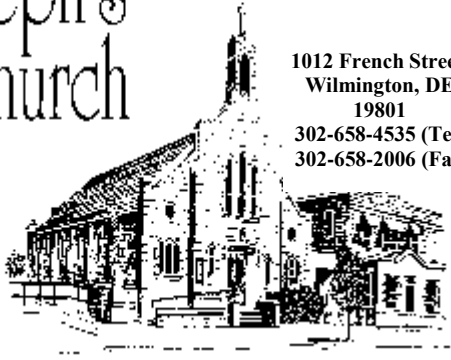


St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
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DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm
Friday, 10 am - 1 pm
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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.

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 03, 2019

- ▶ CCD Classes ~ Parish Center immediately following mass
- ▶ February 03 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ February 09 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10:00 am
- ▶ 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"
- ▶ February 24 ~ KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 12:30



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

Weekly Collections

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

January 27, 2019—\$3,299 January 28, 2018 —\$4,089

Please remain prayerful about how you can support an increase in giving with your weekly contributions.

Mass Intentions

February 2, 2019 — February 10, 2019

Saturday, 02/02	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/03	10:00 AM	† Olive A. S. Mayfield Requested by LaVaida Owens White
Monday, 02/04	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 02/05	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Wednesday, 02/06	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Thursday, 02/07	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Friday, 02/08	12:10 PM	Communion Service
Saturday, 02/09	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/10	10:00 AM	† Minnie Lee Newman Requested by Victor Newman & Family

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

Altar Flowers donated by Victor Newman in memory of Minnie Lee Newman

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Expectations have a habit of tripping us up. We think we have it all figured out. We know that to expect. But then something happens to surprise us and we have to decide whether to believe it or not. Is this for real? The folks in Nazareth had expectations of their native son. **This "son of Joseph" couldn't possibly be the Anointed One, could he? God has a habit** or surprising us, of defying our expectations.

Fr. Paul

Money Counters

A special thank you to Paul and Kathy Fahey for the many dedicated years as money counters. For years Paul and Kathy committed themselves to this ministry and sacrificed many Sunday afternoons. We have been blessed that they served this church in this way. Again, we thank you!

In 2018 we began succession planning for this important role and established two new teams of money counters. However, we are in need of two additional teams.

WHAT: A team of two money counters are responsible for counting the weekly collection and preparing it for deposit into the bank.

WHEN: The counting is done on Tuesday mornings and training will be provided.

If you can count money and commit to just one Tuesday a month it would be very helpful to the parish. The current money counters are:

1st Sunday: Vacant
 2nd Sunday: John Polk & Brenda Burns
 3rd Sunday: Sandra Donahue & Deborah Robinson
 4th Sunday: Vacant
 5th Sunday: Vacant

We need at least 4 people to make two additional teams. Please contact Loretta Young in the parish office on 302-658-4535 for more information.

Additional Ways to Help

- ◆ Religious Education for our Youth
 We are in need of additional CCD instructors for grades 3 through 6. If you like working with children, the parish will provide all instruction material. Only 1 hour after mass—**most Sunday's during** the school year. See contact Mary Polk 302-442-3861 if you are willing to use your gifts by education our children about our faith.
- ◆ Data Entry in the Parish Office
 Volunteer would enter weekly collection information into the parish data system. 1 hour per week on Tuesday or Wednesday between 10am—3pm. Training will be provided. If you are willing to help the parish with data entry please call the parish office 302-658-4535 and speak with Loretta Young.

We're all called to build up the kingdom of God and the parish needs your help. Please don't sit back and think that someone else will do it.

Question of the Week

Can I see the face of Jesus in someone I disagree with? Can I respond with love?
 Can that love bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things?

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.

Consistent Giving
Weekly Contributions

Some parishioners are not able to attend mass every Sunday because of weather, personal obligations, etc. This causes inconsistency with weekly/monthly contributions. To help the parish with consistent giving, you may consider one of the following options:

- 1) On-line Giving: Several parishioners schedule on-line contributions for the same time each month via the parish website.
- 2) Automatic Bill Pay: **Add St. Joseph's as a Payee** to your personal checking account. Schedule the delivery of your bank check to church for the same time each week/month.
- 2) Mail your Envelope: If you are unable to attend mass, you may mail your envelope into the parish office.

Any of these options would help to ensure that we receive contributions so that the parish is in a position to pay our weekly/monthly bills.

Many thanks for considering these options.

Newly Appointed
Director of Music Ministry

In order to enhance and unify the Music **Ministry at Saint Joseph's, effective** immediately, I have appointed Brenda Burns as the Director for the Music Ministry.

Brenda is highly qualified for this role. She held this position many years ago and I appreciate her willing to do so again. Brenda has been trained as a liturgist; for decades she has attended annual training sessions to improve her skills as a choir director and choir member. She fully understands current liturgical norms and she serves on the bishops liturgy committee.

In this role Brenda will work with the choir directors to coordinate and plan the music for the liturgy. In addition, I have asked Brenda to conduct liturgy workshops, establish routine rehearsals, develop a process for music selection as well as identifying other needs of the choirs.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating Brenda.

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 1150 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.

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 Loosararian	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: _____



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

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 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.

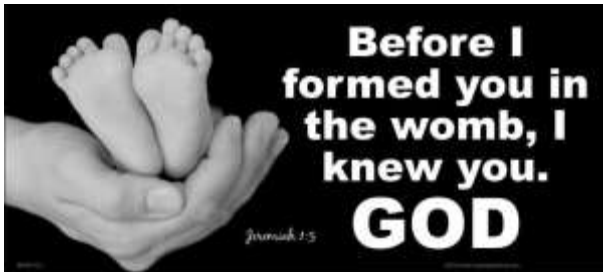
In addition, to become a member of the Saint Joseph Choir or the Gospel Choir, you can simply call the parish office.

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
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What was spoken to you long ago that you still try to hear? God speaks to His people through the prophet **Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you."** Our God knows us intimately; our God has a plan for each of us. **What are you doing to discover God's plan for your life? Could it be that He's calling you to a life of religious ministry for the good of the Church?** If you think so, 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 !



End of Diocesan Sesquicentennial celebration sellout of commemorative book showcasing all the churches the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, on the 150th Anniversary of its founding. A great gift for birthdays in the New Year. Only 10 books remain if you're interested in purchasing a copy for only \$30, please call the parish office (302-658-4535) or see Loretta Young.

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



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 10th, tune in to meet St. Thomas More Academy teacher and Miss Delaware 2018, Joanna Wicks. 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

Is there any recurring bad memory or habit that you'd like to change in your marriage? Substitute a newer, positive one. Repeat - over and over again.

PARENTING POINTERS

It's cold outside. Have a memory party inside. Pull out old photographs and enjoy. Maybe even organize those photos.



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	Arlene Watson
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Sister of S. T. Bolden
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	Giuseppina Fazzone	
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	John Thompson	Jemison Asante	
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Mary Joan Thompson	Vivian Priest	
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	London Louise Simmonds	Chuck Tarver	
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Charlie Anderson	Rose Henderson	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Jolene Tyson	Jessica Fullman	

Valentine Twilight
Evening of Reflection

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Join us for a five-star dinner, renewal of wedding vows, Mass and inspirational talk
with
Damon and Melanie Owens
Mass celebrated by Fr. James McGuinn



SPEAKERS - DAMON AND MELANIE OWENS

Damon Owens, international speaker and evangelist, is the founder and executive director of *2000 "Joy to Be"*, a 501(c)(3) non-profit ministry of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith. Following his release as the first executive director of the President of the Bible Institute and serving as Chairman of the 2010 International Theology of the Body Congress, Damon founded 2000 to encourage and educate couples to understand and live marriage and family life with joy through St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. He previously founded Joy-Filled Marriage New Jersey and New Jersey Natural Family Planning Association, served as Natural Family Planning Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark NJ, and taught NFP for 14 years with his wife Melaine.

Where: McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, Malvern Retreat House
When: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Cost: \$100.00 per couple includes a five-star dinner, renewal of wedding vows, Mass and inspirational talk



REGISTER AT
malvernretreat.com/register
or call 610-644-0400.

315 S. Warren Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355



Prayer
for a spirit
of service

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Dear loving Lord,  
You sent your Son,  
To serve.  
You sent him,  
To give his life,  
For me.  
Let your Spirit,  
Awaken in me,  
The same spirit,  
Of service.  
Let me not look,  
For position or gain,  
Instead show me,  
How to let others,  
Go before me.  
Make me meek,  
Make me humble,  
So I too can,  
Give my life,  
Willfully,  
Obediently,  
And faithfully,  
Even when it hurts.  
In love,  
With Christ,  
And like Christ.  
In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

## Parish Bus - February Schedule



| DATE                | DRIVER           |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Sunday, February 3  | Yolanda Mohammed |
| Sunday, February 10 | Daniel Mims      |
| Sunday, February 17 | Vanel Fleury     |
| Sunday, February 24 | TBD              |