

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

Office Hours: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday thru Thursday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9-ljIa9-IU0OS9jPbe2ddQ>

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Love your neighbour as yourself.
there is no commandment greater than these.

- Mark 12:30-31

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
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday — 12:10 pm
Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.

October 31, 2021

November is Black Catholic History Month

- Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- November 03 ~ Food Truck Festival, Rodney Square, 10am — 2pm
- November 03 ~ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- November 07 ~ St. Martin dePorres Mass @ St. Helena's, 11am
- November 14 ~ Native American Mass, 10 am
- November 14 ~ Sodality Meeting, Parish Center
- November 21 ~ Solemnity of Christ the King
- November 21 ~ Special Collection — Campaign for Human Development
- November 21 ~ Family & Friends Day — Movie, Popcorn & Hotdogs!
- November 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent
- November 27 ~ COVID Testing, 10am — 4pm in front of Church
- November 28 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir Anniversary
- November 30 ~ Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

More detail on inside pages

Coming Soon — Holy Hour of Power!

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

\$3,758

**Mass Intentions
October 30, 2021 – November 7, 2021**

Saturday, 10/30	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/31	10:00 am	+ Msgr Joseph Rebman Requested by Dolores Fountain
Tuesday, 11/02	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 11/03	12:10 pm	
Thursday, 11/04	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 11/06	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/07	10:00 am	Rev. Charles Dillingham Requested by Dolores Fountain

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

Monday we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints, when we recognize the many men and women who we believe have gained their eternal reward and are forever in the presence of God. Today we hear Jesus tell a scribe, "you are not far from the kingdom of God," suggesting that this anonymous functionary was close to being a saint. To be a saint should be our goal, so let us listen to the Gospel and pray that we take Jesus' words to heart and put them into action.

Our Place of Remembrance

Again this year, during the month of November, parishioners are invited to bring framed pictures of their relatives, loved ones and friends who have gone home to God for their eternal rest. We will place the pictures on a table in front of the altar. There will be a candle burning to remind us to pray. This memorial will be displayed until the end of Mass on Sunday, November 28.

**Family & Friends Day
Sunday, November 28**

On Christ the King Sunday St. Joseph's invites all family and friends to join us for Mass and fellowship. This year as we conclude Black Catholic History Month, we'll share a short movie on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, who is on the path to sainthood, and enjoy popcorn and hot dogs.

Please plan to attend!

Question of the Week

Do I think Jesus would tell me that I am "not far from the kingdom of God?" What should I do to become closer?

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

Marriage Moments

Halloween is coming up when folks wear costumes and pretend to be scary, beautiful, funny, or... Fantasize together. In your dream world, who/what would you like to be? Laugh together.

Parenting Pointers

The Old Testament and the New Testament tell us to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. Easy to say, but what does this look like – to pray more? To help someone out? To put up with hardships? Other?

Sodality is raffling off it's annual

Thanksgiving Basket

Tickets 3 for \$5 Includes:

20lb Turkey, Ham,

String beans, sweet potatoes,

2 bottles of wine

2 Homemade Sweet Potato Pies

\$25 gift Shoprite gift card

and lots of other goodies!!

See any Sodality member for tickets.

Drawing is the Sunday Nov 21st.

All proceeds donated to the Church.

New Beginnings Prison Ministry is in need of warm clothing for returning citizens. As cold weather approaches and men are often released from prison in shorts and tee shirts, we are looking for donations of clean, warm clothing. In particular, but not limited to, coats, sweaters, pants (especially sweat pants), long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, hats, & gloves. There is also an ongoing need for new underwear and socks. LaVon Robinson and Pat Rafter will be collecting clothing on Sunday, November 7th at St. Joe's. Thank you so much for your support.

Sunday Fellowship

We've been blessed to have the coffee and donuts donated on each Sunday of the month through the remainder of the year. This Sunday's sponsor is



Betsy McGeever

Thank You!



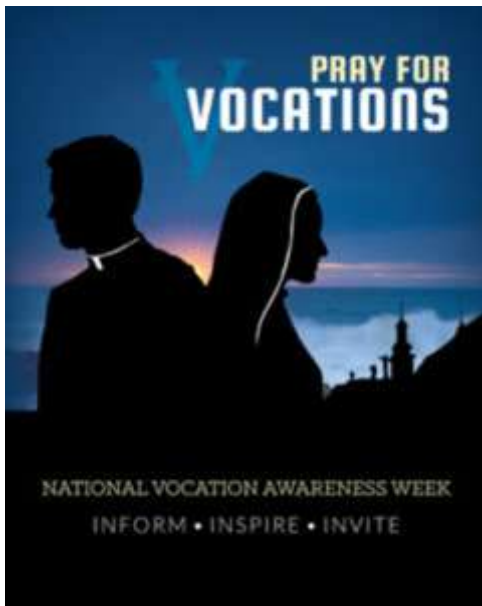
Kateri Circle News...

Save the Date: Native American Mass *on Nov 14 at 10 AM.*

St. Kateri Circle Marketplace Fundraiser menus for those who do not have computer access can be found in the back of church. Please contact DeAnna Cardenas at (248) 320-8395 after 6 PM.

Tickets for Native American lunch on Nov. 14 are on sale after ALL Masses Oct. 23 through Nov. 7 or contact Julianna at **(302) 750-3461** or always50@verizon.net Tickets are \$5 per person and are pre-sold only.

November 7 -13 is National Vocations Awareness Week. Continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, and the Permanent Diaconate. Prayer works not only to surface those who are called but prayer has been the place where they encounter that call. God calls and we have the responsibility to draw it out, encourage and support it in our young people. All young people are looking for confirmation and validation as they discern their futures. When you see a young person at prayer, pray for them and find an opportunity to ask them if they have considered a vocation to priesthood, consecrated religious life or the permanent diaconate. For more information see www.cdow.org/vocations or email vocations@cdow.org.



Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Wilmington
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as,
Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay
Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.

from the Office for Catholic Schools...

The Diocese of Wilmington is currently seeking an organized, professional, **full-time Administrative Assistant** in the Catholic Schools Office. The Administrative Assistant serves as the first point of contact for the Catholic Schools Office, provides support to the Superintendent and staff, and manages finances for the office. Qualifications include 3 years of experience in a progressively responsible administrative or secretarial position, computer proficiency with software including MS Office Suite, Survey Monkey and Google Apps, as well as experience working with a database, and excellent verbal and written communication skills. Interested applicants may forward a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to jobs@cdow.org. Please reference CSO Admin in the subject line.

The Diocese of Wilmington will administer the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at our diocesan and parish high schools (Padua Academy, Saint Elizabeth High School, Saint Mark's High School, Saints Peter & Paul High School) the second weekend in November. The HSPT is an important step in the process of successful admission and placement in a Catholic diocesan or parish high school. This test is used for admission, scholarship, and placement decisions. Visit www.cdow.org for information and to register.

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>Jean Toy</i>	<i>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Gerry Reybold</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ashe</i>	<i>Irvin Evans</i>	<i>Michala Dash Leventry</i>	<i>Ron Toy</i>
<i>Carolyn & Charles Wing</i>	<i>Deacon Bob Cousar</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.



November

Deacon Robert Cousar	01
Jordan MacFarlane	01
Michael Simmonds, Sr.	03
Alexis Robinson	05
Kathryn Fahey	06
Andria Lynne Williams	06
Ella Scales	08
Emma Scales	08
Timothy Loosararian	09
Tyler Loosararian	09
Lorenzo Nieves	09
Tameka Sterling	09
Chloe Williamson	09
Joaquin Ledesma	10
Joan Drakes	12
Dana Marie Crumety	16
Evelyn Taylor	16
Prentiss Jolly	22
Trevor Wharton	23
Aviann Usher	24
Antoine Brewington	25
Brandon Pulliam	25
Julius Brewington	25
Brandon Pulliam	25
Eduardo Barranco	26
Marilyn O'Connell	27
Laurel Bedminster Mansor	29
Adia Bracy	29

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.



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, November 6th, we will share highlights from several past interviews with Diocese of Wilmington pastor and historian, Father Tom Peterman, who passed away in August. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.

This year's **Bishop's 5K will be held on November 20th at Saint Mark's High School** from 8-11 a.m. The Bishop's 5K not only raises much needed funds for Catholic Charities, it also raises awareness of the work we do in our community.

Catholic Charities helps one out of every 10 people in our diocese, the most vulnerable in our community. Our services vary from providing Basic Needs, like food and energy assistance, to Behavioral Health Services, Immigration Services, Addiction Services, Pregnancy Counseling and residential programs such as Bayard House, Casa San Francisco and Marydale Retirement Village.

Please consider participating in the Mission of Catholic Charities by joining us at the Bishop's 5k. Visit our website to register or become a sponsor [Bishop's 5K Registration](#)

Putting Prevention to Life

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Family Promise week is a national event to raise awareness of the issue of family homelessness and the challenges low-income families face during the Covid-19 pandemic. Since 1988, Family Promise has helped more than 1 million people with housing, case management and other services. Please join us to celebrate and support Family Promise. We provide shelter and case management services to hundreds of families experiencing homelessness. We exist to fill the gap in services within the homelessness sector. We are the only nonprofit in Delaware that has always provided shelter and services to families with children regardless of their size, make-up or composition. The majority of shelters in the state have stipulations on the populations they serve (men only, women and children only etc.). In 2019 we served **44.9%** of all families experiencing homelessness in Delaware. For any inquiries, questions or commendations, please call: 302-998-2222 or email info@familypromisede.org