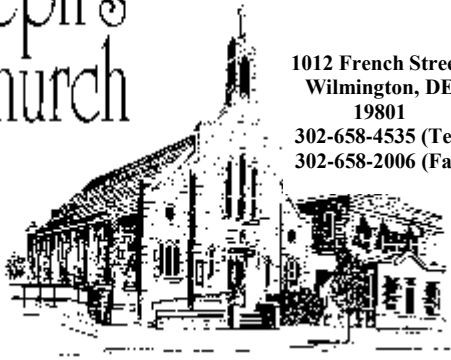


St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



1012 French Street,
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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
pw4ofm@aol.com

DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

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

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Bulletin News: stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com

Website: 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.

January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord

- ▶ CCD ~ Parish Center immediately following mass
- ▶ January 05 ~ Un-decorating of Church immediately following Mass
- ▶ January 05 ~ Sodality Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ January 18 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10:00 am
- ▶ January 18 ~ Young Ladies of the Blessed Mother, 12pm —1:30pm
- ▶ January 19 ~ KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 8:30 am
- ▶ January 26 ~ Kateri Circle Meeting, 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall



Epiphany

The Revelation of
Jesus as King

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 29, 2019 - \$3,000 December 30, 2018 - \$3,497

Thank You

Mass Intentions
January 4, 2020— January 12, 2020

Saturday, 01/04	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/05	10:00 am	
Monday, 01/06	—	NO MASS
Tuesday, 01/07	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 01/08	12:10 pm	
Thursday, 01/09	12:10 pm	
Friday, 01/10	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 01/11	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/12	10:00 am	

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

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Word traveled quickly. What had originally been known only to Mary, then to Joseph, and soon shared with intimate friends like Mary's cousin Elizabeth, was revealed to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth, and now to foreigners—the magi from the east. Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior has been born. Let us rejoice, for his saving presence has been made manifest to all.

Fr. Paul

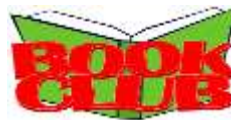


Question of the Week

How has an encounter with the Lord led me in a new way?
 Am I willing to change my route in the future?

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.

Parish Fund Raising

amazon smile

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. 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.

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

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

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CORINTH
MYKONOS
EPHESUS
PATMOS
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St. Joseph Catholic Church
1012 N. French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
Tel: (302) 658-4535 (Office)
Email: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INC.

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	Denise McIntyre
3rd Sunday	Sandra & Jed Donahue
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
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.cdown.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 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 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.



January Liturgy Schedule

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 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
Fayetta 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

CHRIST SPOKE OF THE TALENTS each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Contact Fr. Norm Carroll vocations@cdow.org
302-573-3113 www.vocations@cdow.org

PRAY for OUR SEMINARIANS

DIocese of WILMINGTON

Peter Schirmer Kevin 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)
8:30am	St. Joseph on the Brandywine (S) 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

Gratitude makes everyday sacred. Expressing our gratitude is a gift to the giver. Gratitude for small things makes every day a gift.

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The appearance of Jesus to the three wise men from the East reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too, married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?

PARENTING POINTERS

Sunday January 5: As we start a new calendar year resolutions are common - but too soon forgotten. Perhaps *remembering* important things is timely. Share as a family: The happiest time for me this past year was _____ & a regret (sadness) I have about last year is _____.

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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	



JANUARY 21-29, 2020

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



4 WAYS TO JOIN

9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican, Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)