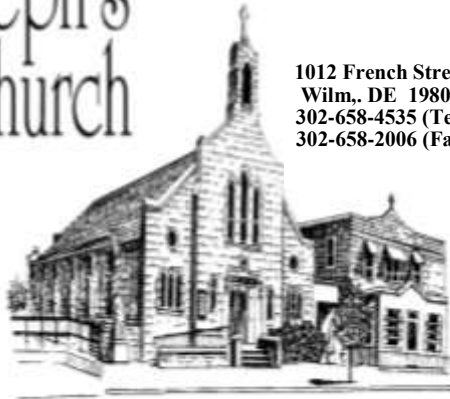


St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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ADMINISTRATOR
Rev. John C. McVoy
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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.

October 4, 2020

Twenty-seventh 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
 - ▶ Next session is October 9th - join us!
- ▶ October 4 ~ Sodality Meeting, 1:00 pm Conference Call
 - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church Form via Zoom*
 - ▶ October 14th - Fr. Mac, Witness
 - ▶ October 28th - Mary Mirabeau, Witness
 - ▶ November 11 - Vonda Wright, Witness
- ▶ October 25 ~ Divine Nine Mass @ 1:00 pm
 - ▶ Mass for Peace and Harmony
- ▶ November 30 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
 - ▶ *Panchinko by Min Jin Lee*



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.

Sept. 27, 2020 - \$2,609 Sept. 29, 2019—\$4,201

Mass Intentions
October 03, 2020— October 11, 2020


Saturday, 10/03	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/04	10:00 am	
Wednesday, 10/07	12:10 pm	Requested by Loretta & Leonard Young, Jr.
Saturday, 10/10	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/11	10:00 am	

PARISH STAFF	
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

Today's readings speak of harvesting grapes in a vineyard. God calls us to work in the vineyard, each doing our part to ensure a good harvest. We gather together each week in the Lord's name and receive Christ in the word and the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the kingdom of God to those who produce its fruit. We pray that we may be nourished in word and sacrament so that we may go forth to produce fruit for the kingdom.

To Mae



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan *Share in the Spirit* tuition assistance collection last week. Our target goal is \$24,000. To date we have pledges of \$14,740 or 61.42% against our target. We've received payments of \$12,490.74.

For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the parish office or go to the *Share in the Spirit* website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

To Mae



**DON'T MISS THE 2020
 DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON
 MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

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

SCHEDULE

8 a.m. - Morning Mass with Fr. Brian Lewis
(Search Godcast with Fr. Lewis on YouTube or cdow.org/Mary)

Throughout the day - Videos from Local Catholics
(YouTube.com/DioceeseofWilm or cdow.org/Mary)

4 p.m. - Closing Mass with Bishop Malooly
(YouTube.com/DioceeseofWilm)

www.YouTube.com/DIOCESEOFWILM

This year's online Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Begin your pilgrimage with morning mass at 8:00 with Father Brian Lewis on his Godcast with Father Lewis YouTube channel and on cdow.org/Mary. Watch for videos posted throughout the day at YouTube.com/DioceeseofWilm. The pilgrimage concludes with Mass with Bishop Malooly at 4 p.m. at YouTube.com/DioceeseofWilm. This year's theme is Mary, Mother of All Nations. Visit cdow.org/Mary for information. Be sure to log-in to view the St. Joseph's video highlighting parish devotion to Our Lady.

Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass Cancellation

Due to COVID-19, the Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, scheduled for October 18, 2020, has been **cancelled**. Even though the Mass will not take place, all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, will be honored with a *certificate* (mailed to the address provided on the form).

Please complete the form below by **October 16** and return it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing ljackson@cdow.org.

Question of the Week

What one specific thing can I do with my time and talents to produce fruit in the vineyard I call home?

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., 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.
Saint Joseph's parishioners are engaged with the planning of this event, serving as speakers, etc. 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

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.



Join Catholic Charities and Bishop Malooly on Saturday, November 21, 2020 for the 5th Annual Bishop's 5K run/walk. This year's event will be held in person and virtual.

The event takes place at St. Mark's High school. Visit www.fusionracetiming.com and hit the Bishop's 5K link to register and see all the sponsorship levels and prizes that are available. There is also a prize level for the Diocesan Catholic Schools with the most participants, including family. There is a \$29/registration fee. For those under age 18 the fee is \$19/registration. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities outreach.

Did you know that one in 10 residents in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland receives at least one service from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington? You can support our most vulnerable neighbors and enjoy a great morning workout by participating in this run.

Bishop Malooly will be at the starting line AND finish line of the event! Will you?

Month of the Rosary



Each year representative students from schools in the Diocese of Wilmington commit to a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace at Holy Spirit Parish, New Castle, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7) to join with Bishop Malooly in praying the rosary. Due to the COVID environment, this event will occur virtually this year.

Each school will have the opportunity to pray the rosary on October 7 at the time of its choosing since the prayer service has been pre-recorded. We invite parishioners to join the school students, teachers and staff in prayer on the diocesan YouTube channel on October 7. The Rosary Rally will be posted at - www.YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm and on



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
Peyton Flagg	12
Derrick Johnson	12
Barbara Pulliam	16
Rosemary Chaplin	17
Joseph Owens	17
Andrea Queen	18
Robert Hopson	19
J'Ana McGill	19
Anthony Cecere	21
Howard Robbins	21
Lauren Nieves	22
Albert Scales, Jr	22
James Obidike	24
John Cunningham	27
Gaye Council	29
Kenneth Pulliam, Jr.	29
Kayla Saunders	30
Ella Taylor	30
Jecha Wright	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 parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Which of the following qualities is your beloved strongest in - honesty, honor, justice, graciousness...? Be thankful and ask your spouse to pray that you also may grow in this quality.

PARENTING POINTERS

October is Respect Life Month. Talk to your child about respecting the human lives that are too often dismissed as unworthy or inconvenient (the unborn, the poor, the imprisoned, the handicapped...).

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Virtual Women's Wellness Breast Health, Survivorship and More!

Saturday, October 17, 8 – 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Event via Zoom

Our annual event, held during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is a free breast health and wellness conference for all women including breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Join us to learn more about breast health, genetics, importance of annual screenings, survivorship and health care going forward in the "New" world of COVID-19.

Agenda

8 a.m. - Join us to start your day with chair yoga
8:30 a.m. - Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:30 – 10:30 a.m. - Program

Conference Topics include:

- * The State of Breast Health in Delaware
- * Importance of getting back to health care during these times
- * Delaware Women's Health and the Impact of COVID
- * Update on Genetics
- * Survivorship
- * Local Community Resources
- * Q&A

[\[https://christianacare.org/workfiles/new/\]](https://christianacare.org/workfiles/new/)

Parish Fund Raising

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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.



Saturday, October 3rd, on Catholic Forum, Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy for the Maryland Catholic Conference will discuss Respect Life Month and life issues facing Marylanders. Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at 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 www.facebook.com/Catholicforum

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be hosting a Faith Leaders Breakfast next month. It is a virtual event that will be held on Tuesday, October 27th from 12:15 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the gathering is for the Alzheimer's Association to gain insight on how they may collaborate with faith-based communities to better address the needs and concerns of those families being impacted by Alzheimer's and other dementias. Priests and other parish leaders are invited to participate. For information or to participate, contact Elizabeth Phillips, Coordinator of Programs, Kent/Sussex Counties, Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter: 215-399-9207 or ecphillips@alz.org.

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

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