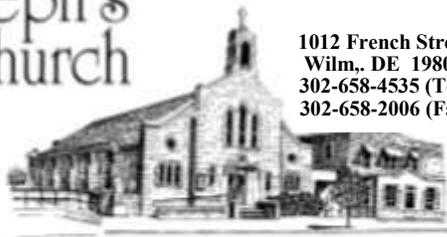


St. Joseph's Church



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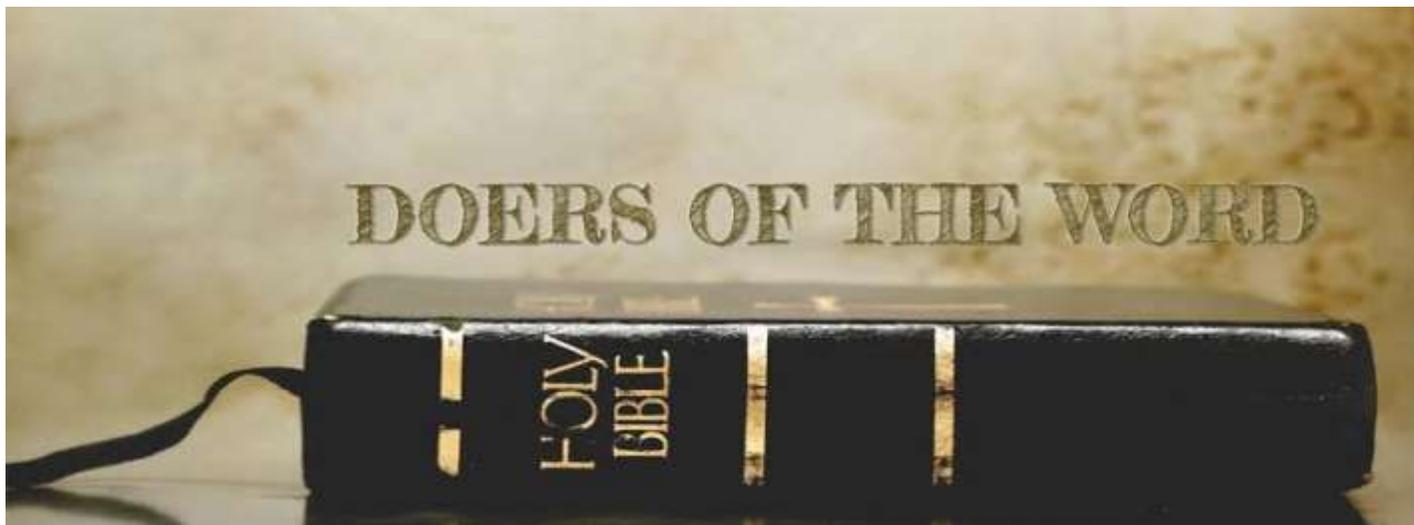
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Summer Office Hours: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday –Thursday

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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.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 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 13 ~ 7:00 PM Kateri Circle Meeting
- 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 \$3,410

**Mass Intentions
August 28, 2021—September 5, 2021**

Saturday, 08/28	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/29	10:00 am	
Saturday, 09/04	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/05	10:00 am	† Frances Hubicki Requested by John & Gail Rando

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

The greatest gift each of us has ever received was the gift of life itself. That gift was given to us most directly by our parents, whose life in turn was given to them by their parents, and so on. But ultimately the author of all life, the giver of every great gift, is God. We come together today in thanksgiving for that precious gift, which led to the gift of eternal life, promised by God's Son to all who follow him.



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 outweigh 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 will I do this week to put God's word into action?
Has God's word truly penetrated my heart?

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

Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet must come an effort to show your spouse you understand. If you tend to be the less verbal spouse, make an effort to share your feelings and then show that you understand your partner's feelings and position.

Parenting Pointers

Children like stuff - a new bike or doll, perhaps the latest video game. If you consider their request an extravagance, can you help them "earn" it? Are there extra jobs around the house you can pay them for like raking the leaves or washing the car?



Kateri Circle News...

- ◆ Kateri Circle Meeting (CHANGE of DATE) Monday, September 13 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom - All are welcome!
<https://zoom.us/j/8361828567> pwd=VldKdzFWWi9CUG12WkFIUnBYQ3hXZz09
(301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 836 182 8567 Passcode: 159664
- ◆ 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.

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.



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Saturday, August 28th, tune in to hear an interview with S. K. Baskerville, author of the book, "A Gentleman's Guide to Manners, Sex, and Ruling the World." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

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!



August

Ethel Barrett	27
Steven White	28
Kate Rafter	31

September

Billie Harris	01
Enrique Nieves	01
Amanda Shine	01
Leonard Young	01
Marrisa May	03
Cheryl Riviere	03
Ernest Sutton	03
Mary Ann Cunningham	07
Gordon Sanders	10
Ariana Goode	12
Derrick Lowery	12
Madison Usher	12
Maya Cunningham	13
Kathleen O'Connell	13
Marques Polk	14
John Purnell, Jr.	14
William Willis, Jr.	15
Michele Francia	16
Jerry Kegelman	16
Doris Matthews	16
Kevin O'Connell	17
Chanae Owens	19
Clifton Rashad	19
Sandra Donohue	28
Sadequa Simmonds	28
Shirley Murray	29
Laura Altman	30
Dalicia LeaBoug	30
Walter Spencer	30

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

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 Fazzino</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



* CNS photo: Gregory A. Slemutz



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 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

* 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