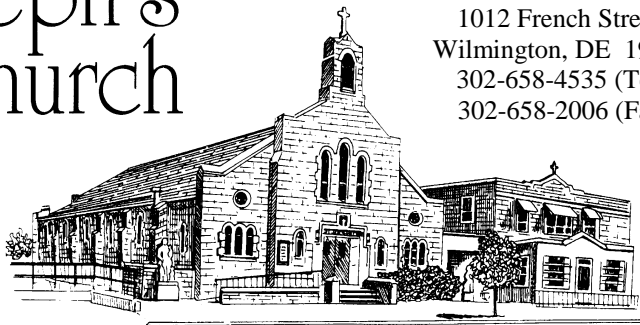


St Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Tuesday to Friday 12:05 pm

Saturday 5 pm

Holy days As announced

The Church is open for Prayer & Meditation

Tuesday—Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Confessions are heard before & after Daily Mass &
Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment

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, Deacons, 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 Deacons make regular visits to local hospitals. Please call the Pastoral Center if any loved one is hospitalized or homebound.

JANUARY 08, 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- January 08 ~ Youth Mass
- January 08 ~ Volunteer's luncheon
- January 14 ~ Clothes Give-Away, 10am—1pm
- January 22 ~ Gospel Mass
- January 23 ~ Book club, 7pm
Sing Me Home by Jodi Picoult
- January 28 ~ Black History Month Prayer Breakfast
- February ~ Black History Month. Please participate in the various activities.
- February 26 ~ Gospel Mass

See Inside for Additional Detail

A warm St. Joseph's Welcome to New Parishioners

~ Joseph Gallo

~ Katherine Moran

~ Alonzo & Sheila Cavin

~ Joseph & Claudette Persaud & children, Joseph & Christopher

~ Kenneth & Toni-Ann Cunningham & children, Maya, Saniya & Kenneth

**Mass Intentions
January 07 — January 15**

Saturday, 01/07	5:00 PM	For engaged couples
Sunday, 01/08	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Kent Blackwood requested by John & Cathleen Lozes For all parishioners
Monday, 01/09	=====	NO MASS
Tuesday, 01/10	12:05 PM	For the elderly
Wednesday, 01/11	12:05 PM	For Social Justice
Thursday, 01/12	12:05 PM	
Friday, 01/13	12:05 PM	
Saturday, 01/17	5:00 PM	For vocations
Sunday, 01/15	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For all parishioners

Building Fund and Weekly Envelopes

Last summer we had a very soft appeal for increased giving. Our goal was to increase the weekly offering by 7 percent. Actually, the weekly offertory rose by almost 7.5 percent. We made the appeal on the basis that the increase would go to the Parish Building Fund, so beginning in August each month 7.5% of the collection has been moved to the building fund. The calculation also includes the support of those who have automatic contributions made from their checking accounts. Other special contributions have also been made directly to the Building Fund. As of January 1, 2012, the fund stands at \$45,289.58. Some of this is restricted according to the intention of the donor, e.g., the doors.

We should all understand that the fund is like a cistern. We want to keep adding to it, hoping to do our dream projects like a new kitchen and bathrooms for the Fellowship Hall, but we will also need to draw from it from time to time for major building expenses. In the last calendar year we spent \$23,295 on the buildings (new roof for the Parish Center, painting the Fellowship Hall and repairing the masonry on the front steps).

There is an error on your new weekly envelopes. There is a line for contributions to the Building Fund. Please ignore that line. We are already directing 7.5 percent of the weekly offering to the Building Fund. If you want to make a special contribution to the Building Fund, please make it separately from your weekly offering. We have included four special envelopes in the boxes should you want to make an extra contribution to the Building Fund.

I hope all of this is clear. I am sorry about the mistake on the envelopes. I am very gratified that the parish as a whole stepped up to the plate for increased giving.

God bless you.

Fr. John

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



**Volunteer & Senior
Appreciation Reception
Sunday, January 08, 2:00 pm**

All parishioners and St. Joseph's friends who volunteer their time and/or talent are cordially invited to attend the volunteer appreciation reception hosted by Fr. John. This year our seniors above the age of 70 are also invited to attend.



Annual Black History Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 28th, 9:00—11:00 am

\$10 in Advance, \$15 at the door

\$5 Children Under Age 10

Speaker: Rev. George Anderson, Pastor

Soloist: Mrs. Alice Dansby

Contact Glenda Townsend 302.478.5246 or

Janice Jolly, 302.764.7781 for tickets

**First Communion
Confirmation**



Instruction will begin early in the New Year for the sacraments of the Eucharist and



Confirmation. If you have a child who has reached the 2nd grade and requires First Communion or a youngster who requires Confirmation instruction, please notify Fr. John or call the parish center at 302 658 4535.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE AND NEWS

Buy gift/ pre-paid cards for a good cause.

Please consider buying gift/ pre-paid cards for everyday items & gifts. Proceeds will be 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 can be found 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

Photos! Photos! Photos! To submit photos for posting on the St. Joseph website (www.stjosephfrenchst.org) "Photos" page, please follow these steps (1) Photos must relate to a St. Joseph Church activity/ministry, (2) Children or young adults may not be in the photos. (3) As a courtesy, obtain verbal consent from those pictured – either prior or afterwards. (4) E-mail the photos and any descriptive information (date, occasion, location) to photos@stjosephfrenchst.org. Normally, only a few photos (~5) will be posted per event. If you have any questions, please see John Lozes or send an email to photos@stjosephfrenchst.org.

St. Joseph's Book Club meets at 7pm in the Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion group. New members are welcome.
Jan 23: Sing You Home by Jodi Picoult
Mar 26: Getting to Happy by Terry McMillan

BAYLOR PRISON MINISTRY: Every Friday morning, parishioners and friends brighten the lives of women who are incarcerated. On the first and third Friday, Fr. John celebrates mass. For additional information, please contact Rose Henderson, 302-762-9044.

Ex-Offenders Homeless Program New Beginnings the Next Step If you know of anyone recently released from prison, who needs assistance, please contact Jean Toy @ 302-377-7932 and leave a brief message.

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. To learn more about this International Catholic Organization, please contact Knight Vincent Robinson or Grand Lady Bernadette Winston at (302-547-5688).

WILMINGTON DIOCESE GOSPEL CHOIR sings at St. Joseph on the fourth Sunday and throughout the Diocese during the year. For information, please contact Brenda Burns at 302-322-6899.

INCREASED GIVING COMMITMENT

Commitment cards are available so parishioners can pledge for the increased giving campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The additional funds will be used for the building fund

Prepare for next week

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-16a,17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42



Sunday Morning Fellowship

Sponsored by

Ronald & Rose Mary Cortes

Additional Sponsors needed - \$50/ week.

Please see Loretta Young.

Thank you!

Food Drive for the Food Bank of Delaware. A barrel has been placed in the vestibule of the church. Please place nonperishable items, such as canned goods, pancake mix, boxed macaroni and cheese, soap, shampoo, etc. in the barrel. For information contact Rose Henderson @ 762-9044.

Emergency contact ==> To contact the pastor after hours, call the parish number. The parish phone is bridged to my bedroom. I don't answer at night because sometimes it is someone who wants the mass schedule, but I check a couple of minutes after a call to see if there is a message. Then I can call back. When I am away, I check for messages every few hours, first thing in the morning and last thing at night. If I am far away, I ask Loretta or someone else to check the phone frequently and call me if there is a grave situation.

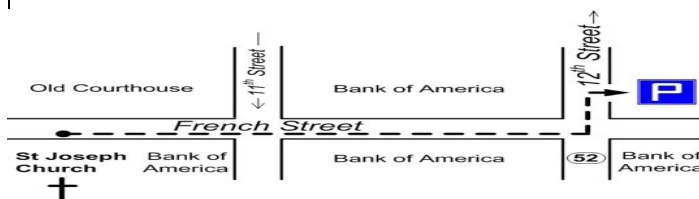
Fr. John

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The journey of faith is a process that takes time. Please contact me about taking steps leading to initiation as a Catholic Christian. If you know someone who needs special invitation, please let me know. The whole church is built up when an adult embraces the faith. We need to embrace those called by Christ.

St. Joseph CCD classes run from 10:05am until 10:55am and are held in the Parish Center.

Parking Relief: Bank of America has graciously agreed to allow use of their outdoor parking on the corner of 12th and French Streets—a block and a half away. Parking is allowed from 4PM– 7PM on Saturdays and from 8AM– 2pm on Sundays





IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Mrs. Genya Barkley	Ms. Dorothy Davis	Mrs. Amatullah Rashad	Mrs. Nellie Lawrence	Ms. Jeanette Sammons
Cathy Sarro	Ms. Joanna Warren	Ms. Delores Tuller	Kendra Denhardt	Mrs. Gerri Reybold
Ms. Leta Johnson	Mrs. Elaine Harris	Mrs. Roberta Howell	Mr. Carlos Cortez	Mrs. Bette Rachiele
Ms. Tanya Wilson	Mrs. Lillian Spencer	Mr. William Shorter	Cameron Young	Mr. Charles Perry
Mr. Jeffrey Britton	Miss Lauren O'Connell	Ms. Jean Brynes	Sabrina Sarro	Mrs. Frances Reed
Mrs. Myra Campbell	Raymond Sarro	Fr. John Sarro	Mrs. Josephine Sarro	Mr. Terry McDonald
Ms. Ethel Barrett	Mrs. Jane MacDonald	Mr. Charles Perry	Ms. Arlene Watson	Mrs. Dora Williams
Ms. Myrtle Owens	Mr. Mark Gallagher	Mrs. Doris Gallagher	Mr. Tony Dash	Michelle Priest

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

A Birthday Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sunday, January 15, 2012, 3:30 PM
The Grand Opera House
Acapella Choir

The Negro Spiritual, The Words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Free and Open to the Public

FULL TIME WAREHOUSE LABORER

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities' Thrift Center, which provides pre-owned clothing, furniture and miscellaneous household items to the community at a minimal cost, is seeking a Full time Warehouse Laborer. The position is responsible for the maintenance of the interior and exterior of the store and assisting with receiving and delivering of donations. Duties include general maintenance and repair, operating light equipment, janitorial skills, ability to economize and work as a team member. Must have a valid driver's license and insurable driving record, CDL is a plus. Send resumes to Human Resources PO Box 2030, Wilmington, DE 19899-2030, Fax (302) 573-6944, download an application at www.cdow.org click on Employment - Diocesan Offices/Services, e-mail djones@ccwilm.org

St. Anthony's Church is seeking children and adults interested in playing a role in the Via Crucis liturgical drama during their weekly Lenten presentation. If you are interested, please contact Maria Finamore 302 545 5047, stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com

Jesus House. For information contact Edie (302) 995-6859 edie2501@comcast.net.

For more information on Catholic social teaching, or to arrange for a speaker at a parish function, contact Andy Zampini at Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 or azampini@ccwilm.org

Gates Millennium Scholarship Program (GMS) will select 1,000 talented students to receive a scholarship to use at a college or university. Continuing scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program. **The application deadline is Wednesday, January 11, 2012.** To apply, visit www.blackstudents.com/billgates

Franciscan Spiritual Center, located in Aston, PA, offers programs such as retreats and prayer groups. For more information call 610-558-6152 or visit the email sight at fsc@osfphila.org

Listen to **CATHOLIC FORUM** every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Do you desire a private, Catholic Education for your child but cannot afford it? Applications for 5th and 6th grade are currently being accepted at **Serviam Girls Academy**. Eligible students must qualify for free or reduced lunch. Call 302-651-9700 for information & application packet.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS: If you are wondering about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, God may be calling you. To talk it over, contact **Fr. John Frambes or Deacon Bob Cousar at 302 658 4535**, or call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (3025733113; jco-cucci@cdow.org). Be sure to visit the website, www.CalledByTheLord.com!

The Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Ann's parish is looking for volunteers for Eucharistic Adoration. Call Pat, 655-9959 or Catherine, 489-3141 or email her at cardinalsway@hotmail.com if you are willing to help fill a time slot or also be on the substitute list.

Malvern Retreat House: For information, visit malvenretreat.com or call 610-644-0400

Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province Website:
www.hnp.org

Delaware Right To Life - www.derighttolife.org or call 832-9600
 Wilmington March for Life will be held on Friday, January 20th, 2012 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at Rodney Square