

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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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.*

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.



April 11, 2021

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ April 11 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call
- ▶ April 17 & 18 ~ Annual Appeal

More detail on inside pages



Mass Intentions
April 10, 2021— April 18, 2021

Saturday, 04/10	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/11	10:00 am	† Will Rafter Requested by O'Connell & Rafter Families
Saturday, 04/17	7:00 pm	Kaylee & New Baby Kaylee Young Requested by Tom & Judy Gallagher
Sunday, 04/18	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



Sunday of Divine Mercy

“Lord, have mercy,” we pray at the beginning of Mass, calling upon the Lord to have mercy on us in our sinfulness. Today we celebrate that divine mercy, the mercy that is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin, the mercy that always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord, the mercy that led God to send the Son to win us our salvation. Let us rejoice that we are always able to receive that tender mercy

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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal
Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope

During this time each year, parishioners are invited to participate in the Diocese’s Annual Catholic Appeal. Funds from the Appeal help provide pastoral, charitable, and educational programs and services to tens of thousands of people in our 12-county Diocese.

As parishioners of Saint Joseph’s parish, we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members, it is important that we reach out and serve others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes and with our Diocese. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us the opportunity to work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us.



***Rescheduled* Chrism Mass 2021**
Tuesday, April 20 ~ 12 noon ~ Cathedral of Saint Peter
Only Priests are invited to participate in person;
all others are invited to spiritually join us by viewing the live-stream.

Bishop Malooly will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 20 at 12 noon at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. Due to occupancy limits and to ensure proper physical distancing, only priests are invited to participate in person. All others are invited to spiritually join the Bishop by joining the live-stream broadcast on the diocese's YouTube channel:
[YouTube.com/Diocesefw...](https://www.youtube.com/Diocesefw...)

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.

April 4, 2021 - \$6,208

Question of the Week

To Whom Do I Need to Offer Mercy?

from Catholic Cemeteries...

A new website, sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries Conference and the USCCB Catholic Communications Campaign, has wonderful resources for parishes. Valuable information for parish bereavement committees, group discussions, RCIA programs, school lesson plans, bible studies, and videos for parish websites are all free for your use. Please visit the website and create a username and password to take advantage of all the free material - catholicburialtraditions.org.

Over the last several months, we have been sharing some of the wonderful videos here in the Wednesday Diocesan Update. Below is a link to a video explores the importance of Jesus' resurrection on our attitudes and understanding of our own death. Without the resurrection of Jesus, our faith makes no sense. The promise of eternal life for our bodies and souls is essential to our beliefs. The fear of death can be eliminated because of the resurrection. Death can still be terrible but we trust that it has been overcome by Jesus' death and resurrection – it is our passage to eternal life.



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, April 17th, tune in to learn what Neumann University is doing to serve their students' educational needs during the pandemic, when Dr. Christopher Domes, president of the university, is the special guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum..., or by searching "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...



SOLIDARITY WEEK MASS

CELEBRATING THE GLOBAL SOLIDARITY PARTNERSHIP

between the
DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
and the
DIOCESE OF SAN MARCOS, GUATEMALA

Sunday, April 18, 2021 10:30 a.m EDT

live-streamed from St. Catherine of Siena Church in Wilmington



globalsolidaritypartnership

join us at

www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm

Since 2003, the Diocese of Wilmington and the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala, have been involved in a Global Solidarity Partnership. Each April, the partners hold a Solidarity Week to coincide with the Feast of Saint Mark on April 25. This year, the week will begin with a Solidarity Week Mass on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Wilmington. Father John Hynes, pastor of St. Catherine's Church and Chairman of the Diocese of Wilmington's Global Solidarity Partnership Committee, will be the celebrant. Due to public safety space limitations, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube Channel, www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm. More information about the Partnership is available at cdow.org/solidarity...

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Lent is over and now we are in the time of Easter - the time when the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Be mindful tonight as you break bread (or rice, noodles, or potatoes) with your beloved that Jesus dwells in him or her. Pause.

PARENTING POINTERS

When parents are stressed, living in poverty, addicted to drugs, etc. they may take it out on a child. Think of one way you can support a parent in need this month.

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>Winfred Helena Melody</i>	<i>Fayette Jackson</i>	<i>André Owens</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 MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

April is National Minority Health Month, and this year, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is focusing on the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on racial and ethnic minority and American Indian and Alaska Native communities and underscore the need for these vulnerable communities to get vaccinated as more vaccines become available. COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help us get back to normal, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to bring this pandemic to an end. This year's theme for National Minority Health Month is **#VaccineReady**. (Source: <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=122>)

NATIONAL COVID-19 RESILIENCY NETWORK (NCRN)

The HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is working with the **Morehouse School of Medicine** through a cooperative agreement to develop a national network of state, territorial, tribal and local public and community-based organizations to help address the impact of COVID-19 among racial and ethnic minority populations. Morehouse School of Medicine established the National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN) which will share important messages and linkages to healthcare and social services in communities across the nation and in areas hardest hit by the pandemic. OMH and Morehouse School of Medicine invites organizations and individuals across the country to be a part of this initiative. To sign up for updates and become a part of this effort, please visit the **NCRN website**. (Source: <https://ncrn.msm.edu/>)

STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Stress can be debilitating, and it can cause and/or aggravate health problems. And since stress is a normal part of human existence — nobody is immune to it — it's important to arm ourselves with knowledge so that we recognize when stress rears its ugly head. (Amazingly, we don't always notice it's happening to us.) Stress Awareness Month happens each April. It's important to learn some strategies for coping with this particular silent scourge. You've come to the right place for that. Let's get started!

Practice meditation - One of the most effective ways to deal with stress is to learn how to silence the mind. Meditation is one of the most popular methods of achieving this quiet.

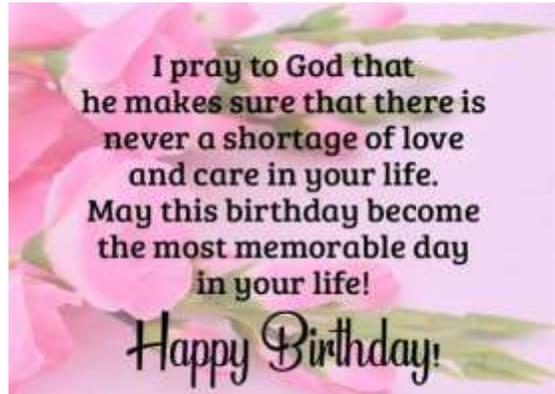
Exercise - Another way to battle the debilitating effects of stress is to exercise. Whether you're a jogger, bicyclist or just like to take long walks, be sure to get some fresh air and exercise into your daily routine.

Visit your doctor - They're really in the best position to get your started on the path to a stress-free lifestyle. Make an appointment today. (Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/stress-awareness-month/>)

FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

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 will begin accepting applications for Funeral Assistance on **Monday, April 12, 2021 through our dedicated call center. Visit the FEMA website to access call center line and view eligibility requirements at: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>**



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 Loosarian	26
Judith Taylor	26
Kharan Bracy	27
Ramsey Lowery	28
Wanda Johnson	29
Julianna McGill	29

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.