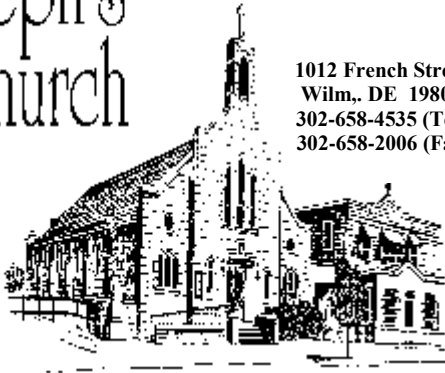


St. Joseph's Church



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The Cradle of African American Catholicism

Office Hours: Tuesday — Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Website: 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.

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.*

February 7, 2020 Fifth 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
- ▶ 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

How do I serve God and
serve my neighbor?
Will I commit to doing all I can?



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 31, 2021—\$2,363

Feb 2, 2020 - \$4,154

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, 2/06	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/07	10:00 am	† Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury Requested by Dr. Raymond & Patricia Hanbury
Wednesday, 02/10	12:10 pm	
Friday, 02/12	10:00 am	
Saturday, 02/13	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/14	10:00 am	President Joe Biden & Dr. Jill Biden 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 come together each Sunday a needy people, a damaged people, a human people, each of us coming to realize that we cannot make it on our own. But we are a faith-filled people, trusting in the Lord, our Savior and our Redeemer, whom we know is here with us as we gather together. Buoyed by that knowledge, we celebrate the Eucharist today with our sisters and brothers, giving thanks to God, receiving our Lord in is Body and Blood, and going forth to others renewed and rejuvenated in our mission as disciples.

Jo Mac

Celebrating Black History

Phillis Wheatley

The following is a poem by Phillis Wheatley one of our earliest African American Poets.

On Being Brought from Africa to America



Phillis Wheatley ~ 1753-

'Twas mercy brought me from my Pagan land,
 Taught my benighted soul to understand
 That there's a God, that there's a Saviour too:
 Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.
 Some view our sable race with scornful eye,
 "Their colour is a diabolic die."
 Remember, Christians, Negros, black as Cain,
 May be refin'd, and join th' angelic train.

You may access additional poems by
 Phillis Wheatly on the public domain

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Good News

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 13th, Gary Zimak, speaker and author of "Give Up Worry for Lent," will be 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...

Notes from Staff Meeting — February 2, 2021

- St Jude Shop will order 2 sets of chalices, patens and will deliver for Fr. Mac's consideration. They will assess the St. Joseph's statue for restoration and the St. Kateri statue for repairs on same visit. A local craftsmen to assess the statues as well. (Loretta)
- Guidelines from Diocese concerning upcoming mass celebrations:
 - * St. Blaise Memorial Day (Feb 2) which is transferred to Saturday and Sunday. Fr. Mac will administer general blessing on the feast day and weekend masses.
 - * Ash Wednesday ashes will be distributed by Fr. Mac with the use of a Q-tip. Distribution of ashes to nursing home or other organizations is not permitted.
 - * Distribution of palm will take place in the vestibule of Church at the conclusion of mass. Because of COVID restrictions, parishioners are asked not to bring palm into the church.
 - * Holy Week: Washing of feet will take place. 6 people will be selected and will take place in front of altar. Deacon will place folding chairs and assist Fr. Mac.
 - * Good Friday: We will venerate the cross, but we are not permitted to kiss or touch the cross. Deacon will place a kneeler in front of the cross. Those who chose to venerate may also simply genuflect. Deacon will drape crucifix.
 - * Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Deacon will read from the Ambo and sing the traditional refrain. We will not process around the church. Those who attend in-person will take-home their booklet and bring each week. Loretta will live-stream and display words along with image of stations as Deacon reads and sings from the Ambo. Loretta will purchase PowerPoint app for laptop used for livestreaming in order to display words.
 - * Fr. Mac will engage 4 good singers for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Individuals have to be willing to attend rehearsals every Friday. Lorrain Eckrich is already committed. Considering Lisa Mims, Daniel Mims and Sheridan Williamson, music instructor, Rev. Kevin Benjamin will work with them and develop a program. Loretta will send Williamson's contact info to Fr. Mac.
 - * Fr. Mac will provide short videos for Loretta to use on our website – especially during holy week.
- Large white altar cloth is missing. Loretta will check dry cleaners, again.
- Music Ministry: Jenny will continue to select music for the liturgies. .
- Snow removal is being done via the generosity of Bank of America.
- Bell Chimes. Speakers work, but bell chimes are not repairable. Deacon will research and arrange for a demo to determine feasibility of a replacement system.
- Deacon will prepare bus reports. Although there is no activity, we need to continue submitting report. Loretta will provide Deacon with date of last report.
- Loretta will order additional solution for sanitizing machine.
- Loretta will place another blurb in bulletin about availability of old chairs. If no interest, Deacon will dispose.
- Loretta will schedule zoom staff meeting with recurring ID and password.
- Fr. Mac is hopeful to take a 2 week vacation beginning March 5th and another week after Easter. Fr. Sandoval will cover Friday masses and weekend masses during this time.
- Black History Month: Loretta will add content to the bulletin and electronic newsletter each week
- Loretta will provide Fr. Mac with instructions for adding email account to his phone.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

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.

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS: We are all called to love; but no one is perfect. Being human we each have our faults. Self-sacrifice purifies our love.

PARENTING POINTERS: No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.



PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

February is American Heart Month, a time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health. The Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention is shining a light on hypertension (high blood pressure), a leading risk factor for heart disease and stroke. As seen in *The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Control Hypertension*, our families can take meaningful steps to control hypertension by using key resources and implementing life-saving strategies. (Source: https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american_heart_month.htm)

COVID VACCINE Q & A

When we embody God's healing to others, we join in God's healing activity. The Scriptures call us to the possibility of transforming the health of people or communities. Providing straightforward answers to common questions about COVID-19 vaccines in order to encourage people to receive a vaccine is one practical way to do this.

Q. How were the vaccines developed so fast?

A. The first vaccines were "messenger RNA," or mRNA vaccines. These used research that had been in process for many years for other viruses. With extra funding and focused research by scientists to solve the final steps, they went into trials quickly. Since the virus was prevalent, many infected people were available to study in trials and provide the needed data quickly. (Source: CDC, NIH) (Taken from Church Health Newsletter: <https://churchhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/COVID-19-Vaccine-QA->)

Q. Is this vaccine still considered experimental?

A. No. It is offered under the FDA's "emergency use authorization" to facilitate availability during a public health crisis. It is not experimental because it has cleared all safety standards, which have not been lowered in any way for this vaccine. (Source: Mayo, FDA, CDC, New England Journal of Medicine)

Q. Do I need a vaccine if I already had COVID-19?

A. Yes. About 10 percent who recover from COVID-19 have weak antibodies that wear off, so they may be reinfected. We don't know who will be in this 10 percent, so the guideline is for everyone to receive the vaccine. (Source: biorxiv.org) 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

Visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/where-can-i-get-my-vaccine/>

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
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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.