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celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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.

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- Friday Evening Prayer ~ Zoom Meeting @ 7pm Kateri Chaplet & Litany
(301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 836 182 8567 Passcode: 159664
- March 1 — Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- March 2 — Ash Wednesday, 12pm Mass, 1:15pm Liturgy of the Word
- March 4 — Lenten Fish Fry, 11am — 2pm
- March 9 — Stations of the Cross, 12:45 pm
- March 9 — Lenten Holy Hour of Power, 6:30pm
- March 15 — Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

More Detail Inside

*Due to COVID Surge, Sunday Morning
Coffee & Donuts Suspended Until Further Notice*

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **February 6, 2022 was \$4,536.** In addition, we estimate \$500 from on-line contributions. Thank you for your faithfulness with giving back to the Lord. Please continue to be prayerful about your gifts to the parish.

Pandemic & Flu Season: Please take **precautionary measures** such as wearing a face mask, washing hands often and thoroughly. If you are under the weather please stay at home and take care not to share your misery with others. We all will bless you for it.

Mass Intentions February 12, 2022 – February 20, 2022

Saturday, 02/12/2022	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/13/2022	10:00 am	
Tuesday, 02/15/2022	12:10 pm	† Holy Souls in Purgatory Requested by Dennis Kirlin
Wednesday, 02/16/2022	12:10 am	Teddi LeaBough Requested by Lavon Robinson
Thursday, 02/17/2022	12:10 pm	Dahlia LeaBough Requested by Lavon Robinson
Saturday, 02/19/2022	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/20/2022	10:00 am	Barbara Rumble Requested by Jane Crowley

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	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

Notary Services Available
Upon Request.
Contact Loretta Young

Introduction to the Liturgy

On this midwinter day, cold and snow-covered across much of the continent, the Holy Spirit draws us here together through a shared hunger for a life in the Lord that can overcome the hardships of our lives. Our sensory hunger and physical hunger are joined by a spiritual hunger. We hunger for the word of God to guide us and for the Eucharist to nourish us. Jesus tells us that those who are now hungry will be satisfied. May that comfort us as we hunger for light, for warmth, for guidance, for nourishment, for eternal life in the Lord.

Thank You!!

Dear family of Saint Joseph's,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the outpouring of support I received last Sunday in recognition of my 20 years of service as a deacon. It was really encouraging to receive your cards, your congratulations and the wonderful gifts at Mass. The catered dinner, the Yo-Yo Ma concert tickets and the overnight hotel accommodations were beyond our expectations. Marie and I look forward to enjoying a wonderful trip to New York in March. I also look forward to wearing the new dalmatic at Mass and Lord willing, continue to serve you here at St. Joseph parish.

Peace and all good to everyone!

Sincerely,

Deacon Bob Cousar



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 19th, tune-in to hear an interview with Casey Chalk, author of the new book, "The Persecuted: True Stories of Courageous Christians Living Their Faith in Muslim Lands." 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 [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

Marriage Moments

On Valentine's Day you will do something special with your beloved. Beyond cards and candy, however, spend some time reminiscing about how you met and how that initial meeting evolved into a deeper relationship. Was there a significant turning point?

Parenting Pointers

A few home rules could be: No phones during family meals. Unless it's an emergency, do not answer a phone call when talking in person to someone.

Question of the Week

What part of my life am I complacent about?
How do the Beatitudes call me to change?

Parish Bus - February



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, Feb 6	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, Feb 13	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, Feb 20	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, Feb 27	Vanel Fleury

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



WHO IS JULIA GREELEY?

Julia Greeley, O.F.S. (c. 1833-48 – 7 June 1918), was an African-American philanthropist and Catholic convert. An enslaved woman later freed by the US government, she is known as Denver's "Angel of Charity" because of her aid to countless families in poverty.

Greeley was baptized into the Catholic Church on June 26, 1880, at Sacred Heart Church in Denver, and became especially devoted to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Holy Eucharist, receiving Holy Communion daily. Despite secretly suffering from painful arthritis, she tirelessly walked the city streets distributing literature from the Sacred Heart League to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In 1901, Greeley joined the Secular Franciscans and remained an active member for the rest of her life.

Greeley spent the majority of her time helping others and completing church duties. Greeley worked for a number of wealthy white families. With her earnings, she decided to give it all away to people who needed it. She pulled a red wagon through the streets of Denver in the dark to bring food, coal, clothing, and groceries to needy families. She made her rounds after dark so as not to embarrass white families ashamed to accept charity from a poor, black woman.

One of her major acts of kindness was when she donated her own burial plot for an African American man who died. He was going to be laid into a pauper's grave, but Greeley refused to let it happen. After this, many people began to call her the "colored angel of charity" because of her kindness. Because of all her dedication to families in poverty, she was officially named "Denver's Angel of Charity".

Greeley died on June 7, 1918 and lay in repose in Loyola Chapel—a first for a Catholic layperson in Denver that has not been repeated. She was then buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery

Cause for Canonization

In January 2014, the Archdiocese of Denver officially opened an investigation for her sainthood. Greeley is one of the four people that U.S. bishops voted to allow to be investigated for possible sainthood at their fall meeting that year. She joins five other African Americans placed into consideration in recent years. Her body was moved to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in 2017, making her the first person to be interred there since it opened in 1912. As part of the local phase of Julia's Cause for Canonization, her body was exhumed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, and moved to the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver. This was done, both to identify her body and to make its resting place more easily accessible for the faithful so that they might bring their prayers for her intercession there. As of May 2021, her official inquiry was accepted and validated by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

For more detail about Servant of God Julia Greeley go to <https://archden.org/julia>

Source: Archdiocese of Denver

Prayer for Canonization

Intercession

You may use the following prayer, approved on June 29, 2017, by Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver, for private use:

Heavenly Father, your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of your Son and to the humble service of the poor. Grant to me a generous heart like your Son's, and if it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through Julia's intercession (insert intention)... I pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Please report in writing any favors received through Julia's intercession to juliagreeleyguild@gmail.com or sent them to Julia Greeley Guild 1535 N. Logan Street Denver CO 80213.

Source: Archdiocese of Denver

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Gerry Reybold	Jean Toy	Guissepina Fazzone	Gordan Sanders
Elizabeth Ashe	Michala Dash Leventry	Ron Toy	John Madison
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Lonnie Ashe	Avril Madison	Glenda Townsend
August Hazeur	Donna Scott May	Mary Polk	

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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

FEBRUARY IS CANCER PREVENTION MONTH

In the United States, many of the greatest reductions in cancer morbidity and mortality have been achieved through the implementation of effective public education and policy initiatives. It remains imperative that we identify strategies to enhance the dissemination and implementation of our current knowledge of cancer prevention. And because the burden of preventable cancer risk factors is not shared equally—and that burden is higher among racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved people—it is imperative to implement effective evidence-based practices that reduce risky behaviors for everyone. Learn more in the *AACR Cancer Disparities Progress Report* at <https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/national-cancer-prevention-month/>

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Smile! February is National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) - a great opportunity to promote the benefits of good oral health, because developing good dental health habits, including scheduling regular dental visits, helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. The American Dental Association has chosen this year's campaign slogan to be "Sealants Make Sense." Visit the **2022 NCDHM Campaign** website to download posters and activity sheets for kids (like a coloring sheet and a crossword puzzle), many of which are available in Spanish. Check out **free publications** from the National Institutes of Health, including material on baby teeth, tooth decay, and finding low cost dental care. <https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov/resources/national-childrens-dental-health-month>.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Dating is an inevitable part of life that many experience for the first time as a teenager. Healthy relationships, however, require hard work, communication, and a level of maturity that may not be present in teens. As a result, many teen relationships – nearly one third – are characterized as either unhealthy or violent. Understanding what teen dating violence is, why it happens, and what it means for those involved is an important first step in prevention. Unhealthy or abusive relationships take many forms, and there is not one specific behavior that causes a relationship to be categorized as such. However, there are certain behaviors that should be cause for concern. Learn what behaviors that should raise a red flag at this site: <https://www.teendvmonth.org/resources/signs-teen-dating-violence/>

Gospel of Luke

Beginning **February 23, 2022**, and on Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, a bible study at **St. Catherine of Siena from 7-8:30 pm** will be conducted via Zoom with Fr. John Hynes. It will include teaching, reflection and prayer.

On **Thursday, February 17th at 6:30 PM**, **St. Ann's parish (Wilmington)** will be hosting a **Holy Hour for Vocations**. All are welcome to attend to support and pray for an increase in vocations here in the Diocese of Wilmington. The Holy Hour includes exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture readings, and a reflection offered by one of our diocesan seminarians. Those in our local parishes who are discerning a vocation are especially encouraged to attend.

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.

St. Joseph's



will meet on **Monday, March 28, 2022, 7:00 pm.**
The book for discussion is ***Down the River Unto the Sea*** by Walter Mosley.
All are welcome to join via Zoom
Meeting ID: 863 9339 2980 Passcode: 747542 (301) 715 8592

Lenten Grief Support: Starting Ash Wednesday and Thursday Mornings, 9:30 am—11:30 am. Holy Family Church, 15 Gender Rd., Newark, DE Cost is \$15 to cover cost of journal and shipping. Sign-up today by contacting Mare Draper at mdraper@holymfamilynewark.org or by phone 302-368-4665