



THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*



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. **However, 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.*

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

- Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- 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 - Special Collection - Retirement for Religious
- December 05 - Deacon Bob Cousar's Anniversary Celebration
- December 12 - Fr. Glenn's Installation Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

- Christmas Eve
4:15 pm Presentation of the Nativity
4:45 pm Christmas Caroling
5:00 pm Mass
- Christmas Day Mass—10:00 am
- New Year's Eve — 5:00 pm
- New Year's Day —10:00 am
- New Year's Day — 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Jan 2 —10:00 am

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 \$3,098

Mass Intentions November 20, 2021— November 28, 2021

Saturday, 11/27	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/28	10:00 am	†John Ryan Requested by Gail & John Rando
Tuesday, 11/30	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 12/01	12:10 pm	
Thursday, 12/02	10:00 am	
Saturday, 12/04	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/05	10:00 am	†Thomas White Requested by Dora Robinson

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

Be vigilant at all times

Introduction to the Liturgy

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, whom we portray as a precious infant in a simple manger at the end of this season. But there are two more arrivals of our Lord to contemplate during this season of preparation and they tend to be overlooked. One day Jesus Christ will come again in glory as the world ends and He delivers his final judgement. He gives a glimpse of this to his disciples in today's Gospel. But let us also consider his third appearance — to each of us personally into our hearts and into our lives as we embrace him as his disciples. As we celebrate today, let us consider how we can welcome him ever more intimately into our lives.

Question of the Week

Can I name a person or group
of people whom I now realize
I have overlooked?
How can I seek out Jesus in
my neighbor?

HOPE

Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Hope

Reminds Us: Jesus is coming

Verse: Romans 15:12-13

Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Week 4

Candle Name: Angel's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Peace

Reminds us: The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Verse: John 3:16-17

Prayer: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

PEACE

FAITH

Week 2

Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Faith

Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Verse: Luke 3:4-6

Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Week 3

Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Joy

Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus

Verse: Luke 2:7-15

Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

JOY



HOLY HOUR of POWER Adoration, Praise, and Worship Music



Wednesday, December 1, 2021 ~ 6:30pm

**St. Joseph Church
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**Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers ~ Pastor
Robert J. Cousar ~ Deacon**

**Featuring
Tracy Shy Simmons - Vocalist
Michael Lundy - Musician**

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life... **Marriage Moments**

With Christmas approaching, remember the first time you met your beloved's family. Our family of origin greatly influences our behavior - for good or for ill. Honor the good in your beloved's family of origin and let go of harping on the bad.

Parenting Pointers

Focus this weekend on how your family can simplify your lifestyle, not just buy more stuff. Maybe do a family house cleaning.

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, December 4th, tune-in to hear an interview with Ms. Kathleen Beckman, author of the book, "A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare." 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.

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>Michala Dash Leventry</i>	<i>Ron Toy</i>	<i>Gordan Sanders</i>
<i>Carolyn & Charles Wing</i>	<i>Lonnie Ashe</i>	<i>Avril Madison</i>	<i>John Madison</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

Laurel Bedminster Mansor 29
Adia Bracy 29



December

Ryan Small 02
Vanel Fleury 03
Josephine Griffin 03
August Hazeur 03
Marie Corbitt 05
Rosetta Henderson 08
Iona Johnson 08
Maria Bairos 09
Irina Hudson 10
Yvonne Flagg 12
Willa Seth 12
Dana Jackson 13
Tristan Thompson 14
Xavier Wycliffe 14
Donald Cory Towles 15
Marie Dash 17
Carlvin Joseph 21
Patrick Abili 22
Corriam Jolly 24
Lisa Mims 25
Mary Pearce 25
Gabriel Elijah Towles 28
Leatitia Bedminster 29
Desiree Blackwell 29
Christopher Sterling 29
Marquis Baynard 30
Tracy Purnell 30
James Forrest 31
Janice Jolly 31
Paula Willis 31

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.

Shopping for the holidays?

When you shop at smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates.



Parish Fund Raising with Amazon

As you prepare for on-line shopping this Christmas season, please remember that Saint Joseph's is officially registered as a Charitable organization with Amazon Smile.

Very simply, on your next Amazon purchase, **first log-in to smile.amazon.com.** You'll be prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. Select **St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Wilmington, Delaware.** On, a quarterly basis, The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases. **The most important task, is to log-in to Amazon Smile before adding items to your cart.**

Let's see how much we can raise through The Amazon Smile Foundation this Christmas season. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.



NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE COAT DRIVE

DECEMBER 11TH FROM 10AM-4PM

AT THE RT 9 LIBRARY

3022 NEW CASTLE AVE, NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

JOIN NEW CASTLE COUNTY DIVISION OF POLICE FOR THEIR 9TH ANNUAL COAT DRIVE AT THE RT 9 LIBRARY. THIS EVENT WILL FOLLOW COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK REQUIREMENTS. FLU VACCINES, COVID VACCINES AND BOOSTER SHOTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT.

LIMIT ONE COAT PER PERSON, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A COAT.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY EMPLOYEES CAN NOT BE RECIPIENTS OF THE DONATIONS. EXTRA DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL CHARITIES.

QUESTIONS CALL THE NCCPD COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT
AT 302-395-6050.



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

**Carol Killian
Thank You!!**