

# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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DEACON  
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm  
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**Website:** [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm      Sunday — 10:00 am

*The Church is open for Prayer & Meditation Tuesday—Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.*

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.

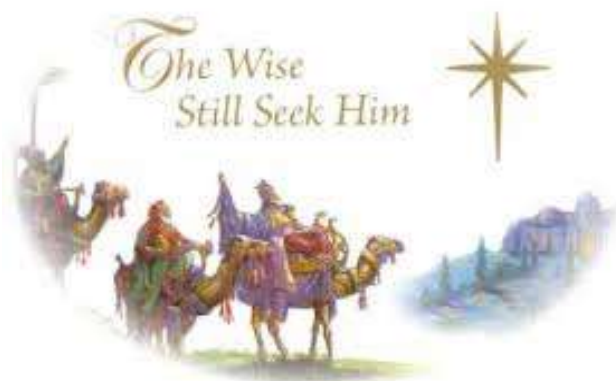
### **CARE OF THE SICK AND**

**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 6, 2019 Epiphany of the Lord

- ▶ CCD will resume on January 6th
- ▶ January 6 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ January 12 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10:00 am
- ▶ January 27 ~ KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 12:30



*Praying that God blesses Saint Joseph's and all parishioners with a year of favor and a year full of his unending love.*

### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses.

**As we prepare for 2019, please consider increasing your weekly contribution.**

**Mass Intentions**  
**January 5, 2018— January 13, 2018**

Saturday, 01/05	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/06	10:00 AM	†Barbara Willis Requested by William Willis
Monday, 01/07	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 01/08	—	No Mass
Wednesday, 01/09	—	No Mass
Thursday, 01/10	—	No Mass
Friday, 01/11	—	No Mass
Saturday, 01/12	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/13	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**

This year we celebrate the Epiphany on its traditional day, as January 6 happens to fall on a Sunday. Falling twelve days after Christmas, this was regarded as enough time for the magi to travel to Bethlehem from foreign lands. With their arrival, Jesus is now manifest to the outside world. Just as the star in the East symbolized the light of Christ shining for the whole world to see, we are called to manifest Christ in our lives so others can realize the Good News wherever we go.

Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul will have knee replacement surgery on his right knee on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Paul Breslin will celebrate weekend **masses during Fr. Paul's 6 weeks of** recovery. We will not have our **weekday mass during Fr. Paul's** absence. There is a schedule in the bulletin of parishes that celebrate weekday masses. Please pray for Fr. Paul that his surgery is successful and he returns to us completed healed and refreshed.



**THANK YOU!**

We are most grateful to all the teachers, parents and youth who prepared for and participated in our NATIVITY presentation on Christmas Eve. Our children are our greatest treasure, and it is such a blessing to have families come together to help us share our gift of faith! Thank you to all!



**End of Year Giving  
Parish Goal — \$10,000**

A very special thank you to each individual and family that have sacrificed and made a significant Christmas gift to the parish. I am eternally grateful for your generosity and support in our time of financial need.

**As of December 30th we have collected \$10,550 toward our goal.**

Since we are still in the Christmas season, if you have not yet contributed, There is still time to make your end of year Christmas Gift to the parish.

Please join me in daily prayer that our parish will far exceed this goal and that we will be in a position to pay all end of year bills, plus our outstanding bills. The Lord will bless you abundantly for your generosity to the church.

May your Christmas season be one of pure joy and peace!

Fr. Paul

Question of the Week  
To whom do I pay homage? Are they worthy of my respect.

*KATERI CIRCLE MEETING*

Sunday, January 20, 2019 is our next **St. Joseph's French Street Kateri Circle** meeting from 11:30-12:30  
Location - TBD

ALL are welcome!  
Kateri Circle participants do not need to be of Native American Heritage – If you are interested, please join us; we'd love to have you!



# Parish Gift End-of-Year Giving



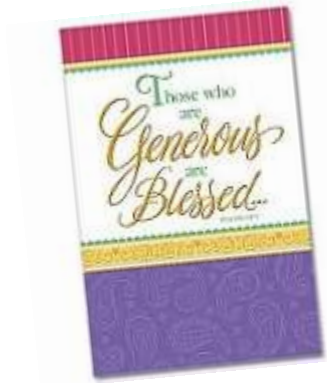
## > \$1,000

- ◆ Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. — Council 383 ◆
  - ◆ Damita & Earl MacFarlane ◆
    - ◆ Elizabeth McGeever ◆
    - ◆ Michelle Porter ◆
  - ◆ Jenny & John Traynor, III ◆
  - ◆ Loretta & Leonard Young ◆



## \$501 — \$999

- ◆ Jed & Sandra Donahue ◆



## \$101 — \$500

- ◆ Anthea Bedminster ◆
- ◆ Vincent & Erika Caesar ◆
  - ◆ Geraldine Cochran ◆
  - ◆ Jeffrey Flynn ◆
- ◆ Judy & Tom Gallagher ◆
- ◆ Margaret Rose Henry ◆
  - ◆ Mary Kegelman ◆
- ◆ **Kevin & Marilyn O'Connell** ◆
  - ◆ Pat Rafter ◆
  - ◆ Dana Robinson ◆
  - ◆ Denise Scales ◆



## <\$100

- ◆ Anonymous ◆
- ◆ Laura Altman ◆
- ◆ Desiree Blackwell ◆
- ◆ DeAnna Cardenas ◆
  - ◆ Gwen Cavin ◆
  - ◆ Marie Corbitt ◆
  - ◆ Joan Drake ◆
- ◆ Giuseppina Fazzone ◆
- ◆ Rose Henderson ◆

## <\$100

- ◆ John W. Hunt ◆
- ◆ Iona Johnson ◆
- ◆ Mary Mirabeau ◆
- ◆ John & Mary Polk ◆
- ◆ Gail & John Rando ◆
  - ◆ LaVon Robinson ◆
- ◆ Vincent & Deborah Robinson ◆
  - ◆ Delores Spencer ◆
  - ◆ Bertley Wharton ◆

# Happy Birthday!

## December

Gabriel Elijah Towles	28
Leatitia Bedminster	29
Desiree Blackwell	29
Christopher Sterling	29
Marquis Baynard	30
Tracy Purnell	30
James Forrest	31
Janice Jolly	31
Tyrone Steele, Sr.	31
Paula Willis	31

## January

Francis Crumety	01
Thomasina Joseph	01
Diane Williams	02
Arielle Mobley	03
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Marie Rivera	08
Jeannette Sammons	08
Albert Fletcher	09
Douglas Loosarian	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Andres Barranco	10
Jacquar White	10
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Laura Chaplin	14
Margaret Clifford	14
Sheris Owens	14
Tauqeer Rashad, Jr.	14
Chantal David Towles	14
Mikayla Purnell	20
Anne Taylor	20
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Yvonne Bracy	22
Kyle Hopson	22
Josephine Mahler	22
Howard Robbins	22
Jane Crowley	23
Aaliyah Herman	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Tiara Goode	25
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	30

*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 — January 2018

### Happy New Year — 10:00 am

TBD ~ Lector

TBD ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, January 5, —10:00 am

Herb Sterling ~ Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, January 6, 10:00 am

Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server

Andrea Queen ~ Greeter

Geraldine Cochran ~Lector 1

Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2

Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



### Saturday, January 12, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, January 13, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server

Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter

Stephani Bolden ~ Lector

J. Barcon Hilton ~ Lector 2

Marie Cousar ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Gwen Cavin ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, January 19, 5:00 p.m.

Judy Gallagher ~ Lector

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Monday, January 20, 10:00 am

Jecha Wright ~ Altar Server

Sheris Owens ~ Greeter

Lisa Mims ~ Lector

Jed Donahue ~ Lector 2

Adrienne Hopson ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Barbara Pulliam ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### Saturday, January 26, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

### Sunday, January 27, 10:00 am

Jerah Wright ~ Altar Server

Michael Simmonds ~ Altar Server

Deidre Ann Robinson ~ 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 - Rose Henderson
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges
- ◆ 5th Sunday - St. Joseph's Parish



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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**

Meets in the Parish Center. The book for January is **The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena**. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The group will meet on January 28, 2019. 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

## **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

The Solemnity of the  
Epiphany of the Lord

An "epiphany" is a revelation. Every day, God uses religious sisters, religious brothers and priests to reveal His great love for the people He has chosen to be His own. Is the Lord calling you to serve the Church through a religious vocation? If you think so, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). And check out our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://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



*Pour yourself a cup of coffee and listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). After it airs, listen online anytime at [www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum](http://www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Leila Miller will discuss her book, "Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues." For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum).*

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

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Copartner means equal in dignity and decision making. Being a member of the same body means that we are in this life together. What happens to one of us, impacts the other.

### PARENTING POINTERS

January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany when Christians celebrate the 3 kings, who had been following a star and found the baby, Jesus. Celebrate this with your children by simply walking outside and marvel at the stars. Seek to understand the mystery of the universe.



# 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	John Thompson	Giuseppina Fazzino	Arlene Watson
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Mary Joan Thompson	Jemison Asante	Sister of S. T. Bolden
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	London Louise Simmonds	Vivian Priest	Stephanie T. Bolden
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Charlie Anderson	John J. Madison, PhD.	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Jolene Tyson		



## GENERAL MAINTENANCE

The Diocese of Wilmington Catholic Cemeteries is seeking a full time General Maintenance worker to work at Cathedral Cemetery in Wilmington.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Ensure the proper cleanliness of the grounds.
- Perform landscaping duties grass cutting, trimming and pruning bushes.
- Operate a variety of equipment including mowers, trimmers, sprayers, etc. Complete general maintenance and repairs of structures on the grounds.
- Perform all activities related to interments, entombments, dis-interments, foundation installation, memorial setting and resetting and vault installation.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

High School diploma or equivalent or any equivalent combination of education and experience in maintenance and landscaping. Knowledge of ground maintenance and use of all power tools and equipment. Ability to lift a minimum of 100 pounds, carrying of materials, moving equipment and use of ladders. Capability to follow directions. Good organizational and time **management skills. Valid driver's license and insurable driving record.** Normal work schedule is 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with ½ lunch. Saturday morning overtime as required.

## Parish Bus - January Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, January 6	<b>Yolanda Mohammed</b>
Sunday, January 13	<b>Daniel Mims</b>
Sunday, January 20	<b>Vanel Fleury</b>
Sunday, January 27	<b>Clifton Rashad</b>