

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
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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.

May 09, 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 09 ~ Mother's Day**
 - First Holy Communion - London Louise Simmonds**
- ▶ May 12 ~ COVID Testing in front of church, 10:00 am — 4:00 pm
- ▶ May 16 ~ Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- ▶ May 19 ~ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Center
- ▶ May 26 ~ Finance Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Center
- ▶ May 23 ~ Special Offering: Seminarian Formation & Priests' Retirement Fund
- ▶ June 06 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call
- ▶ June 13 ~ Confirmation
- ▶ June 20 ~ Father's Day



More detail on inside pages

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.

May 2, 2021 - \$4,134

**Mass Intentions
May 8, 2021— May 16, 2021**

Saturday, 05/08	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/09	10:00 am	† Carlota Lopez Garcia Requested by Isabel Kaplan
Saturday, 05/15	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/16	10:00 am	† Thomasina Joseph Requested by DeAnna Cardenas

PARISH STAFF

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

Happy Mother's Day

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love just as he remains in his Father's love. Love is a bond between them that lasts forever. For many of us, the first lasting bond we formed was with our mothers. We honor them today, and all who have acted as mothers in our lives, recognizing that they likely taught us what love was. May that bond teach us now how to remain in Christ's love.



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, May 15th, 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/Catholicic...



Congratulations to London Louise Simmonds

Today she receives her First Holy Communion. It is a happy day for her and for our parish. We pray that she will always remember this day as one of the most important in her life and that the Lord will continue to transform her life as she receives him again and again in the Eucharist.

God Bless London Louise. He teaches us through our children.

We are grateful to Dr. Phyllis Chambers Mobley for her commitment to educate our children in the Catholic faith and especially in preparing London Louise for receiving the Eucharist.

Question of the Week

How am I being called to sacrifice my own priorities in order to serve others?

Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-up

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. **Our parish goal is \$24,000. To date, we've received 29 gifts totaling \$17, 191 (71.63% of the goal) - So we're a little short and seek the support from those who are prayerfully considering supporting this most important .** There are several diocesan ministries (Native American Ministry, Hispanic Ministry and Ministry for Black Catholics, etc) 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.

Again, we are most grateful to those who have already contributed. If you have not yet participated, you may still do so and are encouraged to do so 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 church. It is never too late to help someone in need.

HYMNODY



Gathering: *This Is the Day*

Chorus

This is the day, that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord Has made.

Repeat 4x...

Preparation of Gifts: *I Received the Living God*

Chorus: I Received the Living God
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

Verse 1: Jesus said: I am the bread
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die.
Chorus...

Verse 2: Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew.
Chorus...

Communion: *Here I Am Lord*

Verse 1: I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them
Whom shall I send

Chorus: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Verse 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.

Communion: *Here I AM Lord continued...*

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send

Chorus: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord....

Verse 3: I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send

Chorus: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord...

Meditation: *God is So Good*

Verse 1: God is so good, God is so good, God is so
good, He's so good to me!

Verse 2: God answers prayer, God answers
prayer, God answers prayer, He's so good to me!

Going Forth: *I've Got Peace Like A River*

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul



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>

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

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! For 2021's Mental Health Awareness Month NAMI 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. (Source: <https://nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>)

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS!

School Board Elections are on May 11, 2021

Why bother, especially if you do not have school-aged children? "On a day-to-day basis, local races — and especially school boards — really have an impact on communities, everything from the quality of life to the type of children we're turning out. In a lot of ways, you can make the argument that school board is perhaps the most important thing you can vote for," says Mike Mikus, a Democratic strategist with Chartiers Group LLC. (Source: <https://www.kidsburgh.org/6-reasons-school-board-elections-require-your-attention/>)

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK -

The week May 9-15, 2021 serves as a reminder for women and girls, especially during the outbreak of COVID-19, to make their health a priority and take care of themselves. It is extremely important for all women and girls, especially those with underlying health conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, and women 65 years and older, to take care of your health now. (Source: <https://www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw/about>)

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing. A meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as "Senior Citizens Month," the prelude to "Older Americans Month." (Source: Administration on Community Living and Administration on Aging at <https://acl.gov/oam/history>)

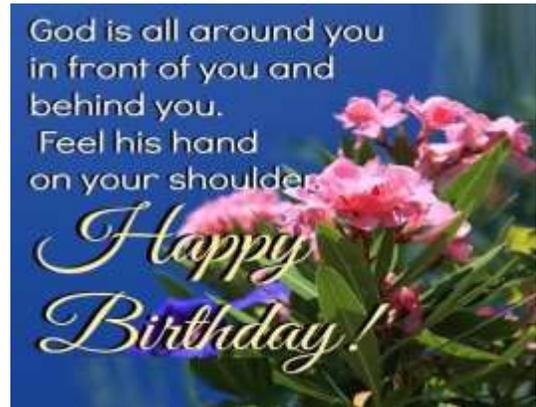
from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

To love one another sounds simple, but anyone married even a short time knows that love can be a challenge when two wills conflict. Just for today, pretend you are God trying to love your spouse selflessly.

PARENTING POINTERS

Generally, a mother's love for her child is assumed and hopefully reciprocated. Yes, show love for your mother (or someone who has been like a loving mother to you) this weekend. Identify and share an act of sacrifice made on your behalf by your mother. What a gift!



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.