

# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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

**Parish Secretary:** [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)

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

**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.

## September 20 2020 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 1:00 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
  - ▶ September 18 ~ Matthew 20:1-16a
  - ▶ September 25 ~ Saint Augustine of Hippo, Confessions X
- ▶ September 26 & 27 ~ Share in the Spirit Special Collection — Tuition
- ▶ September 28 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
  - ▶ *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- ▶ October 4 ~ Sodality Meeting, 1:00 pm Conference Call
  - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602.
- ▶ October 25 ~ Divine Nine Mass @ 1:00 pm
  - ▶ Mass for Peace and Harmony

### 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.

Sept. 13, 2020 - \$4,860      Sept. 15, 2019—\$2,373

**Mass Intentions**  
**September 19, 2020 — September 27, 2020**

|                  |          |   |
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| Saturday, 09/19  | 5:00 PM  | People of the Parish                                |
| Sunday, 09/20    | 10:00 am |   |
| Monday, 09/21    | —        | No Intentions                                       |
| Tuesday, 09/22   | —        | No Intentions                                       |
| Wednesday, 09/23 | 12:10 pm | Leonard J. Young, Jr.<br>Requested by Loretta Young |
| Thursday, 09/24  | —        | No Intentions                                       |
| Friday, 09/25    | —        | No Intentions                                       |
| Saturday, 09/26  | 5:00 pm  | People of the Parish                                |
| Sunday, 09/27    | 10:00 am |   |

| <b>PARISH STAFF</b>           |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Administrator:                | Rev. John C. McVoy |
| 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***


Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near," Isaiah counsels s in the first words from today's first reading. We come together today to seek the Lord in word and sacrament, knowing that he can be found in scripture, in the Eucharist, and in each other. We call to him now, lifting our voices in song and prayer, aware of his closeness as we gathered two or more in his name.

*To Mae*

**Question of the Week**

How can I magnify Christ in myself?  
 How can I imitate God's generosity?

**St. Joseph's**

  
**THE BOOK CLUB**

Grab your book, snack, and prepare for lively discussion about this wonderful book.

**ZOOM Monday, September 28, 2020, 7:00 pm**  
**WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING** by Delia Owens  
 Discussion Leader: [Anthea Bedminster](#)  
 Call Geraldine Cochran, 302-778-0476 for ZOOM link



On the September 19, 2020 episode of *Catholic Forum*, Deb Fols from the Diocese of Wilmington's Development Office will tell us how the Share in the Spirit campaign is helping families afford Catholic schools for their children. *Catholic Forum* is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington. Listen each Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. on Relevant Radio 640. After the program airs on broadcast radio, it is available via podcast at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching *Catholic Forum* on Apple, iHeartRadio, and Spotify Podcast

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

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**  
 World peace is good but probably feels impossible these days. Yet married couples learn a lot about peacemaking. What's one thing you've learned about resolving an argument? Share it with someone today.

**PARENTING POINTERS**  
 Many families have been spending more time together lately because of Covid-19. This can be good but stressful. How do you balance caring for young children, monitoring school work, private time, etc.? Family meetings can help work out the kinks.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

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

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| <b>Gerry Reybold</b> | <b>Marie Reed</b> | <b>Charlie Anderson</b> |
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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.

A Zoom forum on “**Racial Justice and the Catholic Church**” sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena and Resurrection Parishes will be held on four Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. September 30th, October 14th and October 28th and 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 and a copy of the book, contact St. Catherine of Siena Parish at 302-633-4900 or email Fr. John Hynes at [jhynesscs@aol.com](mailto:jhynesscs@aol.com).

**DON'T MISS THE 2020  
DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON  
MARIAN PILGRIMAGE MASS  
WITH BISHOP MALOOLY  
LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE  
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD 4:00 P.M.**

**THIS YEAR'S THEME:  
MARY, MOTHER OF ALL NATIONS**

**WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/DIOCESEOFWILM**

*This year's Annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage Mass with Bishop Malooly will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. You are invited to watch the Mass live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube Channel - [YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm](http://YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm), or search Diocese of Wilmington on YouTube. This year's theme is Mary, Mother of All Nations.*

### **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](mailto:vinconrob@aol.com) Web: [http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC\\_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf](http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf)

**Blue Mass**  
TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020 11:00 A.M.**  
**ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**809 S. BROOM ST., WILM., DE**

WATCH THE LIVESTREAM AT  
[WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/DIOCESEOFWILM](http://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/DIOCESEOFWILM)

**Attention active and retired law enforcement, fire EMT, and military personnel and their families.** Bishop Malooly invites you to the 2020 Diocese of Wilmington “Blue Mass,” **in-person or live-streamed** on Friday, October 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Masks and social distancing is required. Visit [cdow.org/coronavirus](http://cdow.org/coronavirus) for details. The “Blue Mass” honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend or watch the live-stream on the Diocese of Wilmington YouTube Channel – [www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](http://www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm). Thank you for



### **September**

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|---------------------|----|
| Billie Harris       | 01 |
| Enrique Nieves      | 01 |
| Amanda Shine        | 01 |
| Leonard Young       | 01 |
| Marrisa May         | 03 |
| Cheryl Riviere      | 03 |
| Ernest Sutton       | 03 |
| Mary Ann Cunningham | 07 |
| Gordon Sanders      | 10 |
| Ariana Goode        | 12 |
| Derrick Lowery      | 12 |
| Maya Cunningham     | 13 |
| Kathleen O’Connell  | 13 |
| Marques Polk        | 14 |
| John Purnell, Jr.   | 14 |
| William Willis, Jr. | 15 |
| Michele Francia     | 16 |
| Jerry Kegelman      | 16 |
| Doris Matthews      | 16 |
| Kevin O’Connell     | 17 |
| Jaylen Ross-Herman  | 17 |
| Chanae Owens        | 19 |
| Clifton Rashad      | 19 |
| Aidhan Corbett      | 21 |
| Sandra Donohue      | 28 |
| Sadequa Simmonds    | 28 |
| Shirley Murray      | 29 |
| Laura Altman        | 30 |
| Dalicia LeaBough    | 30 |
| Walter Spencer      | 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*

**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



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

“The Lord is near to all who call upon him.” PS 145

Reading I – IS 55:6-9

Reading II – PHIL 20C-24, 27A

Gospel – MT 20: 1- 16 A

## PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

### SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

“The 2020 NPM theme is: ‘Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today.’

**Make A Plan: Build A Kit: Prepare for Disasters Teach Youth About Preparedness:**

When major disasters strike, visit the U.S. Census Bureau's [Emergency Management](#) page to access demographic and economic data for the impacted areas. You will also find our mission critical tools: Census Business Builder, ‘On The Map’ for Emergency Management, COVID-19 Interactive Data Hub, local Weather Forecasting Offices and more. Visit this website to learn about this important plan and details. (Source: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/preparedness-month.html>)

### NEWBORN SCREENING MONTH

Throughout the month of September, [Baby's First Test](#), a program of [Expecting Health](#), will continue our annual tradition of sharing [newborn screening](#) facts, videos, and stories on our social media platforms as well as highlighting education and awareness efforts from communities and organizations across the nation.

Our [#2020NBS toolkit](#) has messaging guidance for this year's theme *Expect Newborn Screening* to help you raise awareness about the test that every parent can expect with sample social media messages, shareable graphics, and tips on how to share your story. Download your toolkit at this website: (<https://www.babysfirsttest.org/newborn-screening/2020-newborn-screening-awareness-month>)

### HEALTHY AGING MONTH

The numbers of people over 45 are growing every year. The attention used to be just on the baby boomers. Now, the Generation X-ers are elbowing their way in and have many of the same interests as the previous generation – stay active and vibrant as long as possible. There are over 76 million baby boomers today over 50 and the first of the 82.1 million generation x-ers reached that milestone in 2015.

“Use September as the motivation to take stock of where you’ve been, what you really would like to do,” says Worthington. “And try it! Who says you have to follow a career related to what you studied in school? Who says, you can’t start your own home business later in life? Why not choose a new athletic goal (5K anyone?), or do something wildly different from anything you’ve done before? Only that person you see in the mirror!”

(Source: <https://healthyaging.net/healthy-aging-month/celebrate-september-is-healthy-aging-month-reinvent-yourself/>)=9

### NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION MONTH

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

There is currently no evidence to support transmission of COVID -19 associated with food. The risk of getting sick with COVID-19 from eating or handling food (including frozen food and produce) and food packages is considered very low. Take everyday actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Continue following basic steps for [food safety](#) and eat nutritious foods to take care of your physical and mental health. Get answers to other questions about COVID-19 from CDC, the Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

(Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/food-and-COVID-19.html>)

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

We all put off to the eleventh hour some piece of work that we have to do with respect to God or each other: prayer, forgiveness, charity, justice, etc.) If this parable teaches us something about how great God is and how generous, then we are called to this same greatness and generosity. Wouldn't nations be different if debts could be forgiven and those who have were generous to those who have not? Wouldn't families be different if hurtful behavior ceased and was forgiven generously? Wouldn't individuals be different if



### 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



October is **Respect Life Month**. You can find resources for parishes, groups and individuals at [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org)