

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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Website: 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 27 2020

Twenty-sixth 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 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
- ▶ September 30th, October 14th, October 28th and November 11th
 - ▶ *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*
- ▶ 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. 20, 2020 - \$2,545 Sept. 22, 2019—\$2,098

Mass Intentions

September 26, 2020 — October 04, 2020

Saturday, 09/26	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/27	10:00 am	Achuziam Abili son of Patrick & Linda Abili Requested by DeAnna Cardenas
Wednesday, 09/30	12:10 pm	Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Loretta Young
Saturday, 10/03	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/04	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 of the Word

In today's second reading, Saint Paul calls upon the Philippians to "(be) of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." We come here today probably each thinking different things but during this holy time together we pray that the Holy Spirit may unite us in heart and mind, with the love of God and love of neighbor we have in common, as we lift our voices to sing and pray as one.

To Mae

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Gerry Reybold Marie Reed Charlie Anderson

If you would like to be added to our sick and shut-in list, please send email to 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.



Dear Friends,

My deepest appreciation and gratitude for the love and support given to him during the **last seven years. I hope we'll stay in touch and that we'll see one another again, soon.**

St. Joseph's will forever be with me.

My new address is:

Rev. Paul M. Williams, ofm
 Saint Camillus Friary
 1600 Saint Camillus Drive
 Silver Spring, MD 20903-2598

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Today's special collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program.

Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information and on-line giving options, visit the *Share in the Spirit* website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

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.

**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://www.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 Web: http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf



September

Sandra Donohue	28
Sadequa Simmonds	28
Shirley Murray	29
Laura Altman	30
Dalicia LeaBough	30
Walter Spencer	30

October

Michel Hauteville	01
Mark LeaBough	02
Anthea Bedminster	04
Alexander Loosarian	04
Marie Dash	05
Felipe Barranco	06
Joyce Robbins Brown	06
Maryann Brown Martin	07
Yvonne Hill	09
Aaron Christopher Hill	10
David Fisher	10
Liana Thompson	10

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.

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

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 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. Thank you for

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS
Marriage is sometimes unfair. One partner gives more than the other. You may not be able to magically make the world fair, but you can do one unnecessary kindness for your beloved 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.

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 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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Remember your mercies, O Lord." PS 25

Reading I – EZ 19:25-28

Reading II – PHIL 2:1-11

Gospel – MT 2:28-32

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NATIONAL CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION MONTH

National Cholesterol Education Month seeks to inform the public about the dangers of high cholesterol and its connection with the leading cause of death around the globe, heart disease. High cholesterol is one of the most common and commonly misunderstood health risks in America. It can be caused by an unhealthy diet and exacerbated by smoking and a lack of exercise and since it is symptomless it can be hard to diagnose. It is a serious condition that affects nearly 102 million Americans over the age of 20. Visit this website to learn how you might prevent this risk to yourself or your loved ones. (Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-cholesterol-education-month/>)

NATIONAL RECOVERY Month

Each September, Recovery Month works to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible. The theme for 2020 National Recovery Month is *Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections*. Learn more about how your congregation or civic association can make a difference in our community at: rm.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF COVID-19:

Add your phone to the COVID-19 Fight – **Download the COVID Alert DE App**

Wear a face covering in public

- Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet from others)
 - Practice good hand hygiene
 - Cough or sneeze into your elbow
 - Clean frequently used surfaces often
 - Don't go to work if you are sick
- Anyone can get tested for COVID-19 – even those with no symptoms
Help us stop the virus; answer the call from our contact tracers – the phone number they call from is 302-446-4262, or your caller ID will say DE PUBLIC HEALTH

Question of the Week

What righteous act can I do this week that I have previously expressed reluctance to do?

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

Parish Fund Raising **amazon smile**

When making purchases on Amazon, please remember to select St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church as your charitable organization.

Very simply, on your next Amazon purchase, first log-in to AmazonSmile (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.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, October 3rd, learn about Respect Life Month and life issues that we face in our area when Molly Sheahan from the Maryland Catholic Conference is the guest. After it airs, listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicF..., 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/Catho...

Live the Gospel of *Life* | RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is **Respect Life Month**. You can find resources for parishes, groups and individuals at www.respectlife.org