

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>



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 contact information changes.*

March 28, 2021

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
 - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ March 29 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club, 7:00 PM via ZOOM
 - ▶ *A Piece of Cake by Cupcake Brown*
- ▶ April 07 ~ COVID Testing, 10am - 4pm, Front of Church
- ▶ April 09 ~ COVID Vaccination - Second Dose Only
- ▶ April 11 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call

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
 - 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Musical Interlude
 - 3:00 PM Communion Service with Veneration of Cross
- April 03 ~ Easter Vigil, 7:00 PM
- April 04 ~ Easter Sunday, 10:00 AM

Mass Intentions
March 27, 2021— April 4, 2021

Saturday, 03/27	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/28	10:00 am	†Micah Gallagher Requested by Tom & Judy Gallagher
Thursday, 04/01	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday
Friday, 04/02	2:00 pm 3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Communion Service
Saturday, 04/03	7:00 pm	† Jean O'Connell Byrnes Requested by O'Connell & Rafter Families
Sunday, 04/04	10:00 am	People of the Parish

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

Hosanna! **Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

Introduction to the Blessing of Branches

Holding our blessed palms and shouting hosannas, today we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that his arrival is also his entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony, and death. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.

To Mae



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, April 3rd, tune in for the annual Easter program. 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...

Easter Flower Fund

Your support of the altar flower fund in memory /honor of a special person is appreciated. A special envelope is included in the box sets and additional Easter flower envelopes are in the church vestibule. Please consider contributing as this will help off-set the cost incurred by the parish. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

Question of the Week

What cross do I find difficult to shoulder myself? Whose burden have I been unwilling to share? How can I help someone else and/or allow myself to be helped?

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS
 It's been a long pandemic winter. Look for a surprise way to treat your beloved. Be silly. Be gallant. Be sweet. Be creative.

PARENTING POINTERS
 This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Perhaps you could rejoice with your family about your accomplishments as a family. A day without fighting or complaining? An award? A healing?

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. Thank you for being consistent with your donations. Please be prayerful about your contributions to the parish.

March 21, 2021 - \$4,607

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.

**CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)**

**Community Testing Site
St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
NO PHYSICIAN'S ORDER REQUIRED
Oral Swab Test




**Wednesday
April 7, 2021
10:00 am—4:00 pm
1012 N. French St
Wilmington, DE 19801**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.
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Text your ZIP code to 888-211 for hearing impaired.
info@delaware211.org
de.gov/coronavirus



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Solidarity Week Live Stream Event

The Global Solidarity Partnership will broadcast Mass live from St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church via the Diocese of Wilmington website (www.cdown.org) at 10:30 AM on April 18th. Help us celebrate 18 years of solidarity with the people of Guatemala.

Be sure to listen to Catholic Forum on April 10 (Relevant Radio 640 AM on the dial) at 1:30 PM to learn more about how the Diocese of Wilmington has partnered with its sister diocese in San Marcos, Guatemala.



**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!!

Males needed Meharry Medical Program

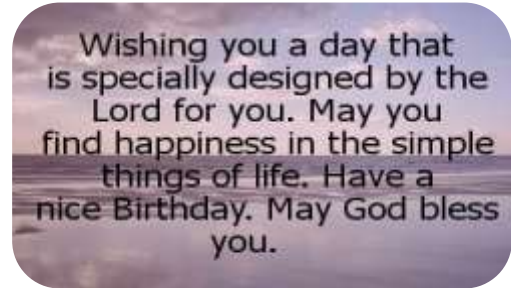
There is a program between Tenn State Univ (TSU) and Meharry Medical College where the student would go to TSU for three years and then on to Meharry and finish to become an MD or DDS in 7 years instead of the traditional 8 years. If you know of any black males who are high school seniors that want to 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>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.



March

D'Aviona Perrigan	27
Deidre Rogers	27
Joseph Rafter	29
Vincent Crumety	30
Bertley Wharton	31

April

Juanita Harmon	02
Robert McDevitt	05
Carolyn Wing	06
Michelle Plummer	09
Beverly White	10
Jamai Walker	12
Helena Crumety	13
Lonnie Ashe	15
Earl White	15
Jata Wright	16
Ange Michelle Vanier	17
Vincent Robinson	19
Ava Simone Wycliff	19
Vincent Caesar	21
Patricia Robbins	21
John Madison	23
Marissa Ledesma	24
Eric Pitts	24
Andrew Loosararian	26
Judith Taylor	26
Kharan Bracy	27
Ramsey Lowery	28
Wanda Johnson	29
Julianna McGill	29

COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

FEMA is working with stakeholder groups to get their input on ways we can best provide this assistance, and to enlist their help with outreach to families and communities. FEMA will begin to implement COVID-19 funeral assistance in April.

Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to potential applicants and community partners as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation.

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.