

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

Summer Office Hours: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday –Thursday

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

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



The Most Holy Trinity

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.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents and Godparents are asked to 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 30, 2021

- ▶ Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
 - ▶ 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- ▶ Friday Chaplet of ~ @ 6:30 pm via Conference Call
 - ▶ 1-301-715-8592, access code 252217
- ▶ June 06 ~ Sodality Meeting via Conference Call
- ▶ June 09 ~ COVID Testing, 10am — 4pm
- ▶ June 09 ~ Finance Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Center
- ▶ 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
- ▶ June 26 ~ Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 8am - 2pm
- ▶ June 27 ~ Special Collection: Peter's Pence
- ▶ July 04 ~ Special Collection: Support the Church in Eastern Europe

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 23, 2021 - \$1,954

Mass Intentions
May 29, 2021 – June 06, 2021

Saturday, 05/29	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/30	10:00 am	George Floyd
Saturday, 06/05	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/06	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

The Most Holy Trinity

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” We say this when we enter a church, when we begin Mass, when we pray. It is our identity. It reminds us that we are in the presence of God. It joins us to millions of other Christians across time and space. It expresses our belief in the Triune God. Three persons in one God enabled God to become incarnate, enabled God to come down upon us in baptism, and enables God to be with us here today and every day. Let us contemplate the great wonders God has done and continues to do in our daily lives.



Annual Appeal Update

Thanks to the generosity of many, we are nearing our Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$24,000. However, we aren't there just yet. We are in need of additional donations. No gift is too small. No gift is too large. Again, I offer a suggestion as to how you may consider the amount of your donation —since the church was closed for several months during the pandemic and you saved a lot of money on gas—that you share some of that with the diocese in the Appeal. This week the bishop sent letters to parishioners who have not made a donation thus far. In addition, donation envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. If you did not receive a letter, please call the office.

Thank you!

Fr. Charlie



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, June 5th, get ready for your summer vacation when author, Marion Amberg will discuss her book, “Monuments, Marvels, and Miracles: A Traveler’s Guide to Catholic America.” 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...

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

When have I noticed the Spirit’s presence in my life? How can I become more aware of the Spirit’s effect on me?

PARENTING POINTERS

Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones? Let go of outdated ones? Discuss together.

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>Jean Toy</i>	<i>Patrick Abili</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.



June

- Jaeda Johnson 03
- Donna May 04
- Judy Gallagher 04
- Stacey Lowery 05
- Silus Hassan 07
- Jerrod MacFarlane 07
- Loretta Young 07
- Rose Porter 08
- Bernadette Winston 08
- Mimose Fleury 09
- Mich'ele Porter 10
- Pamela Fletcher 12
- James Thomas 12
- Danielle Simmonds 13
- Deidre Ann Robinson 17
- Earl MacFarlane 18
- Nicholas Willis 18
- Khalia Blackwell 20
- Taryn Blackwell 20
- Charmaine Doyle 21
- Jenny Lynn Traynor 22
- Charles Wing 23
- Monique Mirabeau 25
- Giavanna Cecere 26
- London Louise Simmonds 26

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

**ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, LILY OF THE MOHAWKS
PRAYER BASKET**



Part of the mission of the SJFS Kateri Circle is Healing Prayer. We are providing a Prayer Basket for your prayer intentions. Please write your intentions at home and place them in the basket. Your prayer intentions are private; no one will read them, but we will pray over them. The basket will be located near the weekly Bulletins at the entrance to church.

Question of the Week

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

Fellowship Hall Available for Rent
It's time to Celebrate!

The fellowship hall is now available for rent. If you are celebrating a baby shower, bridal shower, baptism, first communion, wedding reception, retirement party, family gathering or some other event, contact the parish office and reserve your date.

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...](https://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Prayer to

The Most Holy Trinity

The three visionaries of Fatima saw the angel prostrate before a host and chalice that hung in the air. Worshipping the Eucharist, the angel prayed:

"Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners."

Amen.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE MEMORIAL DAY – LEST WE FORGET!

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

You have the power to change how decision makers support people with mental health conditions. Your personal story is always right — and it can change the hearts and minds of policymakers. NAMI's grassroots advocates have helped pass federal parity laws and mental health reform, expanded coverage through the Affordable Care Act, and successfully fought back attempts to end patient protections. Your engagement powers our impact with policymakers. Join us and make a difference, learn how. We are our brothers' keepers! <https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Advocate-for-Change>

TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH

May is Trauma Awareness Month, which coincides with the traditional start of the summer travel season. In the United States, trauma is the leading cause of death for ages 1 through 46, with motor vehicle crashes being a significant contributor to trauma-related deaths and injury.

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

Arthritis Awareness Month helps us deal with this commonly misunderstood health issue. Here are a few rather surprising facts: Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in America. **More than a fifth of American adults** struggle with arthritis or another diagnosed rheumatic condition. Children get arthritis, too. The condition is most common in Americans aged 45 and up and is more prevalent among women. Yet arthritis remains wholly misunderstood. Rather than a single condition, arthritis is a term used to describe multiple conditions that cause joint pain. Visit <https://paininjuryrelief.com/observing-arthritis-awareness-month-2021/>

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S. However, it is also a cancer that can be prevented in some cases. For Skin Cancer Awareness Month, let's dive into the types of skin cancer, the risk factors, and how to prevent or reduce your risk for skin cancer. Visit Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health for more details at: <https://noahhelps.org/skin-cancer-awareness-month/>

NO TOBACCO DAY (WORLD)

While 60% of 1.3 billion tobacco users globally have expressed their interest to quit, only 30% have access to professional tools to help them quit successfully. This year's World No Tobacco Day theme is Commit to Quit. The campaign aims to support 100 million people to give up tobacco while creating supportive environments for such attempts. Learn more at this website: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/news/events/detail/2021/05/31/western-pacific-events/world-no-tobacco-day-2021>

COVID UPDATE

The State of Delaware is vaccinating all persons 12+ Find out where you can get vaccinated and answers to frequently asked questions. COVID-19 vaccines are free. Learn More About the COVID-19 Vaccine Get Tested . Questions about the vaccine? Contact the Division of Public Health Vaccine Call Center at 1-833-643-1715. The call center is open