

St. Joseph's Church



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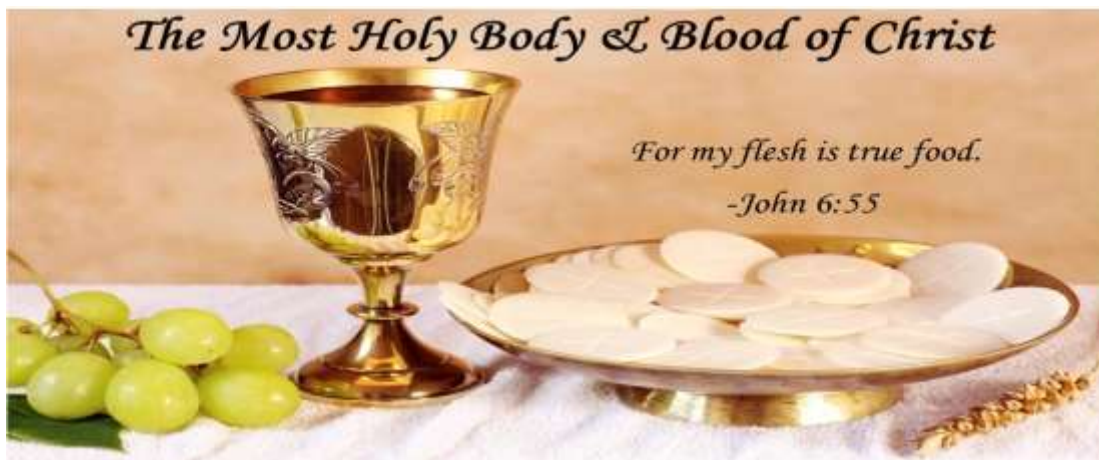
THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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>



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.*

June 6, 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
- ▶ June 28 ~ St. Joseph's Book Club - *Just As I Am* by Cecily Tyson
- ▶ 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 30, 2021 - \$

**Mass Intentions
June 5, 2021 – June 13, 2021**

Saturday, 06/05	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/06	10:00 am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday, 06/12	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/13	10:00 am	† Nancy Ann Walsh Requested by Jane Crowley

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 Body and Blood of Christ

Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we offer simple gifts of bread and wine that become Christ's Body and Blood for all to share. These basic staples of food and drink that we bring to the table become the flesh and blood of our Savior. His Body and Blood nourish us as we carry out his mission. Most of us realize now how much we miss receiving the Eucharist for an extended period of time. Therefore, let us approach the table of the Lord today in joy and gratitude for God's abiding presence in this sacred meal.



Next Sunday we have the privilege of welcoming into the church Avian Usher and her daughter Madison, who will profess their faith with us and celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We also will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to two of our young parishioners who have been preparing for the past year: Bryce and Colby Twyman. We thank God for their faith and commitment to Jesus and the Church. Following the Sunday Mass, there will be a reception in the church hall for all attending.

**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.

Question of the Week

How will the Body and Blood of Christ that I receive today make a difference in what I say and do this week?



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, June 12th, local author, Dennis Skirvin will discuss his book, "The Treasure of Nonsense Woods." 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/](https://www.facebook.com/)

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What can a tree teach you about marriage? Some trees grow naturally. Some need pruning to become their best selves. Can you spend some time together today enjoying and learning from a tree?

PARENTING POINTERS

What happens when your family eats together? Presumably, you start with a blessing of the food, but what happens during the meal? You may recount the day, there may be laughter, or complaining. Hopefully, there are no phones present. Let it be a time to be present to each other.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Charlie Anderson	Mary Bossack	Guissepina Fazzone	Gerry Reybold
Jean Toy	Patrick Abili		

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
- Jerrold 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

**SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA,
LILY OF THE MOHAWKS**



St. Kateri Chaplet

Fridays, 6:30 pm via Zoom

Please join the Kateri Circle in prayer on Friday evenings at 6:30. We are praying the St. Kateri Chaplet and Litany for all special intentions including the prayers placed in our Prayer Basket each weekend. Access to prayer is 1-301-715-8592; access code: 252217. For more information, contact Gail Rando: (352)445-2350 or gailvets2@gmail.com ALL are welcome!

Sunday Mass obligation dispensation to be lifted for Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington

The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, has lifted the dispensation, thereby reinstating the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation for Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington, effective June 26, 2021.

Parish Bus

Parishioners who would like transportation to and from Mass on the parish bus, should call 302-656-5562 and leave a message with name, address and telephone number. One of the parish bus drivers will contact you to acknowledge your request and make arrangements for pick-up.

Please note that all bus riders must wear a mask when on the parish bus. Riders must be 55 years of age, or any age if they have a disability. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Whether virtually or in-person, many employees are back to work, facing new safety guidelines and protocols during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic continues, staying up-to-date on best practices is critical to keeping your teams safe. Vector Solutions' **Coronavirus Resource Center** provides up-to-date, CDC-based safety resources for families, employers and employees, businesses, caregivers, first responders, and cleaning and disinfecting crews. Learn more through their complimentary trainings offered at: <https://www.vectorsolutions.com/resources/blogs/2021-national-safety-month-resource-roundup/>

ALZHEIMERS and BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia and currently affects more than 6 million Americans. If you suspect that you or your aging loved one might have Alzheimer's, it's important to get a diagnosis early on. There isn't a cure, but there are treatments that can lessen symptoms. Also, getting diagnosed sooner rather than later will make it easier to put a plan in place to deal with the progression of the disease. To learn more about the disease, the signs, symptoms and stages, visit the Alzheimer's Association website at alz.org.

BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS DAY JUNE 8

The shock of a brain tumor diagnosis is difficult and overwhelming. Find more information about the right questions to ask, how to tell your loved ones, advocating for yourself, and finding support. All of this information and more can be found in our Brain Tumor Handbook. These books have been compiled with the assistance of Health Care Professionals, so that you can be confident that you have reliable, accurate information. Visit this website to learn more: <https://www.braintumour.ca/facing-a-brain-tumour/living-with-a-brain-tumour/diagnosis/>

Institute for Integrative Nutrition (IIN) Offers Full Tuition Scholarships to Members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

[Institute for Integrative Nutrition](#) (IIN), the world's largest and leading premier health coaching school, has partnered with the NAACP to provide 35 full Health Coach Training Program scholarships to its members who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to health and well-being, as well as 100 partial tuition grants. As part of their social justice work, the [NAACP](#) is committed to ending racial health disparities, from making health care more affordable to educating communities on improving food choices, creating healthier lifestyle habits, and disrupting systems in these communities that hinder equitable access to health resources. With IIN's [Health Coach Training Program](#), eligible members of the NAACP can further support their communities with a world-renowned education in improving health and creating impactful transformation.



SAINT JOSEPH PRAY FOR US

In honor of Saint Joseph the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and in celebration of the dedication of this year as the Year of Saint Joseph, our parish, welcomes the initiative by the Christians of the Holy Land (www.HolyLandDirect.com) headed by Mr. Rami M. Qumsieh, KCHS in presenting the opportunity to own a hand carved olive wood statue of Saint Joseph. Your statue will be blessed in the Holy Land with an official letter from Bethlehem.

We pray this statue will increase your devotion to Saint Joseph. He is Humble, Trusting, Obedient, Silent but Strong. Saint Joseph taught Jesus about the dignity of human relations and the sanctity of work. He taught Jesus woodwork, and how to be a man. Saint Joseph died, looking into Jesus' eyes and seeing heaven. Truly as Pope Francis wrote "Fathers are not born but made". Saint Joseph was a Father in the fullest definition. He is an example for us. He provides the inspiration for all men to be like him.

Keeping in mind the suffering of our Catholic and Christian community in the Holy Land, and giving honor to Saint Joseph's profession as a woodworker (carpenter), this olive wood statue will memorialize this Year of Saint Joseph and increase your devotion to him, while helping our faithful Christians in Bethlehem with much needed employment and hope.

These statues are handmade and carved individually. Each piece is unique and no two statues are identical. This is a wonderful gift for Dads, Dads to be and young men. Two available sizes:

11 inch Saint Joseph \$120/Per Statue	9 inch Saint Joseph \$90/Per Statue	Plus shipping of \$10 flat fee /Per Statue
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Please enclose our Order Form with a check payable to the parish name. The deadline is **June 21st, 2021** aiming to deliver by early Fall 2021. Remember these will be blessed in the Holy Land and this makes this opportunity highly unique.

"Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" - St. Matthew 2:24

FILL OUT YOUR ORDER FORM AND DROP IT AT THE PARISH

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF 11 INCH SAINT JOSEPH _____ X \$130 (INCLUDING SHIPPING) = \$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED
NUMBER OF 9 INCH SAINT JOSEPH _____ X \$100 (INCLUDING SHIPPING) = \$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED