

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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ADMINISTRATOR
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DEACON
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Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

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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 10, 2020 Feast of the Baptism 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, Jr. Holiday
- ▶ January 25 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
▶ *Down the River Into the Sea by Walter Mosley*



Question of the Week

How can I bear witness to others to the new life I have in Christ and the holy Spirit?

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.

Jan 3, 2021—\$3,371

Jan 5, 2020 - \$2,628

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 9, 2021— January 17, 2021

Saturday, 1/09	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/10	10:00 am	
Wednesday, 01/13	12:10 pm	
Friday, 01/15	10:00 am	
Saturday, 1/16	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/17	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

At our baptism we were told, “you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ.” Each Sunday we come here a new creation, transitioned, even if we’re not conscious of it. Baptism has created us anew, has given us new life. Also, no matter what we may be wearing, we are clothed in Christ. In what we do and what others see, we hope to show that we have put on Christ. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us appreciate the new creation we have become.

Jo Mae

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Community Testing Site
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
 NO PHYSICIAN’S ORDER REQUIRED

Nasal Swab Test







Wednesday
January 13, 2021
10:00 am — 4:00 pm
1012 N. French St.
Wilmington, DE 19801

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.

☎ 2-1-1
 Text your ZIP code to 898-211 for hearing impaired.
 ✉ info@delaware211.org
de.gov/coronavirus

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.

JOIN BISHOP MALOOLY FOR

Virtual Respect Life Activities

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

DEBUTS FRIDAY

JANUARY 29, 2021

4:00 A.M.

MASS FOR LIFE

LIVE-STREAMED FRIDAY

JANUARY 29, 2021

10:00 A.M.

from Wilmington's beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter

WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/DIOCESEOFWILM

OR WATCH THE REPLAY ANYTIME

PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!



WWW.9DAYSFORLIFE.COM



Bishop Malooly will preside at a Holy Hour for Life and a Mass for Life, on Friday, January 29, 2021. Both online events are a part of the National Prayer Vigil for Life sponsored by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Holy Hour will debut at 4:00 a.m., and the Mass will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. Both events will be shown on the diocesan YouTube channel, YouTube.com/DioceesofWilm, and are from the beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, Delaware. Due to COVID concerns, these events are online only. More information can be found at cdow.org/respect-life.

Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, over 60 million

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 16th, tune in to learn about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity when Father Jim Loughlan, SA, Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, is interviewed. 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021

ABIDE IN MY
LOVE...YOU
SHALL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT.
JOHN 15:1-17

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity JANUARY 18 - 25

Every year, Christian communities and churches join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, accepting the will of Christ, who prayed "that all may be one" (John 17:21) during the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. In the U.S., this Week of Prayer is commemorated from January 18-25. This commemoration is especially highlighted in the Diocese of Wilmington because the founder of the week, Servant of God, Father Paul Wattson, SA, was born in the Maryland portion of our diocese.

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PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
JANUARY 21 - 29, 2021



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ADDITIONAL NEWS

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.



January

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Glaucoma is called "the sneak thief of sight" since there are no symptoms and once vision is lost, it's permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing. Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness. Moreover, among African American and Latino populations, glaucoma is more prevalent. Glaucoma is 6 to 8 times more common in African Americans than Caucasians. Over 3 million Americans, and over 60 million people worldwide, have glaucoma. Early detection is vital to stopping the progress of the disease. Watch a video from research scientists working to find a cure on this website: (Source: <https://www.glaucoma.org/news/glaucoma-awareness-month.php>)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know? January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and today, January 11, is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. It is estimated that up to 40.3 million people around the world are being trafficked, and sex trafficking is one of the world's fastest growing criminal industries. Children are particularly vulnerable to exploitation, especially children connected to the child welfare system. In the U.S., 60 percent of domestic child trafficking victims come from foster care and group homes. **Shining a Light:** Download our [Child Sex Trafficking fact sheet](#), and read more on the website. We hope these stories will educate and move you — and motivate you to spread the word. The practice of human trafficking won't be eradicated without everyone's help. (Source: <https://www.childrensrights.org/national-trafficking-awareness-month/>)

COVID 19 UPDATES:

The Delaware Division of Public Health last week finalized its recommendations for who will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination once the healthcare personnel, workers in long-term care facilities and others in the Phase 1a group are inoculated.

Anyone 65 or older will be eligible for vaccination in Phase 1b, which is expected to begin by the end of January. First responders, teachers and school support staff and other frontline essential workers also will be included in this group. Individuals 65 and older will be asked to contact their health care provider directly near the end of January to discuss their options for receiving the vaccine. Due to limited supplies of the vaccine, everyone included in the Phase 1b might not be able to receive a vaccine initially. A call center is now up and running to answer all of your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. The call center will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can reach the call center at (302) 672-6150 or email your questions to Vaccine@delaware.gov

Delaware Care Funds

While many of our COVID-19 relief programs have been paused as we await a new round of funding from Congress, the Delaware Nonprofit Support Fund is still available to assist the nonprofit community that has been providing critical services to our most vulnerable residents throughout this crisis. Any qualifying nonprofit, regardless of size, can seek reimbursements of up to \$150,000 in total eligible expenses for costs related to personal protective equipment, enhanced cleaning services, screenings, technology needed to adjust program delivery and staff or consulting services. Applications for the third round of funding will be accepted until January 15. At decaresfund.org

(Source: Senator Darius Brown, 2nd District Newsletter, Monday, January 4, 2021)

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
Alfred 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