

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.

December 27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family



- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ Friday Bible Study 1:00 pm via ZOOM will resume on Jan 8, 2021
- ▶ December 31 ~ New Year's Eve Mass — 5:00 pm
- ▶ January 1, 2021 ~ New Years Day — 10:00 am Mass
- ▶ January 13 ~ COVID Test in front of Church, 10am — 4pm
- ▶ January 17 ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Mass Celebration, 10am
- ▶ January 25 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
▶ *Down the River Into the Sea by Walter Mosley*

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.

Dec 20, 2020 - \$6,061

Dec 22, 2019 — \$3,666

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
December 26, 2020 — January 2, 2021**

Saturday, 12/26	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/27	10:00 am	† Barbara Willis Requested by William Willis, Sr.
Wednesday, 12/30	12:10 pm	† Vivian Young Requested by Loretta & Leonard Young
Friday, 01/01/21	10:00 am	
Saturday, 1/02	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/03	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

We continue to celebrate the festive season of Christmas by honoring the Holy Family. Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, each trusted in the Lord when they accepted the unique start to their family. Though their family faced dangers from the start, they remained united in love, which Saint Paul calls the bond of perfection. May our families share these bonds of love, enabling us to face the hardships and sorrows of life.

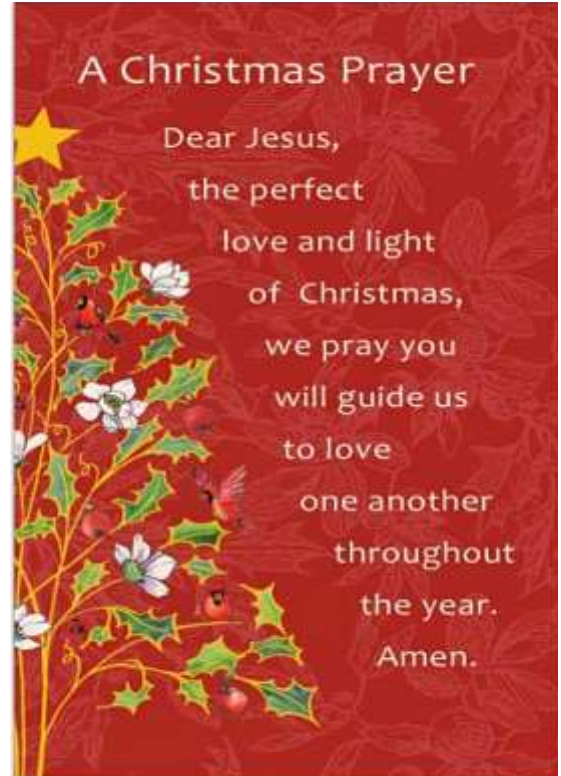
Jo Mac



Merry Christmas! Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 2nd, tune in to hear an interview with Stephanie and Matt Regitz, authors of the new book, "Beckett Wants to Be a Priest. 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.

Question of the Week

How can I better see Christ in my family members? I can I better see neighbors and strangers as my sisters and brothers?



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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What a year 2020 has been! Talk with each other about what helps you heal your relationship and bring you back together after a disagreement

PARENTING POINTERS

Relish the glee of giving and receiving a gift. After the hubbub dies down, pause as a family not only to thank each other, but to be thankful that you have the resources to give gifts and that you have a family to share this time with. Don't let the day slip away without this pause.

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>Stephanie Bolden</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.



Christmas Decorations



Many Thanks to all who generously contributed to this year's Christmas decorations.

Lonnie Ash

In memory of deceased family members

Dana Crumety

In memory of deceased family members

Anthea Bedminster

In memory of deceased family members

Geraldine P. Cochran

In memory of Walter & Marguerite Purnell

Marie Dash

In memory of Anthony Dash, Mr. & Mrs. H. Herman Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Dash and deceased members of the Evans and Poindexter Families

Michele Hinson

In memory of Dennis Hinson & Christine Davis

Irmina Hudson

In memory of Jones E. & Rosalie Quinlan, Elena Quinlan, Dominga Watson, Carol Quinlan

Fayetta Jackson

In memory of Elmer Hudson, Eureka Hudson, William, Edward Jackson, Sr.,

Iona Johnson

In memory of deceased family members

Doris Matthews

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Perrigan, Ray Adams, LaTonya Lopez, Mrs. & Mrs. Herbert Berry

Bob McDevitt

In memory of deceased family members

Betsy McGeever

In memory of Frank & Nancy McGeever

Denise McIntyre

In memory of Tempest Shade

Mary Mirabeau

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George C. Nash, St., Mr. George C. Nash, Jr.

Ken & Barbara Pulliam

In memory of Agnes Pulliam

Pat Rafter

In memory of Jean O'Connell, Daniel E. O'Connell, Wilfrid J. Rafter, Joseph W. Faustman

Lavon Robinson

In memory of Lois Robinson, Barbara Willis. In honor of Janelle Mirabeau and health care workers, Knights and Ladies of Knights of Peter Claver

Gwen & Gordon Sanders

In memory of all deceased family members

Denise Scales

In memory of Dennis Hinson, Christine Davis, John Purnell, St., Stanley & Mae Radulski

Willa Seth

In memory of Seth, Baynard and Baskerville families

Herb & Debbie Sterling

In memory of deceased members of the Sterling, Jackson and Hunter families

Leonard & Loretta Young

In memory of Hattie & Clifton Coleman, Vivian & Joe Young and all deceased family members

ADDITIONAL NEWS



December

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

January

Francis Crumety	01
Thomasina Joseph	01
Arielle Mobley	03
Gail Rando	04
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Maria Rivera	08
Jeannette Sammons	08
Albert Fletcher	09
Douglas Loosarian	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Andres Barranco	10
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Laura Chaplin	14
Sheris Owens	14
Tauqeer Rashad, Jr.	14
Chantal David Towles	14
Alexis Caesar	15
Mikayla Purnell	20
Anne Taylor	20
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Yvonne Bracy	22
Kyle Hopson	22
Josephine Mahler	22
Jane Crowley	23
Aaliyah Herman	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	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. Please include your name, birth month, day and year.

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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS IN NCC DELAWARE: NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOPE CENTER

Those experiencing homelessness in New Castle County have a safe and warm place to go just in time for the first winter storm of the season. The former Sheraton hotel on Airport Road near New Castle, which was purchased at auction by the county with federal CARES Act money, officially opened its doors **Tuesday, December 15, 2020** as an emergency shelter during the pandemic, less than a month after settlement.

There is also social service help provided to find persons/families future housing. Transportation can be provided. Those experiencing homelessness can call: 1 (833) 346-3233

COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS

The kits are now available for Delaware residents. The Division of Public Health encourages high-risk populations, including persons over the age of 60, to utilize this testing method. To complete the at-home test:

1. Request a testing kit at the link below and await the arrival of your kit from the Department of Public Health via UPS. The Department will overnight the test after processing your request (can take up to 3 days).
2. Once you receive your testing kit, you will join a Zoom call with a medical professional and take the test.
3. Ship the testing kit back to the Department using the pre-paid shipping label provided.

Please note, in order to take the at-home test, you will need to download Zoom onto your smart phone or electronic device.

Request an at-home testing kit at: <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/home-test-kit/>

C COVID VACCINE IN DELAWARE

Delaware is expected to receive 16,700 doses of the Moderna vaccine this week, along with another 2,925 doses of the Pfizer vaccine. Both vaccines require two shots about 3 to 4 weeks apart to achieve their full effectiveness rate of over 90 percent. The vaccine is first being administered to those on the frontlines of this pandemic, including health care workers, emergency medical services agencies and long-term care staff and residents. By early next year, that will be expanded to include workers in high-risk and critical infrastructure industries, such as teachers, police and firefighters. State health workers expect to begin vaccinating more moderate-risk Delaware residents by March and introduce the vaccine to the general public by late spring or early summer. The Delaware Division of Public Health has set up a call center where you can get specific answers to your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. The Vaccine Call Center can be reached at **(302) 672-6150** anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.