

# St. Joseph's Church



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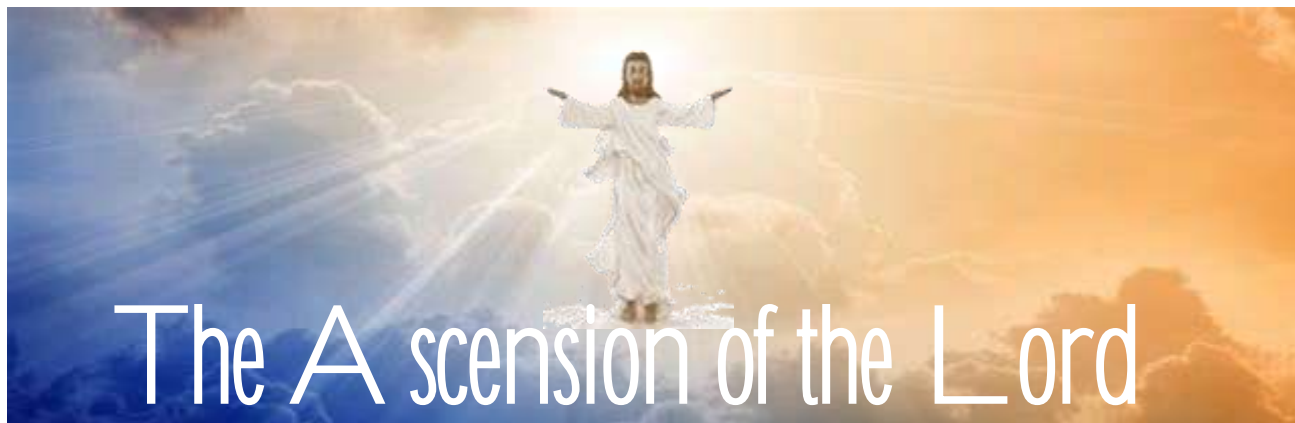
THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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

**Parish Secretary:** [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)

**Website:** [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

**YouTube Channel:** St Josephs Downtown Wilmington  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9-ljIa9-IU0OS9jPbe2ddQ>



## 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.

*If you would like to register with the parish, please access the registration form located on our website [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://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.*

## May 16, 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 16 ~ Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- ▶ May 19 ~ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Center
- ▶ May 26 ~ Memorial Mass 11am - Anthony (Tony) Dash
- ▶ May 23 ~ Special Offering: Seminarian Formation & Priests' Retirement Fund
- ▶ May 26 ~ Finance Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Center
- ▶ June 06 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call
- ▶ June 09 ~ COVID Testing, 10am — 4pm
- ▶ June 12 ~ Knights of Peter Claver Meeting, 10am
- ▶ June 13 ~ Confirmation Sunday
- ▶ 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.

May 9, 2021 - \$2,608

**Mass Intentions**  
**May 15, 2021— May 23, 2021**

Saturday, 05/15	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/16	10:00 am	+ Thomasina Joseph Requested by DeAnna Cardenas
Saturday, 05/22	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/23	10:00 am	+ Maxine Holly Requested by John & Steve Armstrong, Eugene Holley and all family members

**PARISH STAFF**

Administrator:	Rev. Msgr. Charles Brown, III
Deacon:	Robert J. Cousar
Parish Secretary:	Loretta L. Young
Receptionist:	Lavon Robinson
Dir. Religious Education:	Mary Polk
Dir. Music Ministry:	Brenda Burns
Bookkeeper:	Jane Putscher

*A scension of the Lord*

Today we celebrate a special day in the history of the Church. On the day Jesus ascended to heaven to remain with his Father, he commanded his disciples to carry on his ministry, proclaiming the good news to the whole world. Now we are that whole world. Now we are those disciples. May Christ, whom we encounter as we gather together and receive in the Eucharist on this holy day, strengthen our resolve to spread the good news in our world today.



## A Note from Msgr. Charlie

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** provides the funding for the education, social service and ministry offices of the diocese. Let us thank Bishop Malooly for his leadership, service and ministry to us as he begins his retirement. Let us welcome Bishop-elect Koenig as he begins his episcopal ministry. Let us be especially generous to this year's Appeal. No gift is too small. No gift is too large. May I suggest that since the church has been closed for several months due the pandemic and you save a lot of money on gas—that you share some of that with the diocese in the Appeal. The bishop sent letters all registered parishioners seeking your participation. If you did not receive a letter, please call the office. We have a \$24,000 target and have pledged a little over \$19,000, so we need everyone's participation. Thank you.



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, learn about the annual John Cardinal Foley Communications Symposium when Father Thomas Dailey, OSFS, is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum...](http://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...](https://facebook.com/Catholicf...)

**Question of the Week**

What can I do today to actively witness to my faith?

*from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...*

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Distance can put stress on a marriage. Having a spouse who travels a lot or who is deployed to military service poses a challenge. Do you have any practices that help the two of you when you are apart?

**PARENTING POINTERS**

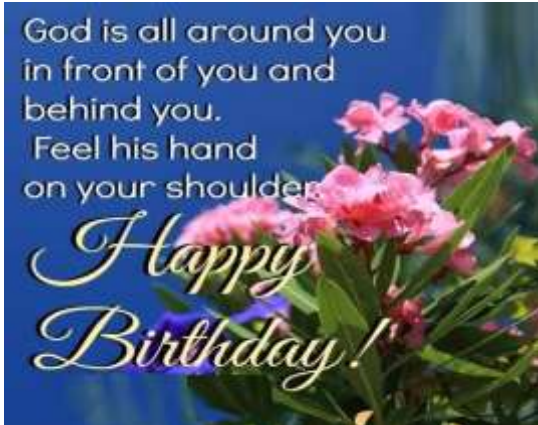
Teach your child to pray. Sure, you may already say grace before meals and a bedtime prayer, but help them practice humble prayers from their heart. You may learn a lot by listening to their genuine prayer.

***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 Fazzino</i>	<i>Gerry Reybold</i>
<i>Jean Toy</i>			

If you would like to be added to our sick and shut-in list, please send email to [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto: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.



**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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org). Please include your name, birth month, day and year.*

The St. Thomas More Society of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington is presenting a free Zoom lecture entitled "What it Means to Be Human: The Case for the Body in Public Bioethics," featuring O. Carter Snead, University of Notre Dame Professor of Law, Concurrent Professor of Political Science, and Director of the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, on May 19, 2021, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register via email to Matt Boyer at [mboyer@connollygallagher.com](mailto:mboyer@connollygallagher.com).

**PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE**

**NATIONAL HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION MONTH**

High blood pressure usually has no warning signs or symptoms, and many people do not know they have it. It's important to get an accurate blood pressure reading so that you have a clearer picture of your risk for heart disease and stroke.

A normal blood pressure level is less than 120/80 mmHg. The higher your blood pressure levels, the more risk you have for other health problems, such as heart disease, heart attack, and stroke. High blood pressure in youth is linked to health problems later in life. The good news is that you can both help prevent high blood pressure and manage it. Whatever your age, you can take steps each day to keep your blood pressure in a healthy range. You can help prevent high blood pressure—also called hypertension—by making healthy choices and managing other health conditions you may have. (Source: [https://www.cdc.gov/bloodpressure/prevent\\_manage.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/bloodpressure/prevent_manage.htm))

**NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

**Stroke is the No. 2 cause of death worldwide and a leading cause of disability.** If something happens to block the flow of blood, brain cells start to die *within minutes* because they can't get oxygen. This causes a stroke. A stroke is a serious medical condition that requires emergency care. Act **F.A.S.T.** Call 9-1-1 right away if you or someone you are with shows **any** signs of a stroke. **Time lost is brain lost. Every minute counts.** If you think someone may be having a stroke, act **F.A.S.T.** and do the following simple test:

- F—Face:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- A—Arms:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S—Speech:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?
- T—Time:** If you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away (Source: [https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/signs\\_symptoms.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/signs_symptoms.htm))

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

**Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease** that affects more women than men. If you have lupus, your risk is higher for other health problems that are common in women, such as heart disease and osteoporosis. With autoimmune diseases, the body's immune (defense) system cannot tell the difference between viruses, bacteria, and other germs and the body's healthy cells, tissues, or organs. Because of this, the immune system attacks and destroys these healthy cells, tissues, or organs. Learn more about signs and symptoms and how to manage the condition at: (Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/lupus/basics/women>)





# NOW ENROLLING



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### CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

A student must be entering 5th or 6th grade and must qualify for the National School Lunch Program.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Visit <https://ecollectaccesschool.com/discuss/wilmington> to pre-register. If qualified, Serviam will contact you to continue the application process. All applicants must submit a completed application, supporting documents including teacher recommendations and your family's most recent W-2 and 1040, an assessment, and both a student and a parent/guardian interview.

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS UNTIL ALL AVAILABLE SPOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED

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### ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Marybeth Cejello  
[admissions@serviamgirlsacademy.org](mailto:admissions@serviamgirlsacademy.org)

### ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Academic ability as demonstrated by previous report cards and standardized test scores
- Letters of recommendation from the student's current school
- A student interview
- A parent/guardian interview



## BRAIN SCIENCE TRAINING INSTITUTE

Children & Families First, in collaboration with Wilmington University, is offering a training to the public on trauma, brain science, its impact on our communities, and how individuals and groups can support persons affected by trauma.

This interactive, 3 hour, virtual workshop serves as an introduction to understanding the impact of traumatic events on a person's development, individual relationships, day-to-day interactions and their overall success in life. Understanding trauma can save lives, build resiliency, and inspire dreams.

### Participants will learn:

- different types of traumatic events
- various signs of traumatic events
- the impact of trauma on brain structure, development, and functioning
- how to prevent and overcome trauma
- introductory steps for trauma-informed organizations
- where to find additional information to learn more about trauma

May 27, 2021

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Cost: \$15

To register, visit:  
[cffde.org/events-1/brain-science-training-institute](http://cffde.org/events-1/brain-science-training-institute)



Questions? Contact Erika Baise at [erika.baise@cffde.org](mailto:erika.baise@cffde.org)

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Monday - Friday

- Teaching
  - Home visits
  - Bible Study
  - Lesson planning
  - Fun community activities
- Saturday - Sunday
- Optional trips
  - Evening small groups
  - Worship and encouragement



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