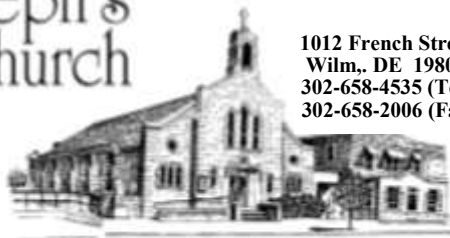




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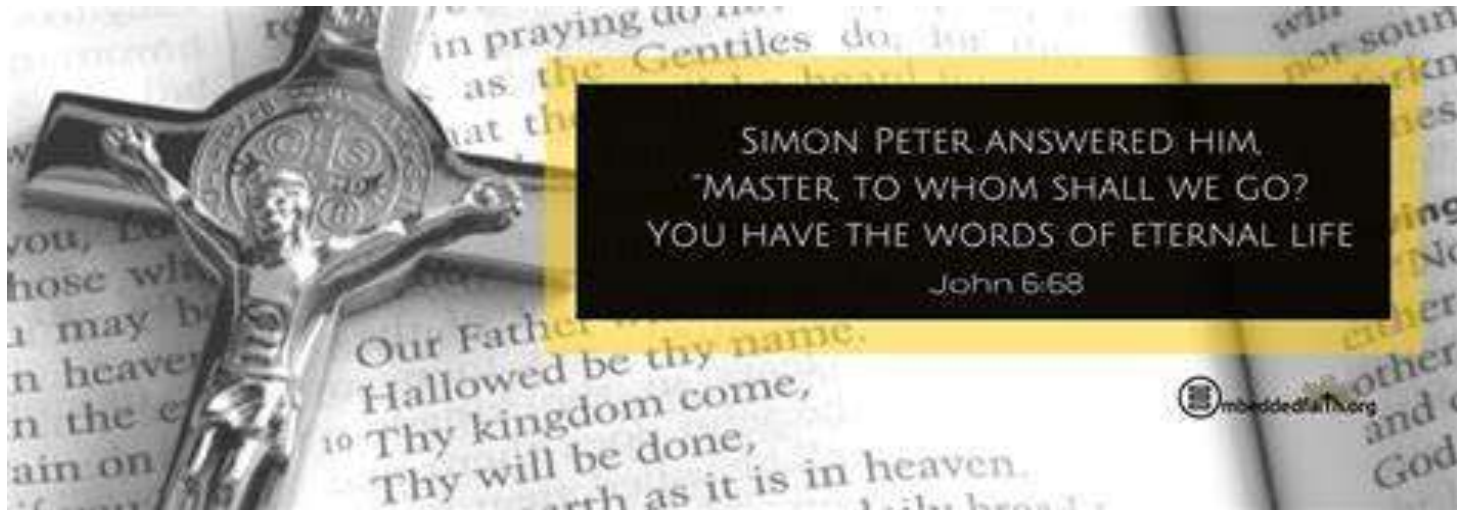
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YouTube Channel: St Josephs Downtown Wilmington
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9-ljIa9-IU0OS9jPbe2ddQ>



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.

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021**

- Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- September 11 ~ COVID Testing, 10am — 4pm
- September 12 ~ Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary Turn-out
- September 12 ~ Sunday Fellowship Resumes, Coffee and Donuts!
- September 18 ~ Ministry for Black Catholics, Elders Retreat, 10-3pm
- September 19 ~ Meet Your Ministry Sunday & Luncheon!
- September 27 ~ Book Club—7pm, *The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware

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 donation. Please be prayerful about your contributions to the parish. We're grateful for last weekends collection of \$2,378

**Mass Intentions
August 21, 2021— August 29, 2021**

Saturday, 08/21	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/22	10:00 am	† Viola Kasero Requested by John & Gail Rando † Tony Dash Requested by Marie Dash
Saturday, 08/28	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/29	10:00 am	

PARISH STAFF

Administrator:	Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers
Deacon:	Robert J. Cousar
Admin. Assistant	Loretta L. Young
Receptionist:	Lavon Robinson
Coord. Religious Education	Vacant
Dir. Music Ministry:	Brenda Burns
Bookkeeper:	Jane Putscher

Introduction to the Liturgy

Today we hear Joshua ask the tribes of Israel which god they will serve. They had other options, for their neighbors worshiped other gods. We have other options as well. WE could choose to serve wealth or status or power or pleasure, allowing something else to lead us and drive us in another direction. But we come here today, along with our families, our friends, our neighbors, as a sign of our commitment to serve the Lord. Let us recommit ourselves to serve God, to follow Christ on our journey through this life to the life promised to us in baptism.



Meet Your Ministry Sunday!

On Sunday, September 19th, we will reintroduce each ministry of the parish and provide a special blessing. After summertime and vacations, we reconnect with one another on many levels, especially in the Spirit here at Saint Joseph's. It's a wonderful time to truly re-unite ourselves to the Holy Spirit that blesses each of us with many gifts. In doing so, we can seek ways to reach out, touch and change lives through the gifts that we receive from the Holy Spirit. In one of our ministries, there may be an opportunity for you to share your gifts with others.

We're a small parish with limited financial resources, but the spiritual gifts we collectively share far outweighs the boundaries of our finances. To achieve our goals as Christians, we need every able-bodied parishioner to share their gifts with at least one ministry of the parish. God will bless us!

Coordinators of most ministries will be available in the fellowship hall after Mass on September 19th to provide more information about their respective ministry. Please mark you calendar and plan to meet your ministry!

Question of the Week

What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Our Sunday Morning Fellowship will resume on Sunday, September 12, 2021. As in the past, we are seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of donuts, coffee, cream, cups, etc. The cost is \$65 per week. If you're in a position to sponsor a week, please place your check in the collection basket with a notation—**"Sunday Morning Fellowship Sponsor"**. We're also looking for individuals to pick up the donuts each week. If you can help, please speak with Deacon Bob. Thank you for your generosity and support!

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

Marriage Moments

Natural or national disasters can bring out the best in humanity as we rally to help those in need. A marriage crisis can also prompt a couple to sacrifice for each other or honestly deal with a recurring problem. Don't wait for a disaster, however, to test your love. Prevention is better.

Parenting Pointers

When life seems to go wrong for your child, reflect on the problems you've faced in your own life. Often it is the mistakes or failures that form us into the person we are. How have you grown from a mistake?



Kateri Circle News...

- ◆ The Prayer Basket will be available through September 25th. All your prayer intentions are prayed for during Mass and again with our Circle Members. During our Retreat, early in October, we will burn the petitions and pray over them a final time. Thank you for trusting in the Lord and Saint Kateri's intercession for all your intentions.
- ◆ Save the Date: Native American Liturgy on November 14 at 10 AM.

St Joseph's Book Club



Our book club is reading ***The Turn of the Key*** by Ruth Ware. On Monday, September 27, 7:00 pm book club members will meet to discuss this great summer read. Mark your calendar and plan to join the discussion. For more information contact Geraldine Cochran.

Happy Reading!



Catholic Forum

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Office of Communication
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On the August 21, 2021 episode of *Catholic Forum*, learn about the computer geek, millennial who may become a canonized saint when Michael Lichens from Sophia Institute Press is the guest. They recently published the book, "A Millennial in Paradise: Carlo Acutis," by Father Will Conquer. Listen to *Catholic Forum* on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640 or listen anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum or search Catholic Forum on Apple, Spotify or iHeartRadio podcasts

News from Saint Peter Cathedral School

Saint Peter Cathedral School is accepting applications for enrollment for the 2021-22 school year. Call the school to set an appointment: 302-645-5234.

Saint Peter Cathedral School is also accepting teacher applications for a teacher who enjoys students in grades 3-8. Interested applicants should email the principal at principal@stpetercathedralschool.org. Part time positions will be considered.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

National Immunization Awareness Month

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsors National Immunization Awareness Month in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Use CDC's educational and promotional resources to stay up to date on recommended vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can also share our MyHealthfinder vaccine resources to learn about vaccines needed to stay healthy. And it's a great time to explore Healthy People 2030 Vaccination objectives to learn about national efforts to increase vaccination rates. (Source: <https://health.gov/news/202107/august-national-health-observances>)

HELPING CHILDREN TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL

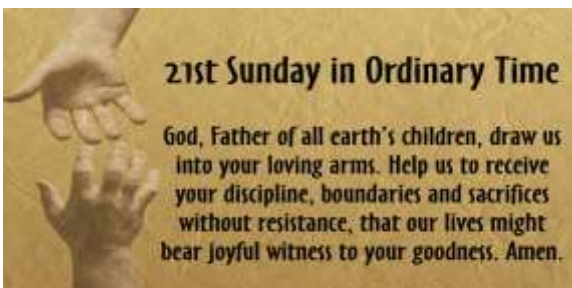
Transitioning back to early childhood programs or school—or starting them for the first time—can create extra challenges during a pandemic. **Learn what parents and teachers can do to help children make a successful transition to in-person learning and care.** (Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/features/COVID-19-helping-children-transition-back-to-school.html>)

Back-to-School Mental Health Checklist

Get back into a routine. Visit your doctor.
Review your child's expected schedule and new routine for school.
Get organized.
Talk about expectations - yours and your child's.
Visit the Mental Health Association in Delaware website for their newsletter and more Back-to-School tips
(Source: Mental Health Association in Delaware (jmolowitz@mhainde.org) (302) 654-6833)

COVID-19 UPDATES

<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/where-can-i-get-my-vaccine/> All schools and early learning facilities throughout the state are also offering free rapid antigen testing for staff and students. For people who are unvaccinated, testing is the key to identifying and preventing additional infections. **Please get tested at least once a week if you choose to remain unvaccinated or have an underlying health condition that prevents you from getting vaccinated.**



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>Geraldine Cochran</i>	<i>John Rando</i>	<i>Leonard Young</i>
<i>Mary Joan & John Thompson</i>	<i>Michala Dash Leventry</i>	<i>Irvin Evans</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.

Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop William Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. September 25, 2021, 10AM-4PM



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August

Helen Thomas	01
Madeline Porter	03
Bernard Sammons	03
Janelle Mirabeau	04
Michele Hinson	05
Ebon Flagg	07
Cameron Granger	07
John Polk, III	07
James Skidmore	07
Deanna Cardenas	08
Mary Polk	08
Angela Pulliam Banks	08
Patricia Fournillier	09
Ramaj Gray	09
Anita DiSandro-Cole	10
Debbie Sterling	12
Alyssa Granger	13
Adrienne Hopson	13
Maketa Jolly	14
Tia Pulliam	15
Stephanie T. Bolden	16
Herbert Sterling	16
Lanier Watkins, Jr.	16
Dana B. Willis	16
Erika Caesar	18
Christian Towles	18
Mary Mirabeau	22
James Mobley	22
Geraldine Cochran	22
Chris Cavin`	24
Fallon McClain	24
Serenity Skidmore	24
Gaynell Baynard	25
Aaron Goode	25
Delores Spencer	25
Grant Wycliffe	26
Ethel Barrett	27
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Kate Rafter	31

We Walk By Faith

with Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington
on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and
Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Immaculate Conception

* SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

* 10AM: Arrival at Basilica Shrine

* 10:15AM: Opening Prayer

* 10:30AM-12:30PM: Pilgrims may tour Basilica & grounds independently or be guided by docents; visit the nearby Pope St. John Paul II Shrine & visit nearby Caldwell Chapel where Venerable Fulton J. Sheen used to pray the Mass when he taught at the Catholic University of America. Pilgrims may also find religious items and books in the Basilica's two shops.

* 12:30-1:15PM: Lunch-Eat in on-site cafeteria; brown bag lunches may be eaten on the grounds outside the Basilica Shrine

* 1:30-2:30PM: Holy Hour & Confessions

* 2:30PM: Bishop Koenig leads Benediction & Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

* 3-4PM-Mass in the Crypt Church: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Pillar of Faith. Before the final blessing, Bishop Koenig will bless religious articles bought by pilgrims and re-consecrate the Diocese of Wilmington to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

* Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

* Visit the site of the first saint canonized on American soil: St. Junipero Serra

Pray through Our Lady at over 40 chapels dedicated to the many titles she bears

* Be a part of salvation history by bringing your petitions, family, friends and, above all, yourself, to Jesus through Mary, the Immaculate Conception

Participate in the Sacred Mass with Bishop Koenig, his first at the Basilica Shrine as Bishop and have your Marian souvenirs blessed.

* Visit the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk and Garden

* During this Year of St. Joseph, make a sacred pilgrimage to "Mary's House," the one whose chaste spouse St. Joseph is.

Take a guided tour of the Basilica, home of the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art in the world

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