

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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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 and Friday 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 29 2020



- ▶ CCD Registration is Now Open
- ▶ 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 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
- ▶ December 24 ~ Christmas Eve — 5:00 pm Mass
- ▶ December 25 ~ Christmas Day — 10:00 am Mass
- ▶ January 1, 2020 ~ New Years Day — 10:00 am Mass

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 22, 2020 - \$2,614 Nov 24, 2019— \$3,074

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

Saturday, 11/28	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/29	10:00 am	
Wednesday, 12/02	12:10 pm	Leonard A. Jezyk Requested by The Gallagher's
Friday, 12/04	10:00 am	
Saturday, 12/05	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/06	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

Once again we begin the season of Advent, this time of preparation for Christ's coming into the world on Christmas morning. But this is not the only arrival of Christ for which we can prepare. He comes into our hearts at any time in any way. He comes to us in the Eucharist. We hope to be welcomed into his arms when we leave this world. Finally, he will come again at the end of time. As we gather in his name today, let us contemplate how we can prepare to receive Christ even when we least expect him.

Jo Mac



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, December 5th, tune in to learn ways to make Advent and Christmas more meaningful for families, when Ms. Cindy Krebs, Director of Religious Education at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware is the guest. 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 facebook.com/Catholicf...

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Sometimes marriage is like our computers. You learn a lot of information, but with time bugs and viruses can creep in. Things get messy and work slower. When all else fails try rebooting your relationship. Let go of old hurts.

PARENTING POINTERS

This has been a year of the coronavirus pandemic. What's there to be thankful for? Sometimes disruptions like these can push us into facing our common humanity and what's really important. Think of one unintended positive consequence that's come out of a hard year.

Question of the Week

How can I give control over to God?

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>	<i>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Earl White</i>	<i>Beverly White</i>
<i>Brenda Burns</i>	<i>Joquin Ledesma</i>	<i>LaVaida Owens White</i>	

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.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

Opening Prayer:

O GOD, BLESS THIS ADVENT WREATH.
MAY IT HELP US PREPARE TO WELCOME JESUS, YOUR SON,
INTO OUR LIVES.
MAY THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE SHINE THROUGH US. AMEN.



Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

WEEK 1- First Sunday of Advent (Light candle # 1) – **HOPE**

**WE BELIEVE IN YOU, LORD.
WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP US
TO LOVE AND RESPECT EACH OTHER MORE.
YOU ARE OUR LIGHT,
THE LIGHT THAT OVERCOMES DARKNESS.
COME, LORD JESUS!**

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 2 – Second Sunday of Advent (Light candles #1 & #2) – **LOVE**

**COME, LORD JESUS.
WARM OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR LOVE.
HELP US TO PREPARE FOR YOUR COMING.
HELP US TO SEE THE GOOD THINGS WE CAN DO.
HELP US TO SEE THE GOOD THINGS OTHERS DO.
COME, LORD JESUS!**

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 3 – Gaudete Sunday (Light candles #1, #2, #3) – **JOY**

**JESUS, WE WANT YOUR COMING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN HOW WE LIVE AND LOVE.
OPEN OUR HEARTS TO HEAR YOUR TELLING US
HOW WE CAN BRING PEACE AND JOY TO OTHERS.
COME, LORD JESUS!**

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 4- Fourth Sunday of Advent (Light candles #1, #2, #3, #4) – **PEACE**

**LORD JESUS,
QUIET THE WORRIES AND FEARS IN OUR HEARTS.
GIVE US YOUR PEACE.
THANK YOU FOR THE LIFE YOU SHARE WITH US.
HELP US TO SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH OTHERS.
COME, LORD JESUS!**

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

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.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

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

It's that time of year when we consider gift giving and gift cards are a safe and easy way to give to others, especially this year.

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 contact Grand Knight Vincent Robinson at 302 4945699; Email: kpc.scrip@stjosephfrenchst.org
 Web: http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

The Epilepsy Foundation recently launched the first and only Seizure Recognition and First Aid certification training to support the 3.4 million people in the U.S. living with epilepsy. The Seizure Recognition and First Aid certification training provides information to increase the knowledge, skills and confidence in recognizing seizures and safely administering seizure first aid. We need more people talking about [epilepsy](#). With more voices lifted together, we can create greater change. More people need to know [Seizure First Aid](#). Knowing the three words "Stay. Safe. Side." and what they mean can help save lives. Visit this website to learn more about what you can do in case of emergency at: <https://www.epilepsy.com/make-difference/public-awareness/national-epilepsy-awareness-month#PSA>

NATIONAL ALZHEIMERS DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Alzheimer's (AD) attacks your memory of people, places, and things. The symptoms to look for include memory loss (especially short-term), trouble making plans and solving problems, confusion over times or places, and misplacing objects. AD patients also experience mood and personality changes that can devolve into someone being confused, suspicious, or even depressed. Visit this website to learn 5 important things you should know about this disease. Take the national screening test if you are concerned about yourself or a loved one at: (Source :<https://nationaltoday.com/national-alzheimers-disease-month/>)

PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. faced a maternal and infant health crisis and still remains among the most dangerous developed nations for childbirth. This crisis is fueled by the health equity gap in our health care system that puts women and babies of color at the greatest risk. Today preterm birth rates in our country continue to rise. Families everywhere need your support to ensure they get the care they need. Together, we can give every family the best possible start. Join in the effort to protect all moms and babies by donating to the March of Dimes and sharing information about pre-natal care for mom and dad. (Source: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/prematurity-awareness-month.aspx>)

FREE COVID TESTING SITES IN NEW CASTLE, KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES

Please get tested and wear a face covering in public places to protect your community: de.gov/gettested.
 Anyone with a question about COVID-19, whether related to medical or social service needs, should call Delaware 2-1-1. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



December

Ryan Small	02
Vanel Fleury	03
Josephine Griffin	03
August Hazeur	03
Marie Corbitt	05
Rosetta Henderson	08
Iona Johnson	08
Irmina Hudson	10
Yvonne Flagg	12
Willa Seth	12
Blythe Shine	12
Dana Jackson	13
Tristan Thompson	14
Xavier Wycliffe	14
Donald Cory Towles	15
Michala Dash	17
Gwendolyn Sanders	17
Carlvin Joseph	21
Patrick Abili	22
Corriam Jolly	24
Father John McVoy	24
Lisa Mims	25
Mary Pearce	25
Gabriel Elijah Towles	28
Leatitia Bedminster	29
Desiree Blackwell	29
Christopher Sterling	29
Marquis Baynard	30
Tracy Purnell	30
Janice Jolly	31
Paula Willis	31

*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.*