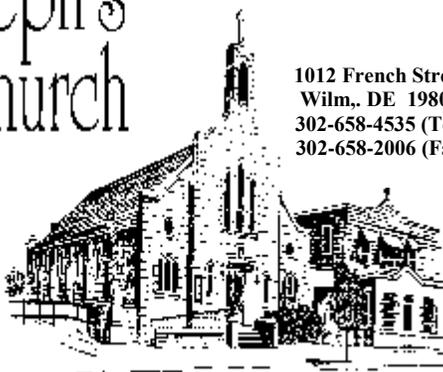


# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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ADMINISTRATOR  
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DEACON  
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

**Office Hours During Pandemic:** Wednesday 10am - 2 pm

**Parish Secretary:** [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)

**Website:** [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

**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

*If you would like to register with the parish, please access the registration form located on our website*

[www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

### **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. The baptism registration form is located on the parish website listed under the Sacraments.*

### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

*Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to access the parish website and complete the 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.*

## January 24, 2020

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ 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 25 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM  
▶ *Down the River Into the Sea by Walter Mosley*
- ▶ February 03 ~ COVID Testing, 10am — 4pm
- ▶ February 07 ~ CCD Zoom Classes — 12pm
- ▶ February 17 ~ Ash Wednesday, 12:10pm Mass

### Question of the Week

The Kingdom of God is at hand, within reach. How can I answer God's call and commit myself to help realize the kingdom of God here and now?

### 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 17, 2021—\$3,013

Jan 19, 2020 - \$2,233

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, 1/23	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/24	10:00 am	
Wednesday, 01/27	12:10 pm	
Friday, 01/29	10:00 am	
Saturday, 1/30	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/31	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

On the sea of Galilee, Simon and Andrew were fishing for fish when Jesus walked past, saying, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," changing their lives forever. We hear stories of calls in the readings today: calls to follow, calls of conversion, calls to repentance, calls to discipleship. Let us take this opportunity today to listen closely and discern whether we can hear Jesus calling us to something more.

*To Mac*

### Virtual Respect Life Activities



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/DioceaseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceaseofWilm), 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](https://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 abortions have been performed legally in the United States.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, tune in to learn how Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year when Dr. Lou De Angelo, Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, will be interviewed. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum...](https://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...](https://facebook.com/Catholicf...)

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

<b>Charlie Anderson</b>	<b>Mary Bossack</b>	<b>Marie Reed</b>	<b>Gerry Reybold</b>
<b>Gwen Sanders</b>	<b>Guissepina Fazzone</b>	<b>Stephanie Bolden</b>	

If you would like to be added to our sick and shut-in list, please send email to [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto: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.

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## January 20, 2021

**Attendance:** Fr. Mac, Deacon Cousar, Linda Abili, Lorraine Eckrich, Doris Matthews, Cheryl Riviere, Loretta Young

**Absent:** Stephanie Bolden, Tom Gallagher, J. Barcon Hilton, John Rando, Cheryl Riviere, Deidre Ann Robinson

- Fr. Mac opened meeting with a reading from the Acts of the Apostles and prayer.
- Fr. Mac welcomed new member Lorraine Eckrich who has been appointed because of her involvement with the music ministry moving forward.
- Discussion to encourage all parish council members to attend meetings because it's important to hear and understand the changes/improvements underway.
- Fr. Mac provided the following updates:
  - **Finances:** Regular Checking \$37,000, Building/Maint. Checking \$12,000, Investment Acct. \$33,000
- **Parish Updates - Fr Mac:**
  - Website has been reworked and updated with more outward facing enhancements. Such as forms added to register with the parish, for first communion, etc. The goal is to have a form for each sacrament so that the request is completed on-line. All are encouraged to view the website.
  - Lighting is important to the ambiance in church and safety in parish center. We're working toward adding more lighting in dark areas.
  - Working to add mailbox to the front of parish office to enable secure and regular mail delivery from postal service.
  - We have more people attending mass now.
  - Live-streaming is going well. Livestreaming enables our reach beyond the walls of the church. 75 views from last Sunday's mass versus 30 or 40 previously.
  - Music ministry: Jenny Traynor will play and serve as the cantor on Saturdays. On Sunday's Lorraine Eckrich will be the cantor and Kevin Benjamin will play until his Methodist Church resumes regular service. At which time, Jenny will play on Sundays and Kevin will play on Saturdays. They will fill-in for each other as needed.
  - Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, January 23. Volunteers have registered on our website. People have preregistered to receive food. We will accept registration onsite.
  - We plan to do an additional COVID testing event in collaboration with the State. (Update since meeting - the date is Feb 3, 10am—4pm)
  - Fr Mac will be on vacation Feb 5—Feb 17. Fr Eliazar Sandoval, SMA will cover the masses and hear confession during this time.
  - Food Pantry in kitchen of Fellowship Hall, items available to the parish after mass. Non-perishables are located on shelving, perishables are in the refrigerator and freezer. Parishioners must remember to social distance.
- **Building & Maintenance - Deacon Bob**
  - Heater issue in the church. Reskovitz called in and cleaned up mud found in the sensing line and completed a preventative maintenance check.
  - Commercial refrigerator in fellowship hall is not cooling as it should. Will start first with a service call to determine if unit can be repaired and associated cost. We were advised in 2019 that condenser is not holding up. If it's a condenser issue, vendor advised it would be best to replace unit. Replacement cost is approximately \$4,000.
  - Leaks in second floor of parish center. Received itemized quote in 2020 to address this issue which included brick pointing. Important to get this addressed to avoid further damage. Fr Mac will review previous quote.
- **New Business**
- Fr Mac shared concern that we do not have proper and descent vessels for our Liturgy. Vessels (chalice and paten) must be made of precious metal. We cannot use glass or porous material. Fr Mac will ask his brother priests if anything is available and will check Archdiocese of Phila resale shop, as well. In addition, Fr. Mac is asking ministries of the parish (Sodality, KPC, KPCLA, Kateri Circle, etc.) to contribute toward this effort. For new vessels estimated cost would be approx. \$500-800. Two sets are needed. Doris will ask Sodality, Lorraine will ask KPCLA and KPC. Each vessel will be engraved with name of contributor. Plan to have quality vessels by Easter and present to the community.
- The Pope has designated this year as the Year of Saint Joseph. The parish will plan something special for the Feast of St Joseph's (3/19). Suggestions: a novena, boxed lunches - maybe something during the weekend masses (3/20 & 3/21).
- Fr Mac, again, asked council members to reach out and encourage greater participation from all members of parish council. It's important to keep everyone engaged.
- Fr. Mac adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

# 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](http://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

#### **CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

"The chances of developing cervical cancer are less if during childhood, early adolescence and up to age 26, women get vaccinated against HPV. Furthermore, pre-cancerous cells are found on Pap smears years before a cancer develops and with proper treatment the chances of developing cervical cancer are small. Therefore, Pap smear screening is pivotal to the prevention of cervical cancer as well as vaccination in childhood." Dr. Lorna Rodriguez is the Director, Precision Medicine Initiative and Chief, Gynecologic Oncology at <https://cinj.org/sites/cinj/files/documents/January-Cervical-Health-Awareness-2020.pdf> Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

(Source: <https://cinj.org/sites/cinj/files/documents/January-Cervical-Health-Awareness-2020.pdf>)

#### **NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH**

The goal of this awareness month is to make people aware of the radioactive gas and to get people to test their homes. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can seep into residences from the ground and in some cases, well water supply. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and is both colorless and odorless. Radon test kits are inexpensive and available at your local hardware store. Test your home and spread the word.

(Source: National Radon Safety Board [www.nrsb.org](http://www.nrsb.org))

#### **COVID Vaccination Update**

Persons aged 65 and older, as well as those considered frontline essential workers, including police, fire, teachers, childcare providers, food processing workers, correctional officers, and postal service, public transit and grocery workers, are now eligible for the COVID vaccine. There will be multiple options for residents to be vaccinated, including large vaccination events with a new appointment request system for those 65 and older. Those who qualify as a frontline essential worker should look for communication regarding vaccination opportunities directly from their employer. A list of pharmacies will be available on the [coronavirus.delaware.gov](http://coronavirus.delaware.gov) website on January 25. The list will grow as additional pharmacies receive their dose. Vaccines are free. The second dose of the vaccine does not have to be given at the same location where you received the first dose, however both doses should be from the same manufacturer (Pfizer or Moderna). This information will be on the back of the card you receive.

More information can be found at [coronavirus.delaware.gov](http://coronavirus.delaware.gov). or call 2-1-1 or 7-1-1 for deaf or hearing impaired.

Francis Crumety	01
Thomasina Joseph	01
Arielle Mobley	03
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John Thompson	05
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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
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