

# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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**Office Hours During Pandemic:** Wednesday 10am - 2 pm

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**YouTube Channel:** St Josephs Downtown Wilmington  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9-ljIa9-IU0OS9jPbe2ddQ>

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekday Mass — Wednesday, 12:10 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 Parish Office and complete a registration form.*

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

**HOMEBOUND:** *This ministry is restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.*

## November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
  - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ Friday Bible Study 1:00 pm via ZOOM & Conf. Call, Led by Fr. Mac
- ▶ November 11th ~ *Racial Justice - Catholic Church Form via Zoom*
- ▶ November 22 ~ Solemnity of Christ the King, 10:00 am
- ▶ November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10:00 am
- ▶ November 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent
- ▶ November 30 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
  - ▶ *Panchinko by Min Jin Lee*
- ▶ December 6 ~ Sodality Meeting, 1:00 pm Conference Call
  - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602

More detail on inside pages

### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The numbers below compares 2020 with the same week in 2019. Thank you for being consistent with your donations. Please be prayerful about your contributions to the parish.

Nov 1, 2020 - \$3,289

Nov 3, 2019— \$5,290

Pandemic & Flu Season: Please take precautionary measures such as wearing a face mask, washing hands often and thoroughly. If you are under the weather please stay at home and take care not to share your misery with others. We all will bless you for it.

## Mass Intentions

November 7, 2020 — November 15, 2020

Saturday, 11/07	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/08	10:00 am	† Hattie Coleman Requested by Leonard & Loretta Young
Wednesday, 11/11	12:10 pm	Leonard J. Young, Jr Requested by Loretta Young
Saturday, 11/13	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/14	10:00 am	

### PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Rev. John C. McVoy  
 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*

At the end of the liturgical year the readings focus upon the end times and the last judgement. This year, those themes begin today. We are reminded that we cannot know either the day or the hour. Therefore, we should always be prepared. Gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist today, let us consider our readiness for the Lord's coming at the end of time.

*To Mac*

Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Wilmington is once again offering families the option of purchasing Christmas decorations for placement on the graves, crypts and niches of those dearly departed that are laid to rest in Cathedral, All Saints and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries. Decorations must be ordered no later than December 9<sup>th</sup>. The decorations are placed on the designated grave, crypt, or niche by cemetery personnel. To order on-line visit [cathcemde.com](http://cathcemde.com) and choose the Special Announcements Page. There you will find the link to our online ordering page. Proceeds from the sale and placement of these decorations helps to fund the ongoing maintenance of our cemeteries.

Thank you for your support.

#### Question of the Week

What must I do this month, this week, and this very day to prepare myself for the heavenly banquet?

A Zoom forum on "**Racial Justice and the Catholic Church**" sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena and Resurrection Parishes will be held on Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm on November 11th. Text will be Fr. Bryan Massingale's book by that name. There will be discussion of the book, then testimony by panel members with feedback from listeners. To sign up and receive a zoom link, contact St. Catherine of Siena Parish at 302-633-4900 or email Fr. John Hynes at [jhynesscs@aol.com](mailto:jhynesscs@aol.com).

**Saint Joseph's parishioners are engaged with the planning of this event, Vonda Wright and Janelle Mirabeau are speakers for this coming week. Please sign-up and support this effort.**

### *IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS*

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

<i>Charlie Anderson</i>	<i>Mary Bossack</i>	<i>Marie Reed</i>	<i>Gerry Reybold</i>
<i>Gwen Sanders</i>			

If you would like to be added to our sick and shut-in list, please send email to [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org) or call the parish office 302-658-4535. Names of parishioners in hospitals or facilities will remain on the list indefinitely. All others will remain for one month, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

# KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

## 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 Vincent Robinson at 302-494-5699; Email: vinconrob@aol.com  
Web:  
[http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC\\_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf](http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf)



## November

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

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Are you going through any current tribulation as a couple? Share your burden. If not yourselves, pray for those who are having a hard time in their marriage.

### PARENTING POINTERS

Once your kids are about 3 or older, you start to notice their talents. One may be creative or get good grades. Another is athletic, a good talker, or actor. Using a talent takes time and work. Model that.

Deacon Robert, Cousar	01
Jordan MacFarlane	01
Pelumi Magbagbeola	01
Michael Simmonds, Sr.	03
Alexis Robinson	05
Kathryn Fahey	06
John E. Manning	06
Andria Lynne Williams	06
Timothy Loosarian	09
Tyler Loosarian	09
Lorenzo Nieves	09
Tameka Sterling	09
Chloe Williamson	09
Joaquin Ledesma	10
Joan Drakes	12
Dana Marie Crumety	16
Evelyn Taylor	16
Starlett Benjamin	18
Prentiss Jolly	22
Elizabeth Rafferty	22
Trevor Wharton	23
Antoine Brewington	25
Brandon Pulliam	25
Julius Brewington	25
Brandon Pulliam	25
Eduardo Barranco	26
Marilyn O'Connell	27
Laurel Bedminster	29
Adia Bracy	29



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, November 14th, tune in learn about the CYM Spark Conference when Dan Pin, Associate Director of the diocesan Office for Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry is the guest. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://www.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/Catholicic....](https://facebook.com/Catholicic....)



*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.*

## SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent DePaul Society continues to operate and serve those residing in zip code 19801. Anyone needing assistance should go to [www.svdpwilm.org](http://www.svdpwilm.org) and submit an 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.

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES — NOVEMBER 4, 2020

**Attendance:** Fr. Mac, Deacon Cousar, Linda Abili, Tom Gallagher, Doris Matthews, Cheryl Riviere, Loretta Young

**Excused:** Stephanie Bolden, John Rando, J. Barcon Hilton, Deidre Ann Robinson

- Fr. Mac convened meeting with Opening Prayer
- Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2020 were reviewed and approved.
- **Fr. Mac Reported the following:**
- **Finances:** Regular Checking - \$8,725, Building/Maintenance Checking -- \$1,919  
Morgan Stanley: Investment Account: \$ 8,169, Scholarship Account: \$33,330
- **Parish Transition — observations, roles and responsibilities, etc**
  - Fr. Mac gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of parish council and referenced Diocesan and canonical requirements. The parish council is consultative body of the parish and advisory to the pastor.
- **Parish Improvements over the last 5-6 weeks**
  - Carpets cleaned in church and parish center
  - Fr. Mac's office was painted
  - Light bulbs have been replaced in church and parish center. New LED high-wattage light bulbs have been installed and spot lights repositioned for better viewing at altar, ambo and lectern.
  - High speed WiFi has been installed throughout the church, fellowship hall and parish center giving us the ability to now live-stream.
  - Lighting was installed in the rear of the church and parish center.
  - Cameras installed in the front of church (porch area) and in the rear of the church for added security.
  - Installation of new sound system with the integration of microphones and speakers, piano, with capability of adding other instruments. Fellowship hall is also equipped with new speakers, projector and screen. We now have ability to show what is happening in the church in the fellowship hall. Receiver is in the sacristy and video/live-stream equipment is in the choir loft.
  - Pews were adjusted to enable placement of the piano in pew area along with other instruments, as needed.
  - We're acting seeking grants to help cover the cost. So far we've received an anonymous donation of \$15,000. We've applied for a grant from the Black and Native American Mission in Washington, DC, and we're preparing to apply for \$5,000 from New Castle County.
- **Additional items discussed by Fr Mac**
  - Music Ministry: Preparing to enhance the music ministry of the parish. Fr. Mac met with all involved with current music ministry at Saint Joseph's. Fr Mac is looking for a very capable resource who can teach, sing, play and direct the Saint Joseph's Adult Choir. Music is one of the ways to improve the liturgy, helps our spiritual growth and our overall growth, particularly. This will be additive to what our current pianist (Jenny) is currently doing. The budget has been increased to allow for this addition.
  - On Nov 14 & 15, Herb Sterling from Finance Council will share church finances/FY21 budget with parish.

## **Building Maintenance Update – Deacon Cousar**

- Heating systems has been serviced is now programmed to come on at mass times—Wed., Sat and Sun. Air filters have been replaced and coils cleaned in August.
- Kitchen air handling system has been disabled since we are using. This will save us some electrical usage.
- A blockage in the garage drainage system was identified and quickly repaired..
- No leakage from condensate lines in fellowship hall. At some point we'll have to replace pipes which includes asbestos removal. Estimated cost in 2019 was \$30,000.
- Question raised about roof leak from last year. Russell Paulus, roofer did a thorough inspection and identified flashing and other items that needed addressed. This was cared for and we don't have any more leaks. Roofer also identified need to get brick pointed.
- Church COVID capacity is 120 people. We've remarked the pews with rope and aisles have markings for social distancing. Concern was expressed that people aren't social distancing after mass. They're lingering in the church having conversation. We need to remind everyone to exit church immediately after mass.

## **Calendar Items**

- Bishop Malooly will celebrate mass on Sunday, November 22, 2020 for Saint Martin dePorres mass celebration and he'll join us again on Sunday, December 13, 2020.
- Sodality is meeting on the first Sunday of the month via conference call

**New Business:** Are we able to have any fund raisers? Depends on the type of fund raiser. Present ideas to Fr Mac for consideration.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

Fr. Mac adjourned meeting with closing prayer.