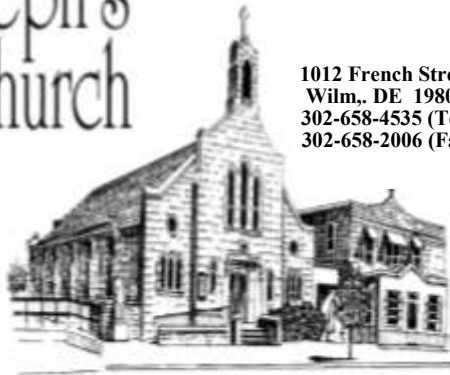


St. Joseph's Church

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.

January 3, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord



- ▶ 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
- ▶ January 13 ~ COVID Testing in front of Church, 10am — 4pm
- ▶ January 18 ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- ▶ 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.

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
January 2, 2021— January 10, 2021**

Saturday, 1/02	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/03	10:00 am	
Wednesday, 01/06	12:10 pm	
Friday, 01/08	10:00 am	
Saturday, 1/09	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/10	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

Living in an age well before the internet or social media, the maji from the East relied upon a single star as a sign that a king had been born. The heavens revealed to these learned foreigners that a matter of great import had occurred in Judea. Today we celebrate the revelation of the birth of our Lord to the outside world, to us. The light over the little town of Bethlehem has revealed the light of the world to the ends of the earth.

Jo Mac

**IT'S THE
MOST
wonderful
TIME OF THE
YEAR**

Question of the Week

The maji's encounter with Christ leads them to change the course of their journey. How is my journey changed by my encounter with the Lord?

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Charlie Anderson	Mary Bossack	Marie Reed	Gerry Reybold
Gwen Sanders	Guissepina Fazzone	Stephanie Bolden	

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

Irmina Hudson

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

Fayetta Jackson

In memory of Elmer Hudson, Eurak 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

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



January

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

NATIONAL BIRTH DEFECTS AWARENESS MONTH

January is Birth Defects Prevention Month. The theme for 2021 is "Best for You. Best for Baby." We know that not all birth defects can be prevented. But, you can increase your chances of having a healthy baby by doing what you can to be your healthiest self both before and during pregnancy. What is best for you is also best for your baby. The NBDPN Education and Outreach Committee has developed materials and resources to assist state program staff and others interested in raising awareness during National Birth Defects Prevention Month. (Source: <https://www.nbdpn.org/bdpm.php>)

FOLIC ACID AWARENESS WEEK; January 6 – 12

Folic acid is a type of B vitamin called vitamin B9. Folic acid helps the body produce and maintain new cells. It also helps prevent changes to DNA that may lead to cancer. Doctors highly recommend that women who are planning to become pregnant, or who already are pregnant, to get plenty of folic acid. Each year, 3,000 pregnancies in the United States are affected by neural tube defects. Worldwide, 300,000 babies are born with neural tube defects each year. According to the CDC, increasing folic acid intake can prevent up to 210,000 babies from being born with this type of defect. Learn more about the benefits of folic acid and how you can get folic acid into your diet, naturally at this website: (Source: National Day Calendar)

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-folic-acid-awareness-week-first-week-in-january/>

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAUSED

The Delaware State Housing Authority announced last week that it will be temporarily pausing both the Delaware Housing Assistance Program and the Delaware Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program after December 30.

The brief delay is needed to review the guidelines and new requirements included in the new COVID-19 stimulus bill recently passed by Congress that will provide \$25 billion in housing assistance nationwide.

To date, DSHA has received more than 5,500 applications from Delawareans requesting more than \$15 million in rental or mortgage assistance.

Applications for both programs will continue to be accepted through Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

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.