

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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Office Hours During Pandemic: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tues–Thur
10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday

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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 14, 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 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 28 ~ Palm Sunday
- ▶ 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

How does the undeserved mercy God shows me inform the way I treat those who have wronged me or those whom I see as sinners?



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 10, 2020 - \$2,431

Mass Intentions
March 13, 2021— March 21, 2021

Saturday, 03/13	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/14	10:00 am	† Aaron Caswell Requested by Sandra Donahue
Wednesday, 03/17	12:10 pm	† Thomasina Joseph Requested by Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
Friday, 03/19	10:00 am	
Saturday, 03/20	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/21	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 this Scrutiny Sunday, our sisters and brothers preparing for baptism are called to examine their lives and ask for God’s help in letting their talents shine forth and in overcoming their weaknesses and sinfulness. However, we all should seek God’s healing touch, especially for those sinful aspects of ourselves to which we have become blind. What attitudes and habits do we have that are so ingrained that we do not realize how unchristian they are? Let us all look to God who calls us into the lights of goodness and righteousness and truth.

Jo Mac

*Feast
of St. Joseph
March 19th*



*Saint Joseph, our heavenly Father chose you to be guardian of Jesus His Son and the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch over our parish which bears your name and by your prayer protect us that we may follow your example and serve our Lord in all humility, faithfulness and peace.
Amen.*



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

LIVESTREAMING <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9-ljIa9-IU0OS9jPbe2ddQ>



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, March 20th, Michael Lichens from Sophia Institute Press will discuss the classic Lenten book, “The Pain of Christ and the Sorrow of God,” by Father Gerald Vann. 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...



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1012 N. French Street
Fellowship Hall

March 19, 2021

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

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

RETROUVAILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of April 16-18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Saint Peter Cathedral School is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Saint Peter's is the only Catholic inner-city school in Wilmington, educating children in grades PK3-8th grade. We have been open for in-person learning all year. If you are a parent/guardian seeking to find a safe, challenging, culturally sensitive environment that will prepare your children to thrive in high school and beyond, we are that school. It is well documented that education leads to economic empowerment. A one-size-fits-all approach to education does not work. Give us a call and schedule an appointment to see how a Catholic education at Saint Peter Cathedral School can help your child to reach their potential. 302.656.5234 – Be sure to ask about financial aid opportunities.

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Hopefully each of you already have times when you take the lead. Honor each other today. Try making decisions together today.

PARENTING POINTERS

Each of your children can be special in their differences. Tell each of your children what makes them special to you.

The poster features a central religious painting of the Annunciation, a rosary, and the Serra International logo. Text includes: 'CELEBRATING MARY'S YES', 'WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 AT 7PM', 'SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD', 'ROSARY RALLY FOR VOCATIONS', 'Mark your calendars for an Archdiocesan-wide Rosary Rally and the inauguration of a new initiative aimed at building up a culture of vocations.', 'All are invited - clergy, religious and lay faithful - to join the Seminarians in praying the Rosary and listening to a presentation on how to foster and promote vocations in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.', 'PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN LOCATIONS: ARCHBISHOP RYAN HIGH SCHOOL - BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL - CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL - CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA - POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL - ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT PARISH', 'PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS: Office for the New Evangelization, Saint Charles, Borromeo Seminary', and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT HEEDTHECALL.ORG/ROSARYRALLY OR CONTACT THE VOCATION OFFICE AT 610.667.5778'.

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>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Mary Polk</i>	<i>John Polk</i>	<i>Vincent Robinson</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

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Diseases and Chronic Conditions: If you have a chronic condition, a carefully planned diet can make a difference. With certain diseases, what you eat may reduce symptoms. In other cases, diet can improve health. **Pregnancy:** Throughout childbearing years, diet plays a role in fertility and healthy pregnancies. Get tips for nutrition before, during and after pregnancy. **Wellness:** Eating right and being physically active are keys to staying healthy throughout life. **Weight Loss:** Healthy weight is about balancing food intake with physical activity, and small changes can make a big difference. **Allergies and Intolerances:** Learn about the different types of allergies and intolerances, how to avoid foods that make you sick, food alternatives and .at <https://www.eatright.org/health>.

NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

As COVID-19 gripped the country, colorectal cancer screenings plummeted. This March, we are calling on every ally to help make colorectal health a priority again through our "Get Checked" Screening Pledge. Can we get 10,000 people to take the "Get Checked" Pledge this March? The Screening Pledge connects signers with resources and reminders to get screened for colorectal cancer. Screening is the No.1 way to prevent colorectal cancer, the second deadliest killer of men and women combined. It can also help detect cancer early, when it is highly treatable. Screening is important, safe and have options, Screening saves lives. Visit their website and take the pledge! (Source: <https://pledge.getscreened.org/>)

DELAWARE CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Rstaff and child care workers who have yet to receive a dose will have an opportunity to sign up for a two-day, large-scale vaccination clinic at Dover International Speedway over the weekend.

Walgreens also is scheduling appointments for educators, school staff and child care workers through March. Those workers will be notified when Walgreens appointments become available. More first and second doses for seniors are also being sent to local pharmacies.

The CDC recently began supporting a powerful new tool to help seniors better monitor which pharmacies have both available vaccines and available appointments. Vaccine Finder is a free, online service where users can search for locations that offer vaccinations. We work with partners such as clinics, pharmacies, and health departments to provide accurate and up-to-date information about vaccination services. **Visit vaccinefinder.org to try out the new**



MARCH

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.