# THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



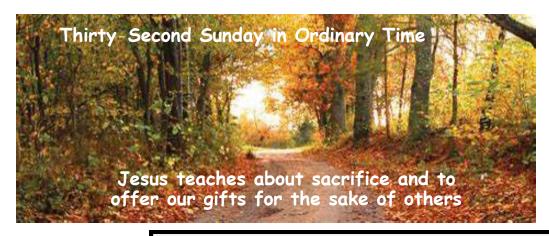
**Office Hours:** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday thru Thursday

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday

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

# 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.

#### 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.

# **November 7, 2021**

# November is Black Catholic History Month

- Monday Rosary Prayer  $\sim @ 12:15 \text{ pm}$  via Conference Call 1-515-603-4906, access code 178602
- 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 27 ~ COVID Testing, 10am—4pm, front of Church
- November 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent
- November 28 ~ Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir
- November 30 ~ Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- December 01 ~ Holy Hour of Power— 6:30 pm
- December 05 ~ Deacon Bob Cousar's Appreciation Celebration
- December 12 ~ Fr. Glenn's Installation Mass

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

\$2,288

# Mass Intentions November 6, 2021— November 14, 2021

Saturday, 11/06	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/07	10:00 am	Rev. Charles Dillingham Requested by Dolores Fountain
Tuesday, 11/09	12:10 pm	† Hattie Coleman Requested by Leonard & Loretta Young
Wednesday, 11/10	12:10 pm	† Rosemary Smith Requested by Jane Zippe Putscher
Thursday, 11/11	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 11/13	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/14	10:00 am	† Chief Buffy Red Feather Brown Requested by Kateri Circle Ginny Lewis 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
Dir. Music Ministry: Brenda Burns
Bookkeeper: Jane Putscher

### **Introduction to the Liturgy**

During November, we remember and honor all those who have preceded us in death. We recall especially those who have passed away this past year. It is normal to struggle with one's faith when in the throes of grief. Death comes with trauma and questions that we can never answer satisfactorily. Why was she take so soon? Why did he suffer so much? How will our family get through this? We come together today, and each Sunday, as a family of faith to be nourished at the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. May the resurrected Lord, whom we receive in the Eucharist, strengthen and comfort us as we pray for those we have lost.

# 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

**The Blessed Mother Sodality** 





### **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

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# 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**

What can I give that demonstrates my acceptance of Jesus' challenge to his disciples, to give without reservation?

### from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

### Marriage Moments

Your spouse may not always act like a saint. None of us do, but I bet you can find a saintly quality if you pay attention. Is he or she generous, humble, self-sacrificing, courageous...? Celebrate the saint you are living with today.

### Parenting Pointers

Time can be tricky. In many countries Daylight Saving Time just ended today. That means you gained an hour. What will your family do with one extra hour? Choose some fun (maybe new) thing to do together.



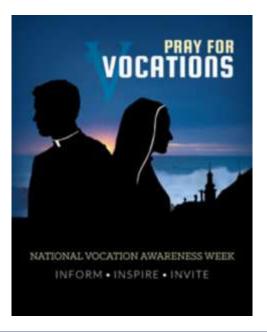
Kateri Circle News...

**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 <a href="www.cdow.org/vocations">www.cdow.org/vocations</a> or email <a href="www.cdow.org/vocations">vocations@cdow.org</a>.



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.



We've been alerted this week that scammers are sending emails to parishioners with a very similar email address as that of Fr. Glenn Evers. As a reminder, Fr. Glenn nor anyone from the office we will never contact you via email or text message requesting you to purchase gift cards, ask for your financial help or personally identifiable information, such as an account number, PIN, Social Security, Tax ID number, or to reset your email password. Please ignore all such emails. Don't engage at all. Call the parish office so that we can alert others. You may also report the scam to the FBI by calling 1 (800) 225-5324

This year's **Bishop's 5K will be held on November 20**<sup>th</sup> **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 <u>Bishop's 5K Registration</u>

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Charlie Anderson	Jean Toy	Guissepina Fazzone	Gerry Reybold
Elizabeth Ashe	Michala Dash Leventry	Ron Toy	Gordan Sanders
Carolyn & Charles Wing			

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	
Adia Bracy	

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 <u>name</u>, <u>birth month</u>, <u>dav</u> and <u>year</u>.

# Good News from the Office of Communications

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will learn about the Rachel's Vineyard Catholic retreat for those who have suffered due to abortion, when Ms. Nan Freeman is the guest. 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.

### **Putting Prevention to Life**

### AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

November is American Diabetes Month – a time to take action together, as a community. Because together, we can conquer this disease. Together, we stand greater than diabetes. More than 34 million Americans are living with diabetes. Among those who have died from COVID-19, 40% were living with diabetes. It's time to make sure tomorrow is greater than today. There's no better time than American Diabetes Month to reach out to your representatives and make your voice heard. Join the community in advocating for expanded testing, zero dollar co-pay caps and continuous health care coverage. Visit the ADA website to make your voice heard. The ADA's Engagement Platform make it easy to use your voice to help support the diabetes community on the issues that matter much. (Source: <a href="https://www.diabetes.org/advocacy/raise-your-voice-engagement-platform">https://www.diabetes.org/advocacy/raise-your-voice-engagement-platform</a>)

#### NATIONAL DIABETES EDUCATION WEEK - NOVEMBER 7 - 13, 2021

November is National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes. This year's focus is on prediabetes and preventing diabetes. Prediabetes is a serious health condition where your blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes. According to the CDC, more than 1 in 3 U.S. adults have prediabetes—that's 88 million people—but the majority of people don't know they have it. The good news is that by making small healthy lifestyle changes, it is possible to prevent type 2 diabetes and even reverse your prediabetes. Learn some tips to help manage prediabetes and prevent diabetes. (Source: https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/community-health-outreach/national-diabetes-month)

### NATIONAL DIABETES HEART CONNECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 9

"DYK...? Diabetes and heart disease often go hand in hand. High blood sugar can damage blood vessels and the nerves that control your heart! Simple lifestyle changes can lower your risk of both. Learn more at: https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/library/features/diabetes-and-heart.html #AmericanDiabetesMonth" Visit this website for your free diabetes toolkit.

### NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

The Seizure First Aid Ready On Demand training is now available! This is a great resource that educates the public on the Epilepsy Foundation's basic procedures for responding to someone having a seizure. The Seizure First Aid Ready course, available online anywhere and at any time, is presented in an interactive eLearning format that includes animations, videos, and activities. After completing the course, participants will be able to recognize common seizures, identify correct and incorrect steps for helping a person having a seizure, and identify when it would be necessary to call 911 in the event of a seizure. Take the Seizure First Aid Ready Course at: <a href="https://www.epilepsy.com/make-difference/public-awareness/national-epilepsy-awareness-month/">https://www.epilepsy.com/make-difference/public-awareness/national-epilepsy-awareness-month/</a>