic Catholics to strengthen their Christian identity and their response as missionary disciples for the entire Church.

To help fund these activities, a second collection that will take place at all Spanish-language Masses in the diocese on the weekend of August 26 & 27, 2017. Please be as generous as possible.



Catholic Charities Saving Energy. Saving Money.

Weatherization Workshop
Thursday, August 10, 2017 — 6:00 pm
Central Baptist Church
839 North Pine Street, Wilmington, 19801



Attend an Energy Conservation Workshop
and receive a **FREE** Weatherization Kit.

One kit per family

Things you'll learn at an Energy Conservation Workshop

- ◆ How to save \$\$\$\$ on your energy bill
- ◆ How to conserve energy in your home
- ◆ How to connect with energy assistance programs

Space is limited!

Register by calling Catholic Charities
at 302-655-9624



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Wilmington



glory of stories

EVERY FRIDAY & SELECT SATURDAYS
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Glory of Stories introduces young visitors to art and the Museum through a story reading followed by an interactive tour of relevant works of art and a studio art project. This program encourages learning through discovery, exploration, and hands-on experiences.

Ages 2 and up. Free to Members, \$5 per child and one adult free for Non-Members.




sunday studio

SECOND SUNDAYS | NOON – 3:00 PM

Each month, adults and children can create art together and experiment with new materials, techniques, and themes in the Bank of America Education Wing Studios—no reservations required! This series is sponsored by AT&T.

Recommended for ages 6+ and adults. Free.



2301 Kentmere Parkway | Wilmington, DE 19806
302.571.9590 | delart.org