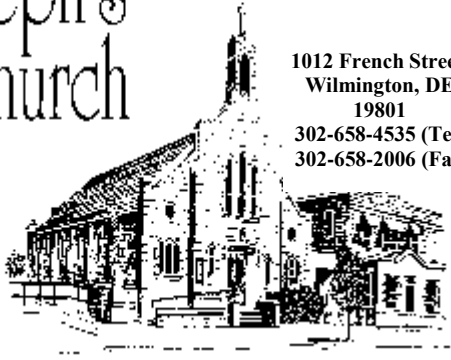


# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 3 pm  
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**Parish Secretary:** [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)

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**Website:** [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

Mass — 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.

December 29, 2019

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- ▶ CCD ~ Will resume on Sunday, January 5th.
- ▶ December 29 ~ KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 11:30 am
- ▶ January 1, 2020 ~ New Years Day — 10:00 am Mass
- ▶ January 05 ~ Un-decorating of Church immediately following Mass
- ▶ January 15 ~ Sodality Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ January 18 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10:00 am
- ▶ January 26 ~ Kateri Circle Meeting, 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall



### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The numbers below compares 2019 with the same week in 2018. Please continue to be prayerful about your contributions to the parish.

December 22, 2019 - \$3,666

December 23, 2018 - \$3,497

*Thank You*

## Mass Intentions

December 28, 2019— January 5, 2020

Saturday, 12/28	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/29	10:00 am	† Barbara Willis Requested by The Willis Family & LaVon Robinson
Monday, 12/30	—	NO MASS
Tuesday, 12/31	-	NO MASS
Wednesday, 01/01/20	10:00 am	Happy New Year!
Thursday, 01/02	—	NO MASS
Friday, 01/03	—	NO MASS
Saturday, 01/04	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/05	10:00 am	

### 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  
 Bookkeeper: Jane Putscher

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

One might think that the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is too remote, too special, too holy to be an effective model for our families. But just like our families, they enjoyed times of great joy but also suffered through terrible hardships. The delight of a newborn baby was accompanied by the fear that led them to flee to a foreign land. Today let us pray that the faith and love shown by the Holy Family may sustain us through both our joys and our struggles.

Happy New Year!  
Fr. Paul



### Parish Bus - January Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, January 5	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, January 12	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, January 19	Daniel Mims
Sunday, January 26	Vanel Fleury



Our St. Joseph's Book Club will read *Beyond Every Wall* by Dr. Velma Scantlebury.

The author will autograph books and plans to attend the next book club on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The cost of the book is \$15. Please see Rose Henderson to order your autographed book.

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

## NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

YEAR-END  
GIVING



Remember  
Our Parish Family  
When Considering  
A Year-End Gift.

Dear Parishioners,

*Because of your generosity and the generosity of friends of the parish, the church has been blessed abundantly this year and I thank each of you from the depths of my heart for your unyielding support. As a result, I'm reluctant to make any request for the 2019 Year-End Giving.*

*I simply ask that as you ponder your gift-giving, that you remember the parish family. There is no pressure. no specific amount requested, nothing listed in the bulletin other than this note...please remember our parish. You and each member of your family are always in my prayers. May God's light shine bright in your life. May this Advent season be one of pure joy and peace!*

Fr. Paul

## Parish Fund Raising

### Shopping for the holidays?

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

amazonsmile

As you finalize your on-line shopping this holiday season, please remember that Saint Joseph's is officially registered as a Charitable organization with Amazon Smile.

Very simply, on your next Amazon purchase, first log-in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You'll be prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. Select *St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Wilmington, Delaware*. On a quarterly basis, The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases. The most important task, is to log-in to Amazon Smile before adding items to your cart. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. Let's see how much we can raise through The AmazonSmile Foundation. If you have any questions, please call the parish office and speak with Loretta Young.

### Question of the Week

Is there someone I know who is vulnerable because they have no family to rely on? What can I do for them??



## 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 January 15, 2020.**

Fr. Paul Williams, President  
 Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio  
 Linda Abili Stephanie T. Bolden  
 Thomas E. Gallagher J. Barcon Hilton  
 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.



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 with birthdates, you wish to register at Saint Joseph's and the relationship of all.

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cellular Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_



### Sunday Morning Fellowship

Coffee, tea, condiments and cups will be provide by the Parish. Volunteers are needed to provide pastries, donuts, fruit, etc. Stephanie Bolden has agreed to coordinate this ministry. Dunkin Donuts are \$63 per week and Fr. Paul will pick-up. However, if you would like to sponsor a

**Sunday, you may choose to do something other than donuts. If you're interested,** please contact Stephanie at 302-428-1269.

January Sponsors	
1st Sunday	Ladies of the Sodality
2nd Sunday	
3rd Sunday	
4th Sunday	Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary

# 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 or Margaret Levesque, 302-656-0813. 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](mailto: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. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion.

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

**Beyond Every Wall by Dr. Velma Scantlebury**

**Monday, March 30, 2020**

**The Sun Does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinton**

The group meets at 7:00 pm in the parish center. Please see Geraldine Cochran for information.

St. Vincent DePaul Society has implemented an automated process for individuals seeking assistance. Those needing assistance should go to [www.svdpwilm.org](http://www.svdpwilm.org) and submit the online assistance form located at the top of the home page. A Saint Vincent DePaul volunteer will respond to the requester as quickly as possible. If you are a parishioner and in need of assistance, just call the parish office at 302-658-4535.



## 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.

## 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.



## January Liturgy Schedule

### 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
Arielle Mobley	03
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Maria 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
Nicole Long	10
Margareth Hoey	20
Mikayla Purnell	20
Anne Taylor	20
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Yvonne Bracy	22
Kyle Hopson	22
Josephine Mahler	22
Aaliyah Herman	23
Jane Crowley	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Ryan Turnier	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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org) Please include your name, birth month, day and year.*

#### **Wednesday, January 1, 2020, 10:00 am**

Loretta Young ~ Lector 1  
Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

#### **Saturday, January 4, 5:00 p.m.**

Herbert Sterling ~ Lector  
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

#### **Sunday, January 5, 10:00 am - Epiphany**

Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Servers  
Raheem Wiles ~ Altar Server in training  
Denise Scales ~ Greeter  
Geraldine Cochran ~ Lector 1  
L. Eckrich ~ Lector 2  
Denise McIntyre ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

#### **Saturday, January 11, 5:00 p.m.**

Stephan Thorpe ~ Lector  
Maryann Brown-Martin ~ Eucharistic Minister

#### **Sunday, January 12, 10:00 am**

Michael Simmonds, Jr., ~ Altar Servers  
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter  
Jed Donahue ~ Lector 1  
Danielle Simmonds ~ Lector 2  
Barbara Pulliam ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Marie Cousar ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

#### **Saturday, January 18, 5:00 p.m.**

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector  
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

#### **Sunday, January 19, 5:00 p.m.**

Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server  
James Townsend ~ Altar Server in training  
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter  
Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 1  
Youth Lector TBD ~ Lector 2  
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

#### **Saturday, January 25, 5:00 pm**

Judy Gallagher ~ Lector  
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

#### **Sunday, January 26, 10:00 am**

Jecha Wright ~ Altar Servers  
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter  
Herb Sterling ~ Lector 1  
William Ray ~ Lector 2  
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister  
Marie Cousar ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

# THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

## Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations

HOLINESS IS A CHALLENGE for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

Contact Fr. Norm Carroll [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)  
302-573-3113 [www.vocations@cdow.org](http://www.vocations@cdow.org)

**PRAY for OUR SEMINARIANS**

**DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON**

**Peter Schirmer**   **Kavin Lilly**   **Brooks Janson**   **Mark Donohue**

**James Gebhart**   **John Enomon**   **Craig Kursinsky**   **Brennan Ferris**   **Michael Preston**

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## 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	St. Joseph French St
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

**Flu & Cold Season:** Please take **precautionary measures** such as washing hands often and thoroughly. If you are under the weather take care not to share your misery at the sign of peace and at Holy Communion by sharing the Cup.

## Stewardship Thought

Time is a gift. God gives time to us with certain expectations of how we'll use it. However, our free will allows us to do whatever we want with it—good or bad. We can cherish our time, but we can also neglect it. We can hoard our time, but we can also share it. We can invest our time, but we can also squander it...

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

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The year is almost over. Of course this is an arbitrary division of time, but let it serve your love by thinking of the top way your beloved served you this past year. Write it down. Put it under each other's pillow tonight.

### PARENTING POINTERS

After the hubbub dies down, pause as a family not only to thank each other, but to be thankful that you have the resources to give gifts and that you have a family to share this time with.

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**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	Jennie Dahl
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Arlene Dahl
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	Giuseppina Fazzone	Marie Corbitt
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	John Thompson	Jemison Asante	Jacqueline Smith
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Mary Joan Thompson	Vivian Priest	Sean Willis
Arlene Watson	Doris Gallagher	London Louise Simmonds	Rose Henderson	Jean Toy
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Charlie Anderson	Jessica Fullman	


# GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

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