

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 23, 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 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
- ▶ June 23 ~ Parish Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Parish Center

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 16, 2021 - \$4,272

Mass Intentions
May 22, 2021 – May 30, 2021

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| 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 |
| Saturday, 05/29 | 5:00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 05/30 | 10:00 am | |

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

Pentecost

As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we sing “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.” But we do not just mark an event that happened nearly two thousand years ago. We also call upon the Lord to send the Holy Spirit now and every day to breathe new life into all creation. As we celebrate today, let us pray that the Spirit dwelling in us may impel us to renew our efforts to build the kingdom of God in our world.



Pentecost People

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.
 Let your wisdom and right judgement guide our decisions
 and temper our impulses.
 Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity
 for empathy and compassion.
 Let reverence and awe will us with gratitude and respect
 for all of creation.
 Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word
 and deed.
 Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.
 Amen.



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, May 29th, tune in to hear highlights, including Bishop Malooly’s homily, from the priesthood ordination of Deacon Michael Preston. 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

When have I avoided the truth? What truth am I avoiding right now? How will I confront and accept it?

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In marriage we sometimes have to stretch to really understand what our beloved means by their words. Is your “native” language emotional words, acts of kindness, physical touch...? Listen, watch, and feel carefully as you communicate today.

PARENTING POINTERS

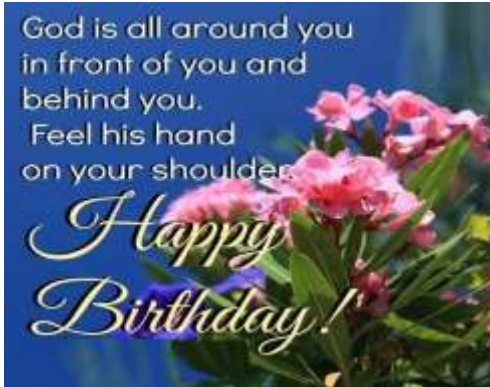
A good parent is like a good shepherd. We spend our time, money, and worries on our children. In essence, we lay down our lives for their good. Remember that you as a parent also have The Good Shepherd who cares for you in the same way.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

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| <i>Charlie Anderson</i> | <i>Mary Bossack</i> | <i>Guissepina Fazzone</i> | <i>Gerry Reybold</i> |
| <i>Jean Toy</i> | <i>Patrick Abili</i> | | |
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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.



May

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| 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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

In May, ACL will celebrate the strength of older adults and the Aging Network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities. The Administration on Community Living (ACL) is pleased to announce that the theme of Older Americans Month (OAM) 2021 is *Communities of Strength*. Older adults have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties. Their stories and contributions help to support and inspire others. There are many things we all can do to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive. Connecting with others is one of the most important—it plays a vital role in our health and well-being, and in that of our communities. (Source: <https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/older-americans-month-2021-communities-strength>)

NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY – MAY 26

National Senior Health & Fitness Day is an annual health and wellness event for older adults. There are two events for 2021: Spring – Wednesday, May 26, 2021 and Fall – Wednesday, October 27, 2021. More than 100,000 older adults will participate in these local health events across the country. The goals of National Senior Health & Fitness Day are to promote the importance of regular physical activity, and to show what local organizations are doing to improve the health of older adults in their communities. (https://fitnessday.com/sponsor/documents/shfd_fact.pdf)

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

Over half of Americans (63%) have never heard of or know little or nothing about lupus, underscoring the urgent need to raise awareness of the disease's brutal impact on every part of a person's life. Because many symptoms and effects of lupus are invisible, it can often leave those living with lupus feeling misunderstood and isolated. Visit this website to learn more: <https://www.lupus.org/news/2021-lupus-awareness-month-nationwide-lupus-community-impact-for-lupus>

HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsors Hepatitis Awareness Month in May to raise awareness about viral hepatitis and hepatitis testing. Join the conversation by using CDC's promotional resources. You can also share our consumer-friendly MyHealthfinder resources to help the community to learn about steps to prevent hepatitis B and screening for hepatitis C. Finally, take a look at the Healthy People 2030 objectives aimed at reducing rates of infectious diseases. Check out this website for more information: (<https://health.gov/news/2021>)

COVID-19 UPDATES (These recommendations apply only to situations within the home, not at the workplace, in a public setting, or other indoor gathering site)

- ◆ You don't have to wear a mask inside a home around other fully vaccinated people.
- ◆ You don't have to wear a mask inside a home when visiting with unvaccinated people from one other household (like visiting with relatives who all live together). The exception is if the unvaccinated people are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- ◆ If you are identified as being a close contact of someone with COVID, you don't have to quarantine or get tested, unless you have symptoms. The exception is if you are a close contact and live in a group setting, where CDC says you should stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you are fully vaccinated

CDC Summary of What You Can Do: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID-19-AfterVaccine.pdf>

If you test positive for COVID-19 after being vaccinated, you still need to isolate at home



NOW ENROLLING



ACCEPTING RISING 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

OVERVIEW

We are very excited that you want to learn more about Serviam as an option for your daughter's education. We invite you to learn more about how Serviam is preparing our students to become the next generation of women leaders. Serviam Girls Academy is dedicated to educating its students safely and effectively during the pandemic with its in-person/virtual hybrid model, and back to fully in-person once deemed safe by the CDC and the State of Delaware.

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://enroll.accelaschool.com/diocese/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 RECEIVED ON A ROLING BASIS UNTIL ALL AVAILABLE SPOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED

Featuring: Small Class Sizes, Extended Day & Year, Graduate Support Program, Sports & Enrichment Program, Summer Program

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ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Marybeth Ceello
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

FIND YOUR CALLING IN THE CITY

Summer Internships (\$2,000 Stipend)

This fast-paced, seven-week experience is a realistic introduction to direct missionary work. Living with other interns in neighborhood based ministry housing really allows you to create lasting relationships

Monday - Friday

- Teaching
- Home visits
- Bible Study
- Lesson planning
- Fun community activities

Saturday - Sunday

- Optional trips
- Evening small groups
- Worship and encouragement

TO APPLY: WWW.URBANPROMISE.ORG/PROGRAMS/INTERNS

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.