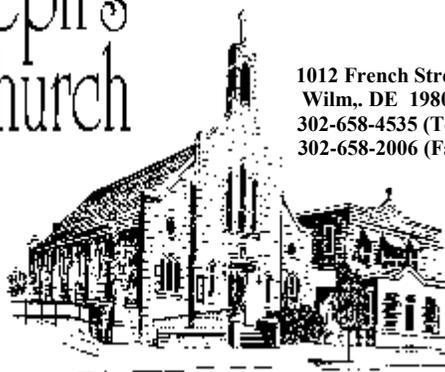


St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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ADMINISTRATOR
Rev. John C. McVoy
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DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours During Pandemic: Wednesday 10am - 2 pm

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

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

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 31, 2020 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 17860
- ▶ Friday Bible Study 1:00 pm via Zoom will resume on Jan 8, 2021
- ▶ February 03 ~ COVID Testing, 10am — 4pm
- ▶ February 07 ~ CCD Zoom Classes —12pm, Sign-up on website
- ▶ February 17 ~ Ash Wednesday, 12:10pm Mass with Ashes
- ▶ February 19 ~ Stations of the Cross: Every Friday During Lent immediately following Mass
- ▶ March 19 ~ Feast of Saint Joseph
- ▶ March 29 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via Zoom
▶ *A Piece of Cake by Cupcake Brown*

Question of the Week

What unclean spirits need to be driven out of my life? How can Jesus, within me and among us, defeat them?



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 24, 2021—\$4,256

Jan 26, 2020 - \$3,678

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, 1/30	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/31	10:00 am	Biden and Harris Families Requested by Dr. Raymond & Patricia Hanbury
Wednesday, 02/03	12:10 pm	
Friday, 02/05	10:00 am	
Saturday, 02/06	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/07	10:00 am	† Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury Requested by Dr. Raymond & Patricia Hanbury

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 begin Catholic Schools Week today. You may not have a child in Catholic school or even have a child of school age, but that does not mean that this week is not important to you, too. Catholic Education is a key way we transmit our faith, beliefs, and traditions onto the next generation, as well as teaching reading and math and all the subjects that our young ones need to succeed and contribute to society. Coming together today to worship, let us recall those who have taught us—our parents teachers, other family members, priests, sisters, and brothers—and thank them for the worlds they have opened to us.

J. Mac

Catholic Charities Launches Stock the Pantry Food Drive

“Stock the Pantry” by contributing nonperishable food goods in order for the agency to meet the unprecedented need for food assistance during the pandemic. Catholic Charities safely distributing food in Wilmington, from the Thrift Center on East 23rd Street. Donors can drop off food, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies and grocery store gift cards at all Catholic Charities locations Monday thru Friday, 9am—4pm. In addition to nonperishable food and grocery store gift cards, Catholic Charities is grateful for monetary donations in order to purchase additional food to fill bags for the food assistance programs. To make a monetary donation, visit Catholic Charities website, www.cdow.org/charities. Designate your gift to food assistance. Items can also be dropped off at the main office 2061 W 4th Street. Wilmington, DE 19805. Please call 302-655-9624 for additional detail



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 6th, tune in to learn about human trafficking when Molly Sheahan from the Maryland Catholic Conference is the guest. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at 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...

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>	<i>John Polk</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.

ADDITIONAL NEWS



PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

BLOOD DONOR MONTH

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the American Red Cross recognize January as *National Blood Donor Month*. In addition to critically needed blood donations, the Red Cross is also calling for donations of convalescent plasma from individuals who have fully recovered from a verified COVID-19 diagnosis as well as platelets to help cancer patients. If you've fully recovered from a verified COVID-19 diagnosis, your convalescent plasma donation may help up to 4 coronavirus patients in need! Donors are critically needed as COVID – 19 cases rise.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html>

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, a great time to talk about how cervical cancer can be prevented through screening and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. Cervical cancer was once the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. Thanks to screening and HPV vaccination, it is now the most preventable of all female cancers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Cancer Society offer cervical cancer prevention and screening resources for additional information.

VAMS – NOT A SCAM

Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) is an optional, web-based application that supports planning and execution for temporary, mobile, or satellite COVID-19 vaccination clinics, as well as traditional medical practices that do not have existing IT systems for vaccination clinic management. VAMS will verify your registration and then follow up with important scheduling information. You do not need to register with VAMS if you have other options for getting the vaccine (i.e. - through your current medical provider). (Source: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/reporting/vams)

CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 KNOW YOUR STATUS

Permanent testing sites are fixed locations to expand testing opportunities and provide more testing locations across the state. They are state-affiliated testing sites. The type of test (oral/saliva or shallow/deep nasal) varies by location. **Pop-up testing sites** are drive-thru, walk-up, and Curative trailer locations, and change regularly. These are primarily Curative tests (saliva-based). Visit coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing

COVID VACCINATIONS

Learn more about where and how you can get vaccinated if you fall into Phase 1B. Please note: initially, State-held vaccination events will be focused on vaccinating individuals 65 and over. Pharmacies, Vaccination Event sites, Doctor's Offices. Visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/where-can-i-get-my-vaccine/>

FOODBANK OF DELAWARE

DSAMH is once again collaborating with the Foodbank of Delaware's Mobile Pantry to bring much needed assistance to communities in all three counties in Delaware. We are looking for partners for upcoming dates in February & March. If you are interested in partnering with us, please send me a message and we will work together to make it happen. Contact: **Onika Harris**, Onika.Harris@delaware.gov

Jessica Chaplin	01
Sam Donahue	02
Zoe Donahue	02
Seth Eckrich	02
John Polk, Jr.	02
Brenda Burns	04
Samia Hopson	04
Denise Scales	04
Daniel Caesar	05
Mary Kegelman	08
Bernard Pearce	10
Sidney Abili	13
Le'Verne Cecere	15
Marcus Small	15
George Winston	16
Lorraine Eckrich	16
Kaeman Saunders	18
L'Ause Dye	20
Jacqueline Loosarian	21
David May, III	21
Kathleen Hodges	23
Albert Scales, Sr.	23
Chanae Council	25
Mattu Pennoh	25
Valerie Williams	28

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.

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