

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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Office Hours During Pandemic: Wednesday 10am - 2 pm

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Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

YouTube Channel: St Josephs Downtown Wilmington
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9-ljIa9-IU0OS9jPbe2ddQ>

Lent

Fast + Pray + Give

Be Silent and let God speak to your heart



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. 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*

March 7, 2021

Fr. McVoy is on vacation. Weekday Mass will resume on March 17, 2021

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
 - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ Friday Bible Study 1:00 pm via ZOOM
- ▶ Stations of the Cross, Every Friday During Lent, 12:45pm
- ▶ March 12 ~ COVID Vaccinations, Fellowship Hall, 9am - 11am
- ▶ March 19 ~ Free Flu Vaccinations, 1:00 pm — 4:00pm
- ▶ March 19 ~ Solemnity of Saint Joseph
 - 12:10 pm Memorial Mass
 - 12:45 pm Stations of the Cross
 - 01:15 pm Consecration in Honor of Saint Joseph
- ▶ March 29 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
 - ▶ *A Piece of Cake by Cupcake Brown*

More detail on inside pages

Question of the Week

Despite my flaws, how can I testify to my faith? How can I draw friends, coworkers, or neighbors to the living water I have encountered and convince them of my genuineness?



THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The numbers below compares 2021 with the same week in 2020. Thank you for being consistent with your donations. Please be prayerful about your contributions to the parish.

Feb 28, 2021—\$4,607

Mar 1, 2020 - \$3,453

Mass Intentions
February 27, 2021— March 7, 2021

Saturday, 03/06	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/07	10:00 am	† Carlotta Lopez Garcia Requested by Isabell Kaplain
Wednesday, 03/10	12:10 pm	No Mass
Friday, 03/12	10:00 am	No Mass
Saturday, 03/13	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/14	10:00 am	† Aaron Caswell Requested by Sandra Donahue

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

Over the next three Sundays we celebrate the scrutinies, rites performed for those who will be initiated into the Church in less than a month. They enable our catechumens to examine themselves and ask for God's assistance in healing what is weak and sinful and strengthening what is true and virtuous. But it is also an opportune time for each and every one of us to do the same. Let us ask for God's grace to overcome our sinfulness and

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Solemnity of Saint Joseph

MARCH 19, 2021

- ◆ 12:10 PM MASS
- ◆ 12:45 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- ◆ 1:15 PM CONSECRATION

CONTINUOUS LIVESTREAMING

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

As Christians we believe that the spirit of Jesus abides within each of us. Look at your beloved today and see Jesus. Listen to each other.

PARENTING POINTERS

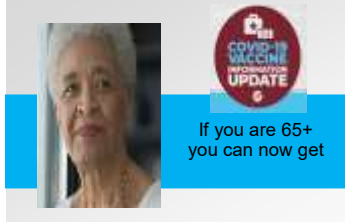
During the pandemic it can seem like each day just merges into the next. It can get boring or tiring. Why not agree to do one common family sacrifice today, such as everyone skipping dessert.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, March 13th, tune in to learn about the Year of Saint Joseph when Dr. Marianne Mount, President of Catholic Distance University, 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...

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Friday, March 12, 2021 - First Dose
Friday, April 9, 2021 - Second Dose
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
Fellowship hall



Registration is closed!

All registrants will receive an email with a scheduled time to be vaccinated.

Eligibility:

- 65 Years of age and older
- Individuals receiving first vaccination only
- You have not received any vaccines (flu, shingles, etc) in the last 14 days
- You don't currently have COVID-19

Facts at a Glance:

- Vaccines are free.
- Limited to first 100 registrants
- Please dress in clothing so that your upper arm can be exposed



St. Joseph Catholic Church

**1012 N. French Street
Fellowship Hall**

March 19, 2021

1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

SPONSORED BY HENRIETTA JOHNSON MEDICAL CENTER

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<https://www.stjosephfrenchst.org/free-flu-vaccinations>

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>Mary Polk</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. 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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From [Abigail Adams](#) to [Susan B. Anthony](#), [Sojourner Truth](#) to [Rosa Parks](#), the [timeline of women's history milestones](#) stretches back to the founding of the United States. Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2021 will take place from Monday, March 1-+Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Learn more at: https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month#section_1

NATIONAL WOMEN and GIRLS HIV AIDS AWARENESS DAY – MARCH 10

Every year on March 10 — and throughout the month of March — local, state, federal, and national organizations come together to shed light on the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls and show support for those at risk of and living with HIV. This year marks the 15th annual observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD).

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a serious condition affecting 37 million people. Often overlooked until symptoms appear, CKD is progressive and can put you at risk for serious health complications including kidney failure. Adopting a healthy lifestyle can help you manage and slow progression of CKD and its complications. People can turn to their places of worship to get accurate, useful information about issues that make a difference in their congregations and community. Be the one to raise awareness about the risks for kidney disease and the importance of getting tested. Plan a Kidney Sunday event this month by contacting the nurses of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated, Tau Eta Chapter to provide a virtual workshop for your church or civic association at: cokparish@aol.com with Health Ministries in the subject line.

COVID-19 SCAM ALERT

Delawareans please be careful. There are reports about a potential phone scam in which scammers are claiming to be from the State of Delaware offering the COVID-19 vaccine for a cost of \$75. This is false. Hang up & do not provide any personal or financial info. Please report these calls to the Department of Justice Consumer Protection Unit at de.gov/consumer or by phone at (800) 220-5424.

Questions about the vaccine? Contact the Division of Public Health Vaccine Call Center at **1-833-643-1715**. The call center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Or email Vaccine@delaware.gov

May God Bless You with
a life full of happiness and
countless happy surprises,
May God fulfill all your Dreams
on your birthday

MARCH

Happy Birthday

Jasmine Blackwell	02
Stephen Thorpe	03
Blanche Tucker	03
Ikesha McGill	07
Lettie Williams	07
James Wesley Mobley	08
Patrick Ouedraogo	11
Kenneth Pulliam, Sr.	11
William Ray, Jr.	12
Jean Toy	12
Ron Toy	13
Elizabeth Ashe	14
Chris Wright	15
Victor Newman	17
James Corbett	18
J. Barcon Hilton	18
Mercedes Zahralbin	19
Martin Willis	20
Stella Caesar	22
Avril Madison	22
Frances David	23
D'Aviona Perrigan	27
Deidre Rogers	27
Joseph Rafter	29
Vincent Crumety	30
Bertley Wharton	31

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.