

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

Office Hours During: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday –Thursday
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.*

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.

50 Days of Easter

April 18, 2021

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ Friday Resurrection Stations ~ @ 6:30 PM via Zoom
- ▶ April 17 & 18 ~ Annual Catholic Appeal
- ▶ April 26 ~ Kateri Prayer Circle Meeting via Zoom —7:00 pm
- ▶ April 29 ~ KPCLA Meeting via Zoom
- ▶ May 02 ~ Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue
- ▶ May 02 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call
- ▶ May 09 ~ First Holy Communion



Mass Intentions
April 17, 2021— April 25, 2021

Saturday, 04/17	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/18	10:00 am	Kaylee & New Baby Kaylee Young Requested by Tom & Judy Gallagher
Saturday, 04/24	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/25	10:00 am	† Violet Robbins Requested by DeAnna Cardenas & Saint Kateri Circle

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



Third Sunday of Easter

We are Easter people. Whatever our circumstances may be, or the circumstances of the world, we gather today in joy because our Lord truly rose from the dead, conquering death and bringing the promise of eternal life. On Easter Sunday we renewed our baptismal promises, affirming our faith, renouncing sin and evil, and promising to follow Christ in the newness of life. Let us live our lives in the joy of the Resurrection and spread that joy to all we meet.

To Mae



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal
Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope



As Luke recalls for us in today's Gospel, only after the Apostles had absorbed the excitement and wonderment of seeing Jesus alive when they thought Him dead, did the importance of His words take on meaning.

Jesus had chosen them as His witnesses to His mission and His true identity. If anyone among them had thought that Jesus had some other way of telling the world about Himself, these thoughts were dismissed when they realized that they were the means, that they would be God's instruments.

Just as the disciples realized that with the death and resurrection of Jesus they were suddenly forced to confront the radical change in their lives, we too are called to do the same. As Christ's followers, we must make Easter season a time of new beginning in our lives. As Disciples of Christ, being witnesses and believers, we cannot separate ourselves from being doers of the Word.

The Annual Catholic Appeal works to ensure the viability and growth of many charitable, pastoral and educational ministries throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. With its theme, "Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope" the Appeal brings hope and the good news of Christ's love to thousands of men, women and children each year.

Our parish Appeal target is \$24,000. Recently, you were invited to participate in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have already provided a gift, thank you for your generosity. If you have not, please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You can contribute to the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your home, by accessing the Appeal website at www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal and clicking "How to Donate" or by completing a pledge card located in the church vestibule.

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 11, 2021 - \$2,979

Question of the Week

How can I give witness to the forgiveness I have experienced in Jesus?



April is
Child Abuse
Prevention Month



Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, April 24th, tune in to hear the winners of the annual Gerry Dawson Delaware Knights of Columbus Vocations Essay Contest present their essays. 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...



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/DioceseofW...

McGrath Institute for Church Life

Calling all high school students! **The Vision Academy for Catholic Life and Leadership** at the University of Notre Dame is looking for YOU!! We are inviting high school students from across the country to be a part of a unique and dynamic two-week offering with workshops, reflection groups and keynote sessions designed to help you embrace God's call in your daily life. Come connect with your peers and dynamic college leaders across the country as we explore what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ...all from the comfort of your own home! More information can be found at the following link: mcgrath.nd.edu/visiona... We also have a unique track called Vision CYM Academy designed to support adults like your youth minister or campus minister on their professional journeys of faith! Follow the link to learn more!

Contact Keo Pangan, Mentor-in-Faith, at gpangan@nd.edu with questions.

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

You and your beloved have been through a lot together. Keep in mind your service to each other.

PARENTING POINTERS

Why don't you and your children clean up some of God's creation. Pick a park, a street, a place of nature to clear of litter.

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>Fr. John McVoy</i>	<i>André Owens</i>
<i>Winfred Helena Melody</i>	<i>Fayette Jackson</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 #VACCINE READY

The theme for National Minority Health Month is #Vaccine Ready. COVID-19 pandemic continues to highlight inequities that impact the physical, social, and emotional health of people in some racial and ethnic minority groups. By having more knowledge about COVID-19 and the vaccine, people can make an educated decision about their health. Visit coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine website to locate testing and vaccine sites where you can receive needed information. (Source: minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/Content.aspx?ID=21522&)

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

The theme of this year's awareness month is #KnowMorePD. As such, the [Parkinson's Foundation](https://www.parkinsons.org) is seeking not only to raise awareness of the disease, but of all the resources the organization offers to help make lives better for people with Parkinson's and their families, particularly during uncertain times. Please visit their website to learn about the events planned for this month at: <https://parkinsonsnewstoday.com/2021/04/01/april-parkinsons-awareness-month/?cn-reloaded=1>

NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL AWARENESS

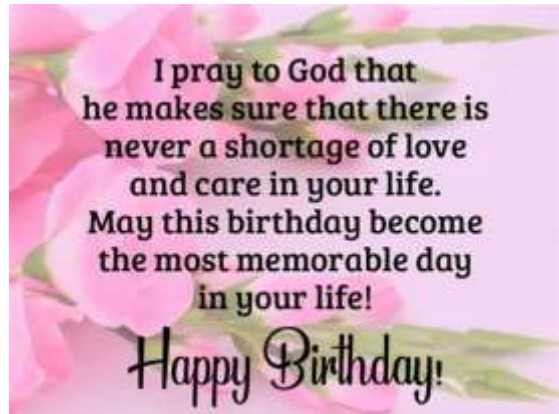
This month is dedicated to raising awareness for cancer prevention and treatment throughout the US. Among the many methods of prevention, screening is one of the most effective ways to detect pre-cancerous cells and provide early treatment. (Source: <https://www.cancersmoc.com/april-is-national-cancer-control-month/>)

TESTICULAR CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Testicular Cancer is the leading cancer in men 15-44. Monthly self-exams and early detection are key. Help make a difference in the fight against this disease, help save lives. Visit our website to learn how to do a self-examination. On APRIL 28TH & 29TH, 2021 7PM - 9PM EST, there will be an International Gathering of Survivors, Caregivers, and Medical Experts focused on bringing an international group of TC survivors and their loved ones together to address the physical and emotional toll of being diagnosed and treated for a cancer at a young age. Access <https://www.cancer.gov/types/testicular> for more information.

STOP THE VIOLENCE 20TH YEAR CELEBRATION

Please join us on Saturday, April 24, 4:30pm, at the STVC-Academy for Peace, 203 N. Market Street, for a Red Carpet Evening to commemorate and celebrate our continued faithfulness to the mission of STVC. COVID protocol will be in order. The activities will be outside along Market Street between 2nd and 3rd. Streets. Please let us know you will attend so that we may prepare accordingly. Your RSVP is appreciated by text 302 384 4438 and or e-mail janeairmacklin@aol.com. PASS THE WORD, BUT ALL MUST



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

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.

