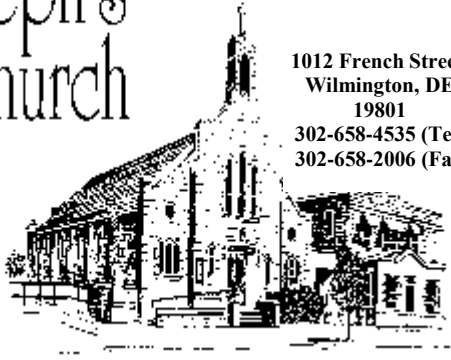


St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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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.

February 2, 2020

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ CCD ~ Parish Center immediately following mass
- ▶ February 02 ~ Sodality Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ February 08 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10:00 am
- ▶ February 08 ~ Young Ladies of the Blessed Mother, 12pm —1:30pm
- ▶ February 12 ~ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- ▶ February 16 ~ KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 8:30 am
- ▶ February 17, 18, 19 ~ MBC Lenten Revival— Our Lady of Fatima,
- ▶ February 23 ~ 11:15 am, Divine Mercy Chaplet
- ▶ February 23 ~ Soul Food Luncheon
- ▶ February 26 ~ Ash Wednesday
→ 12:10pm Mass
→ 1:00 pm Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes
- ▶ February 28 ~ Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver

Presentation of the Lord



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.

January 26, 2020 - \$3,678

January 27, 2019 - \$3,299

Thank You

Mass Intentions
February 1, 2020— February 8, 2020

Saturday, 02/01	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/02	10:00 am	
Monday, 02/03	–	NO MASS
Tuesday, 02/04	–	
Wednesday, 02/05	-	
Thursday, 02/06	–	
Friday, 02/07	–	
Saturday, 02/08	5:00 pm	
Sunday, 02/09	10:00 am	

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

*Introduction to the
Liturgy of the Word*

Forty days after Jesus was born, in accordance with the Torah, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. What they could not have known is that two elderly habitués of the temple, Simeon and Anna, recognize in the six-week-old child the Savior of the world. As we celebrate this special feast today, let us challenge ourselves to recognize Jesus in the faces of those we meet.

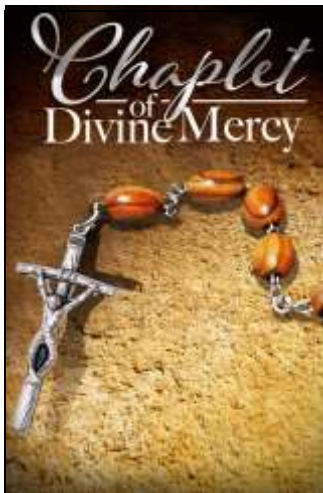
Fr. Paul

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. We will all bless you for it.

**CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
ACTIVITIES**

- ◆ February 02 - Distribution of Black History bookmarks to youth in the parish
- ◆ February 09 - Distribution of Black History books to youth in the parish
- ◆ February 16 - Distribution of Black History books to youth in the parish
- ◆ February 23 - Distribution of Black History books to youth in the parish
- ◆ February 23 - Soul Food Luncheon

Books are sponsored by KPC, KPCLA, Kateri Circle, MBC, Sodality, SVDP



Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer
 Beginning Sunday, February 23rd and every Sunday up to Divine Mercy Sunday (except Easter Sunday) we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:15 am following mass.

- What is Divine Mercy?
1. **God's willingness to forgive our sins.**
 2. **God's patience with our shortcomings.**
 3. **God's unconditional love for us.**
 4. **God's willingness to reach out to us and save us from our sins time and time again.**

Parish Bus - February Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, February 02	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, February 09	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, February 16	Daniel Mims
Sunday, February 23	Vanel Fleury

Question of the Week

Whom do I ignore without even considering that they may be speaking the truth?

Celebrating Black History

William Ellisworth Artis



William Artis at work

Born	February 2, 1914 Washington, North Carolina
Died	April 3, 1977
Nationality	American
Alma Mater	Art Students League of New York, Syracuse University
Known for	Sculptor

William Ellisworth Artis was an [African American](#) sculptor, whose favorite medium was clay. The freedom of modeling gave him a broad range of expression. During the latter part of his life, he began to focus on potting.

Born in [Washington, North Carolina](#), he moved to New York as a teen in 1927. Professor Artis died at North Port , Long Island, New York on April 3, 1977.

He was a pupil of Augusta Savage and exhibited with the Harmon Foundation. He was featured in the 1930s film *A Study of Negro Artists*, along with Savage and other artists associated with the Harlem Renaissance, including Richmond Barthé, James Latimer Allen, Palmer Hayden, Aaron Douglas, William Ellisworth Artis, William Ellisworth Artis, Lois Mailou Jones, and Georgette Seabrooke.

He taught at the Harlem YMCA after finishing high school, then was involved with Works Progress Administration's artists project.

From 1941 to 1945, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he earned his academic degrees. Artis studied at the Art Students League of New York and Syracuse University, where he worked with Ivan Meštrović. After leaving Syracuse, he taught at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

In 1945, Artis, with fellow artist Romare Bearden and Selma Burke, were together in the landmark Albany Institute of History and Art exhibit and over the next decade found the black artist making inroads in national exhibits and major galleries.

In 1954 he joined the faculty of Nebraska State Teachers College. He later taught at Chadron State College, where from 1956 to 1966 he was Professor of Ceramics, and at Mankato State College, Minnesota, as Professor of Art until ill health forced him to retire in 1975.

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 19, 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.

February Sponsors	
1st Sunday	Ladies of the Sodality
2nd Sunday	August Hazeur
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.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.

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.

SVDP IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

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

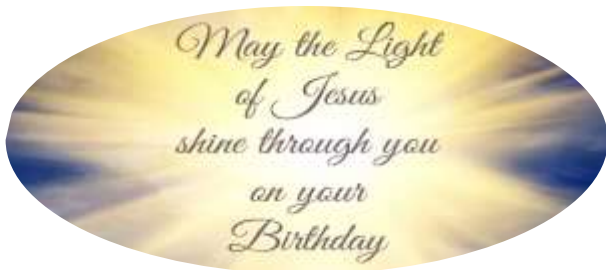
If you would like to help us celebrate the Mass and get extra credit, (because you know when you sing you are praying twice), please come and join the St. Joseph Choir. We rehearse and sing every Sunday, except 4th Sunday, in the Parish Center Conference Room at 9:15 AM. If you are interested, please 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

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.



February

Jessica Chaplin	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 Loosarian	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
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.

February Liturgy Schedule

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

Herbert Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 2, 10:00 am - *Presentation of the Lord*

Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Servers
Raheem Wiles ~ Altar Server in training
Sheris Owens ~ Greeter
J. Barcon Hilton ~ Lector 1
Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector 2
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise Scales ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



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

Maryann Brown-Martin ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 9, 10:00 am

Jayla Walker ~ Altar Servers
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
Geraldine Cochran ~ Lector 1
Stephan Thorpe ~ Lector 2
Barbara Pulliam ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

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

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 16, 5:00 p.m.—*Youth Sunday*

Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server
James Townsend ~ Altar Server
Michael Simmonds, Jr. ~ Greeter
Christian Towles ~ Lector 1
Jeta Wright ~ Lector 2
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Jed Donahue ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 pm

Judy Gallagher ~ Lector
Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 23, 10:00 am

Jaymyrah Walker ~ Altar Servers
Fayette Jackson ~ Greeter
Herb Sterling ~ Lector 1
William Ray ~ Lector 2
Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 5:00 pm

Loretta Young ~ Lector
Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister
Marie Cousar ~ Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 29, 5:00 pm

Judy Gallagher ~ Lector

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations

HE HAS A JOB that puts him in touch with dozens of interesting people each week: He smiles over coffee while a 95-year-old woman reminisces about her first date in 1920; he discusses Marxism with a world-class philosopher after a lecture.

Each day when he gets out of bed, he knows his work will make a difference. People knock on his door when they learn their spouses are sick, even dying. When they don't have the money to buy winter coats for their small children. Or when their parents have kicked them out of the house. He does his best to do something for them all, but he gets back even more. This is not a thankless job. Real appreciation is expressed in hugs, smiles and simple thank-yous.

His co-workers are well-trained and knowledgeable in their fields. And they are supportive, never competitive. They laugh a lot with him. Sometimes they cry with him. But they are always caring.

This job has brought out in him all sorts of hidden talents. He hadn't known what a flair he had for public speaking; now, after every talk, there are pats on the back. He hadn't known how much he liked children; now hundreds of kids know he's ticklish behind the knees. This is not a dead-end job. He is learning every day.

He is a priest. Does his job sound good to you?

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

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

Many parishioners from St. Joseph parish have been laid to rest at Cathedral Cemetery located at 2400 Lancaster Ave. Wilmington. With the growing acceptance of cremation, the cemetery has just constructed 320 companion niches for the above ground entombment of cremated bodies. These niches are located in the beautiful climate controlled Queen of Apostles Chapel and are now available at a special introductory price through April 30, 2020. For those choosing traditional burial there are both lots and crypts available as well. For more information contact Deb at Cathedral Cemetery by calling 516 – 7618. A few minutes planning ahead will save your loved ones from confusion and anxiety in the future.

Cathedral Cemetery has been serving the local community for 144 years. We are professionally managed with a full time on site staff to serve your needs.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 8th, tune in to hear an interview with Kevin Wells, author of the book, "The Priests We Need to Save the Church." After it airs, listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum..., or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/Catholicf...

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What traditions keep your love alive - a weekly date, repeating a special meal, revisiting a place that has meaning for you as a couple? Perhaps look through old photos for ideas.

PARENTING POINTERS

Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked. Parents do this naturally in the course of raising their children. Good. Is it time to engage your own children in these works for other less fortunate families? Challenge them to help.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

Mary Pettaway	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	Clifton Coleman



ChristianaCare™ Mini-Medical School

February 27 – April 2, 2020
Lectures: 7 – 9 p.m.

[Christiana Hospital campus](#)

John H. Ammon Medical Education Center
Main Auditorium

Join us for this year's Mini-Medical School designed for individuals who want to gain a deeper understanding of the world of medicine. Mini-Medical School is a free, six-week series of lectures for high school student and adults of all ages co-sponsored with the Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association. Attendees learn about important trends in diagnosing and treating illness and general health topics. Faculty will provide in-depth lectures and allow time for questions to enhance the experience. There are no tests or grades. No previous medical training is required. Participants who attend all six sessions will receive a Certificate of Achievement. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required.

call 800-693-CARE (2273)

Seating is limited. Register today.

Topics

- Feb. 27 **Special Health Care Needs – Making the Transition to Adulthood for those with Special Needs**
- Mar. 5 **Kidney Transplant: Preparation by the Donor and Recipient**
- Mar. 12 **Psychological Assessment: Tools and Methods for Understanding Our Behaviors**
- Mar. 19 **The Evolution of the Nurse Practitioner & Physician's Assistant Role in Medicine**
- Mar. 26 **The New Field of Immunotherapy**
- Apr. 2 **Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders**



I Dream a World

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

- Langston Hughes

