

St. Joseph's Church



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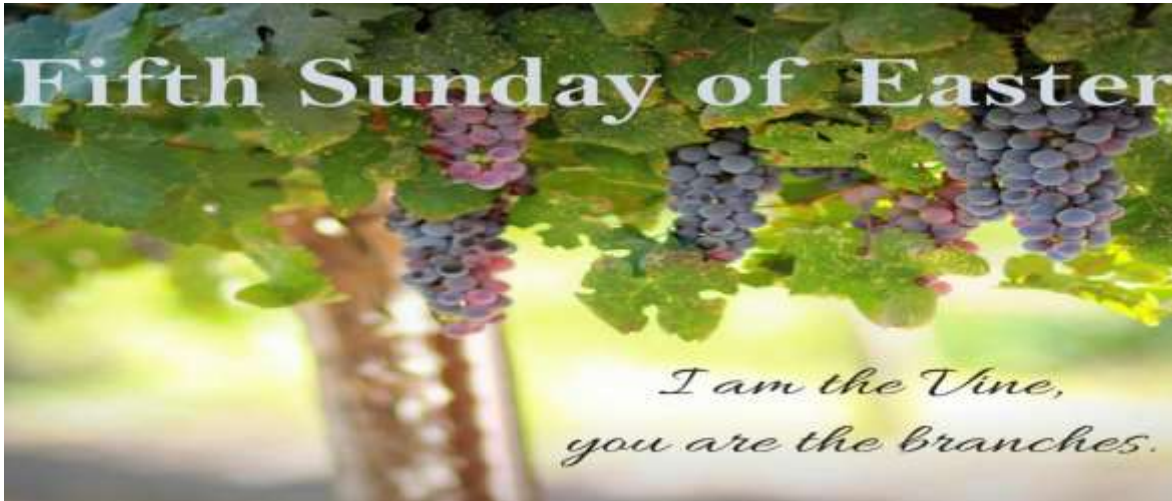
THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

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.

May 02, 2021

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
 - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ Friday Joyful Stations Prayer ~ @ 6:30 pm via Conference Call
 - ▶ 1-301-715-8592, access code 252217
- ▶ May 02 ~ Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue
- ▶ May 02 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call
- ▶ May 09 ~ Mother's Day
 - First Holy Communion - London Louise Simmonds
- ▶ May 16 ~ Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- ▶ May 23 ~ Special Offering: Seminarian Formation & Priests' Retirement Fund
- ▶ June 13 ~ Confirmation
- ▶ June 20 ~ Father's Day

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 25, 2021 - \$3,280

Mass Intentions
May 1, 2021 – May 9, 2021

Sunday, 05/02	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Saturday, 05/08	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/09	10:00 am	+ Carlota Lopez Garcia Requested by Isabel Kaplan

PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Rev. Msgr. Charles Brown, III
 Deacon: Robert J. Cousar
 Parish Secretary: Loretta L. Young
 Receptionist: Lavon Robinson
 St. Vincent dePaul Society: Fayettea Jackson
 Dir. Religious Education: Mary Polk
 Dir. Music Ministry: Brenda Burns

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he remains in us and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Gathered together today, we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, May 8th, Mr. Paul Senz will discuss his book, "Fatima: 100 Questions and Answers about the Marian Apparitions." 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

In order to flourish and bear fruit, the vine needs to be pruned. What in me needs to be pruned so that I can bear fruit to the fullest extent possible.

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Screens" (TV, computers, cell phones...) can give us a lot of helpful information. BUT, they can also crowd out relationship time. Although this is often directed to children, it starts with you and your beloved. Can you spend a day without using a screen this week? What will you substitute?

PARENTING POINTERS

If your child is old enough for school, they've probably spent a lot of class time on computer screens during Covid. Weather permitting, offer them a Nature Break this week - or at least some indoor art, craft, or board game alternatives. 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.



Get Delicious Dinners Delivered And Support St. Joseph's St. Kateri Circle

What a Crock's gourmet meals for the slow cooker make dinner easy – they're shipped straight to your door, just cut open the bag and place them in the slow cooker. That's it! No time-consuming prep or cleanup, you can just enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner without all the hassle.

How To Get Started:

Step One: Enter the link below into your browser to view all the delicious meals, desserts and snacks that are available for purchase to help our organization.

Step Two: Select your items and meal sizes and complete your purchase.

Step Three: Your order will arrive at your door within a few days for you to enjoy! Our organization receives funds every time you order.

To check out their menu and the specials for the month of May, you can shop using the link below. Orders must come through our organization's unique landing page link to make sure we get credit for every purchase!

To Order, Type Link Below Into Your Browser:

Saint Kateri Circle Fund Raiser

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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



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>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Gerry Reybold</i>
<i>Stephanie T. Bolden</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 PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NATIONAL ASTHMA and ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH

If you have asthma and are concerned about COVID-19, talk to your health care provider. People with moderate to severe asthma may be more likely to get severely ill with COVID-19. COVID-19 can affect the respiratory tract (nose, throat, lungs), cause an asthma attack and possibly lead to pneumonia and acute respiratory disease. For more information on COVID-19, visit CDC.gov. Read more about the updated guidelines and find asthma resources and information from NHLBI's *Learn More Breathe Better*SM program at www.nhlbi.nih.gov/LMBBasthma. New guideline may change how you control your asthma.

AIR QUALITY WEEK – May 3-7, 2021

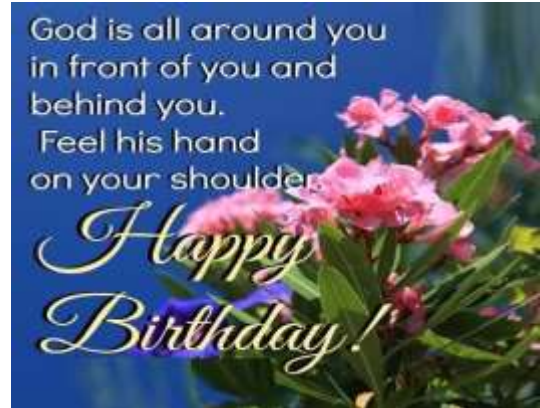
On behalf of our AirNow partners – NOAA National Weather Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Department of State – EPA is pleased to announce that Air Quality Awareness Week 2021 will be celebrated May 3 – 7, 2021. **Our theme this year is Healthy Air – Important for Everyone!** Our goal is to promote events that increase air quality awareness and encourage people to check the Air Quality Index (AQI) daily. Let's look at the air quality where you live, and compare with other areas of the city, county, state! Engage your student scholar at home to record the daily air quality for you and discuss any changes that you might record. Send your results to cokparish@aol.com at the end of the week and the results will be published the following week for those reporting. Interested?

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

For 2021's Mental Health Awareness Month NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) will continue to amplify the message of "You Are Not Alone." We will use this time to focus on the healing value of connecting in safe ways, prioritizing mental health and acknowledging that it's okay to not be okay through NAMI's blog, personal stories, videos, digital toolkits, social media engagements and national events. Together, we can realize our shared vision of a nation where anyone affected by mental illness can get the appropriate support and quality of care to live healthy, fulfilling lives — a nation where **no one feels alone** in their struggle. (<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>)

COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES – WHERE TO GO- ALL DELAWAREANS 16+ NOW ELIGIBLE

You can get most recommended vaccines at your doctor's office, and many recommended vaccines are also available at local pharmacies, health centers, health departments, and travel clinics. Federally funded health centers provide a variety of health care services, including vaccination. Henrietta Johnson Medical Center, Westside health Center and La Red are our 3 FQHCs in Delaware. Other state and local health centers in addition to your local pharmacies are offering vaccines as well. In all cases, please call to register. **City of Love Church at Brandywine, 2200 N. Market St. providing 1st dose vaccine May 7 from 10 am – 2 pm.**



May

Lavon Robinson	01
William Cavin, Jr.	06
Thomas Gallagher	06
Christopher Willis	08
Pat Rafter	09
Sean Willis	09
Iren'e 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
Marie Cousar	20
Haven Flagg	21
Samantha Jolly	21
Geraldine Reybold	22
Vanessa Crumety	24
Justice Johnson	27
Cathlyn Cantelmi	28
Charles Tarver	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.