

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
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<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

No Weekday Mass Until Further Notice

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 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

- ▶ 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 29 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
 - ▶ A Piece of Cake by Cupcake Brown

More detail on inside pages

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 28 ~ Palm Sunday, 10:00 AM

April 01 ~ Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM

April 02 ~ Good Friday, 3:00 PM

April 03 ~ Easter Vigil, 7:00 PM

April 04 ~ Easter Sunday, 7:00 PM

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.

March 14, 2021 - \$2,688

Mar 15, 2020 - \$1,972

Mass Intentions
March 20, 2021— March 28, 2021

Saturday, 03/20	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/21	10:00 am	
Wednesday, 03/24	—	No Mass
Friday, 03/26	3:00 pm	Passion of Our Lord
Saturday, 03/27	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/28	10:00 am	Palm Sunday

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

Outside of Jesus' own passion, which we will hear next week, John's account of Jesus' raising of Lazarus is probably the most dramatic episode in all the Gospels. In front of an incredulous crowd and Lazarus's grieving sisters, Jesus summons the dead man from his tomb. What God promised Ezekiel centuries earlier was fulfilled before their very eyes. Through the eyes of faith, we too can be witnesses of God's power over death. Let the Spirit of God dwelling in us help us see with eyes of faith.

Jo Mac

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.

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.

Question of the Week

How can I sow the seeds of the kingdom of God? What seed can I plant this spring that can flower in due season?



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...

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.



**URBANPROMISE
WILMINGTON**

We're Hiring Teachers

UrbanPromise has started recruiting for teaching positions in the elementary and high schools for this fall. You know us and love us, so we are asking for your support in helping us fill these roles. Please consider and share these opportunities with those who are looking for teaching opportunities in a Christian environment. We are **hiring teachers for Pre K, High School History, and High School Science** and our afterschool program, so anytime you speak with someone looking for a missional lifestyle, please send them to our website

<https://www.urbanpromise.org/job-openings>

We are always discerning who God is sending our way!!

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 GZESTOCHOWA
POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL - ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT PARISH

PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS
Catholic Action, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT HEEDTHECALL.ORG/ROSARYRALLY
OR CONTACT THE VOCATION OFFICE AT 610.667.5778

Males needed Meharry Medical Program

There is a program between TSU and Meharry Medical College where the student would go to TSU for three years and then on to Meharry and finish to become an MD or DDS in 7 years instead of the traditional 8 years.

If you know of any black males who are high school seniors that want to become a medical doctor, have a 28 on the ACT and a 3.5 GPA, there is a possible free ride for them at Tennessee State University. You can send prospective candidates information to Gussie.fuller@gmail.com. The information will then be forwarded to Dr. Glenda Glover, President of Tennessee State University. The student's information needs to be submitted ASAP."

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>
<i>Fr. John McVoy</i>	<i>Josephine Griffin</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

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

The **More Than My Brain Injury** campaign provides a platform for educating the public about the incidence of brain injury. It aims to destigmatize the injury, highlight the diversity of the brain injury community, and empower those who have survived. Information on Brain Injury Awareness Month, including educational material and downloadable collateral, is available at biausa.org/raiseawareness

CHILD LIFE AWARENESS MONTH

March is Child Life Month, a month dedicated to celebrating child life specialists and the child life profession through education and awareness of their incredible work. Child life specialists are there to meet the unique emotional and developmental needs of pediatric patients and their families, no matter their age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or medical needs. enCourage Kids is honored and proud to work alongside child life specialists across the country. Learn more about Child Life Specialists at <https://encourage-kids.org/child-life-month-2021/>

NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL FACTS AWARENESS WEEK

Join NIDA for NDAFW and help share facts about drugs, alcohol, and addiction in your community. Sign up for emails from NDAFW for the latest news, planning tips, and free resources to support your NDAFW activities and other efforts. Linking teens to facts that shatter the myths about drugs and alcohol. Monday, March 22 to Sunday, March 28, 2021. (Source: <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>)

UPDATE: COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN DELAWARE

Governor John Carney and the Delaware Division on Public Health (DPH) on Tuesday announced an expansion of Delaware's COVID-19 vaccination program.

On Wednesday, pharmacies in Delaware may begin vaccinating Delawareans aged 50+.

Also on Wednesday, health care providers, including hospitals, may vaccinate patients 16+ with high and moderate-risk medical conditions. Providers who are NOT vaccinating may refer patients to hospital systems. Delawareans should contact their medical provider about vaccination opportunities. DPH has also encouraged providers to contact their highest risk patients directly to schedule vaccination appointments. Non-paid caregivers of Delawareans with high- and moderate-risk medical conditions may also qualify for vaccination through medical providers.

On Tuesday, March 23, the State of Delaware will open its COVID-19 vaccination waiting list at vaccinerequest.delaware.gov to any Delawarean, 50+.

Visit de.gov/covidvaccine for more detail. Anyone with a general question about COVID-19 should call Delaware 2-1-1. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211, or email delaware211@uwde.org. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



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.