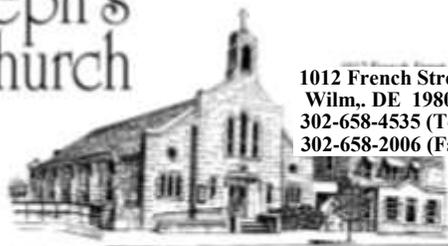


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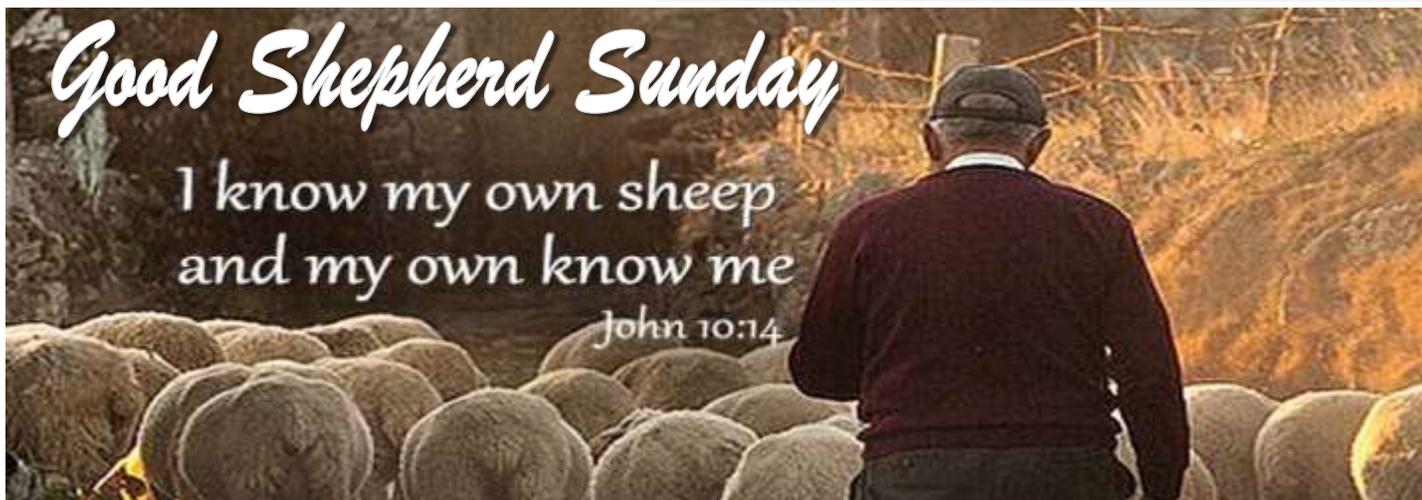
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Office Hours During: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday–Thursday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

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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.



April 25, 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 23 & 24 ~ Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-up
- ▶ April 26 ~ Kateri Prayer Circle Meeting via Zoom —7:00 pm
- ▶ May 02 ~ Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue
- ▶ May 02 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call
- ▶ May 09 ~ Mother's Day

First Holy Communion

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 18, 2021 - \$1,653

Mass Intentions
April 24, 2021— May 2, 2021

Saturday, 04/23	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/24	10:00 am	† Violet Robbins Requested by DeAnna Cardenas & Saint Kateri Circle
Saturday, 05/01	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/02	10:00 am	

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

Good Shepherd Sunday

We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, recalling Jesus' promise to protect us from har, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. Ultimately Jesus laid down his life for us, as he told his disciples that he would do.

We likely come here today with worries and concerns on our mind. Let us find comfort in knowing that the Good Shepherd watches over us, providing comfort, protection, guidance, and above all salvation.

Jo Mac

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal
Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

Everyone is welcomed to the flock by Jesus. We, too, must act faithfully to reach out to all individuals, especially those who feel neglected or abandoned. As Jesus committed His life to being the "one shepherd", we, too, must commit ourselves as Catholics, to providing service to all.

There are several diocesan ministries and programs that offer help for those who feel estranged and marginalized by society. As baptized Christians, it is our shared responsibility to respond to Jesus' command to love and serve one another. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides financial support for a wide range of spiritual, pastoral, and educational services that assist not only the poor and suffering, but anyone who seeks assistance regardless of age, race or social class.

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated 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 vestibule of the parish. It is never too late to help someone in need.

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In marriage it may feel good to win an argument – for the moment. It's not wrong to be right. In the long run, however, it is better not to argue about who is right, but let it go.

PARENTING POINTERS

Have you and your child ever been close to animals. If you don't have access to a farm, there's always the zoo. Learn together what it means to take care of animals.

St. Kateri Circle Fund Raiser Your Support is Appreciated!

Saint Joseph French Street Kateri Circle seeks your support and invites you to participate in our "**What A Crock**" fundraiser. Just access the website listed below to view the menu, choose your items, complete your order, and your delicious and prepared meals will arrive in a day or two. Every meal you purchase will be credited to the Kateri Circle. The funds we receive will help us to continue our evangelization efforts. Thank you for your support. May St. Kateri always smile on you and yours!

<https://whatacrockfundraisers.com/pages/stjosephs>

Bon Appetite!



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, May 1st, tune in to hear an interview with Father Edward Looney, author of the new book, "Meditations after Holy Communion." 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...

Question of the Week

How is the Lord calling me to guide, nurture, and care for others?



April is
Child Abuse
Prevention 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>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

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Looking to help someone with their alcohol addiction, we have provided some more information for those seeking guidance. Or, to speak to someone about treatment options for alcohol abuse, please call our 24/7 helpline at 1-866-633-2906. For further information on treatment during the pandemic, we've put together a guide that answers some of our most frequently asked questions: Call American Addictions Center. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), 60% of youth admit to drinking at least one drink by the time they are 18 years old. (Source: <https://www.alcohol.org/laws/underage-drinking/>)

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Are you a teen or adult who suspect that your feelings and behaviors may involve autism? Many people who have autism with lower support needs go undiagnosed until adulthood. There is no one type of autism, but many! Find out more in the guide book "Is it autism or is it me?" and download their toolkit at: Autism Speaks (<https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/>)

NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK- April 24-May 1, 2021

National infant immunization Week is a yearly observance highlighting the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases. This year, in particular, it's critical to ensure that families stay on track for children's routine checkups and recommended vaccinations – even during COVID-19. As in-person learning and play become more common, on-time vaccination is even more urgent to help provide immunity against 14 serious diseases. For more key messages, please visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niw/key-messages.html>

EVERY KID HEALTH WEEK – April 26-30, 2021

Every Kid Healthy™ Week is an annual observance created in 2013 to celebrate school health and wellness achievements. Recognized on the calendar of National Health Observances and observed the last full week of April each year, each day of the week shines a spotlight on the great actions schools and families are taking to improve the health and wellness of their kids and the link between nutrition, physical activity, mental health and learning – because healthy kids are better prepared to learn and thrive! Register on the website to participate in the daily activities organized or organize your own with ideas from the site at: <https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/get-involved/every-kid-healthy-week/>

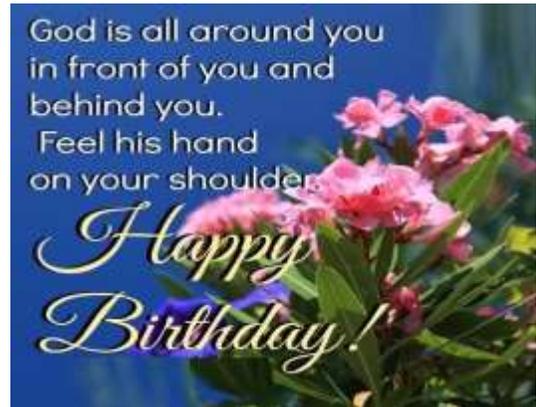
COVID-19 UPDATE: PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

Anyone with a question about COVID-19, whether related to medical or social service needs, should call Delaware 2-1-1; or 7-1-1 for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or text your ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

COVID-19 VACCINE OPEN TO ALL –

The state's vaccination program is now fully open to Delawareans 16+ at any vaccination provider.

**CITY OF LOVE CHURCH at BRANDYWINE, 2200 N. MARKET ST.
COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE MAY 7, 10 AM – 2PM with 2nd dose
provided on JUNE 4, 10 AM – 2 PM**



April

John Madison	23
Marissa Ledesma	24
Eric Pitts	24
Andrew Loosarian	26
Judith Taylor	26
Khara Bracy	27
Ramsey Lowery	28
Wanda Johnson	29
Julianna McGill	29

May

Lavon Robinson	01
William Cavin, Jr.	06
Thomas Gallagher	06
Christopher Willis	08
Pat Rafter	09
Sean Willis	09
Irence White	10
Julian Cecere	11
Roberto Rivera, III	11
Stefani Cousar	15
Quincey Lowery	15
Jed Donohue	16
Jerah Wright	17
John Wharton	18
Brendan Hill	19
Brysen Hill	19
Cholly Anderson	20
John Carney	20