



THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am
Tuesday thru Friday — 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.

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.*

April 3, 2022

Fish Fry ~ Every Friday, 11:00 am - 2:00pm

- Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- Every Wednesday during Lent — Stations of the Cross, 12:45 pm
- Friday Evening Prayer ~ Zoom Meeting @ 7pm Kateri Chaplet & Litany (301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 836 182 8567 Passcode: 159664
- **April 06 — Gospel Stations of the Cross - 6:30 pm**
- April 09 — CYM Pilgrimage through City of Wilmington, 10:30am
- April 10 — Palm Sunday Breakfast

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 11 — **Reconciliation Monday** - 3:00 pm—8:00 pm
- April 12 — **Chrism Mass**, 7:00pm @ Holy Cross, Dover, DE
- April 14 — **Holy Thursday —The Lord's Supper**, 7:00 pm
- April 15 — **Good Friday**
12 Noon — Meditative Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm — Passion of the Lord
- April 16 — **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**, 8:00pm
- April 17 — **Easter Sunday**, 10:00 am
- April 30 & May 1 - Walk by Faith Annual Appeal

More Detail Inside

Weekly Collection

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. *Our collection for last weekend was \$3,267.* Thank you for your faithfulness with giving back to the Lord. Please continue to be prayerful about your gifts to the parish.

Mass Intentions April 3, 2022 – April 10, 2022

Saturday, 04/02/2022	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/03/2022	10:00 am	†Jean O'Connell Byrnes Requested by O'Connell & Rafter Families
Tuesday, 04/05/2022	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, 04/06/2022	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 04/07/2022	12:10 pm	Klajdi Plasari Requested by Klajdi Plasari
Friday, 04/08/2022	12:10 pm	† Wilfred J. Rafter The Rafter Family
Saturday, 04/09/2022	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/10/2022	10:00 am	† Chester Owens

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

Introduction to the Liturgy

As we approach the holiest time of the year, we are afforded the opportunity to realize just how transformative God is. Again and again, God has transformed the world and the human race, never as much as when raising Jesus from the dead. But God also transforms us individually—in baptism, when we are given new birth in Christ; in reconciliation, when we receive forgiveness; in the Eucharist, when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ; and day in and day out in our complicated lives. Let us keep in mind that transformation means dying to something old in order to make something new.

April Special Collections

If you're not using a box set of collection envelopes and making your weekly contributions directly through your bank or via our website with online giving, below is a list of our special collections for the month of April. We hope that you will continue supporting these important ministries and acts of charity.

- April 03 - Easter Novena •
- April 03 - Building & Maintenance •
- April 10 - St. Vincent dePaul •
- April 15 - Holy Land •
- April 17 - Easter Offerings •

Please include a note with your contribution to be sure that it is designated as you wish. Do know, that we're grateful for your generosity and support of our ministries and aid to others.

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

Marriage Moments

In life and marriage there are bound to be painful times. Jesus joins us in our sorrows. When was the last time your beloved cried? How do you comfort each other?

Parenting Pointers

Life can get heavy at times. Take a break from seriousness and lighten your child's day today. Tell a joke, play a practical joke, or let your child's natural silliness lighten your day.

Easter Mass Novena (9 Days of Grace)

Beginning Monday, April 18th we will begin our Easter Mass Novena. For nine days the Mass will be offered for our living and deceased family members.

How to include your family members and friends in these nine Novena Masses as we celebrate Easter? Simply use the Easter Novena envelope located in your box set or those located in the church, and write down the names of your loved ones on the envelope along with the suggested donation of \$10. The Easter Mass Novena will be offered for the people whose names are written on those special envelopes.

Every Mass has a Mass Intention, where the Mass is being offered for that person or a group of people. The person or persons either living or deceased for whom the Mass is being offered receive all of the graces that God offers to us for this special act of prayer which is the living Memorial of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The best way to spiritually love someone and to help them with whatever they need is to offer a Mass for them. Share God's Love and these prayers with your family and friends this Easter by including them in our Novena of Masses!

We pray that you will participate in the Easter Mass Novena by enrolling the name of a loved one as we collectively lift up their needs to receive the graces promised by our loving savior, Jesus Christ.

Question of the Week

How can I respond to those who hurt me or hurt others with mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus has shown? Whom is Jesus calling me now to forgive?

Parish Bus - March



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, Apr 3	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, Apr 10	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, Apr 17	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, Apr 24	Vanel Fleury

PREPARE YOUR HEART
FOR EASTER
RECONCILIATION
MONDAY
APRIL 11 3-8 PM

VISIT A CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DELAWARE
OR MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE DURING
OUR EXTENDED CONFESSION HOURS. VISIT
CDOW.ORG TO FIND A CHURCH NEAR YOU.



Easter Flower Fund

Your support of the altar flower fund in memory /honor of a special person is appreciated. A special envelope is included in the box sets and additional Easter flower envelopes are located in the back of the church. Please consider contributing as this will help off-set the cost incurred by the parish. May God bless you for your generosity!



Sunday Morning



We've been blessed to have the coffee and pastries donated on each Sunday of the month as indicated below.

- ◆ 1st Sunday - Blessed Mother Sodality
- ◆ 2nd Sunday - Robin D. Camille
- ◆ 3rd Sunday - Victor & Jackie Newman
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Susan & Tim Terranova

If you would like to be a sponsor, the cost is only \$65 per week for Dunkin Donuts, coffee, etc. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph's Church with "Fellowship" notation. The donuts will be ordered and delivered by our faithful parishioner Martin Willis.

Thank You!
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CYM Annual Pilgrimage *We Walk By Faith*

The annual CYM Pilgrimage, will take place on **Saturday, April 9, 2022 in Wilmington**. Now in its 11th year and better than ever. We hope to gather one thousand youth, young adults, and families as we walk the city streets of Wilmington with Bishop Koenig, carrying the Pilgrimage Cross from parish to parish. Plans include opening prayer and entertainment by musical guests "[The Scally Brothers](#)" at 10:30 am at St. Elizabeth, stop by St.

Francis Hospital for a special blessing of the patients, the chance to celebrate Reconciliation at St. Anthony of Padua, experience the Stations of the Cross at Padua Academy, to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul, Blessing of Palms at St. Hedwig and return to St. Elizabeth for 5:00 pm Mass. Call 302-658-3800 for more information.

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



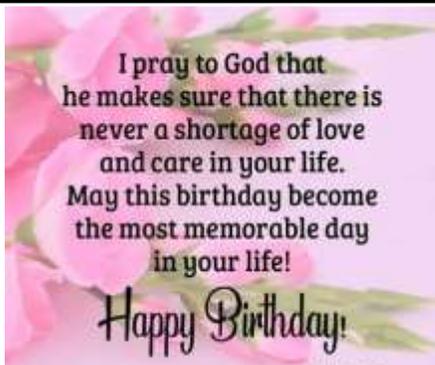
Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, April 9th, tune-in to hear an interview with Bishop William Koenig, and learn about Reconciliation Monday that is happening in all parishes in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore on April 11th. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on 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).

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

<i>Gerry Reybold</i>	<i>Jean Toy</i>	<i>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Gordan Sanders</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ashe</i>	<i>Michala Dash Leventry</i>	<i>Ron Toy</i>	<i>John Madison</i>
<i>Carolyn & Charles Wing</i>	<i>Lonnie Ashe</i>	<i>Avril Madison</i>	<i>Mary Bossack</i>
<i>August Hazeur</i>	<i>Donna Scott May</i>	<i>Mary Polk</i>	<i>Leonard Young</i>
<i>Msgr. Charlie Brown</i>	<i>Jeanette Sammons</i>	<i>Roxanne Wallace</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.



April

- Juanita Harmon 02
- Robert McDevitt 05
- Charles Wing 06
- Michelle Plummer 09
- Beverly White 10
- Jamai Walker 12
- Helena Crumety 13
- Lonnie Ashe 15
- Earl White 15
- Toni-Ann Cunningham 16
- Jata Wright 16
- Vincent Robinson 19
- Ava Simone Wycliff 19
- Vincent Caesar 21
- Patricia Robbins 21
- John Madison 23
- Marissa Ledesma 24
- Eric Pitts 24
- Andrew Loosararian 26
- Judith Taylor 26
- Ramsey Lowery 28
- Wanda Johnson 29
- Julianna McGill 29
- Fr. Glenn Evers 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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

OMH is proud to announce the theme for National Minority Health Month 2022: **Give Your Community a Boost!** This year's theme focuses on the continued importance of COVID-19 vaccination, including boosters, as one of the strongest tools we have to end the COVID-19 pandemic that has disproportionately affected communities of color. This theme supplements the CDC recommendations to prevent COVID transmissions, such as physical distancing, use of well-fitting masks, adequate ventilation, and avoidance of crowded indoor spaces. Learn how you may help improve health literacy skills to combat dangerous misinformation at <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/nmhm/>

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

The history of Autism Awareness Month dates back more than 50 years to April of 1970, when the Autism Society of America (ASA) first observed this month-long celebration. In 2021, the organization changed the name of the observance to Autism Acceptance Month to focus on accepting all individuals with this disorder. "While we will always work to spread awareness, words matter as we strive for autistic individuals to live fully in all areas of life. As many individuals and families affected by autism know, acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a strong support system."
(Source: https://www.clincierge.com/autism_acceptance_month_2022/)

MEDICAID AWARENESS MONTH

How the American Rescue Plan Strengthens Medicaid

The American Rescue Plan Will Expand Coverage, Dramatically Reduce Health Care Costs For Delawareans The American Rescue Plan includes important measures to reduce health care costs and expand coverage for Delaware families. Making health insurance more affordable and accessible is especially important as the country continues to battle the coronavirus pandemic and millions have lost their jobs and their health insurance. This legislation will lower premiums for Delawareans purchasing coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace and expand access to financial assistance for more middle-class families. Additionally, the American Rescue Plan includes robust financial incentives for the 14 states that have not yet implemented Medicaid expansion.
(Source: <https://www.medicicaidawareness.com/>)

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Where we live impacts our communities' health. And we can make our communities healthier, stronger and safer! We're excited to announce our 2022 NPHW theme is "Public Health is Where You Are." APHA has been hosting NPHW events entirely online, to protect our partners and neighbors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about [what APHA is doing](#), and what you can do to [prepare without panic](#). (Source: <http://www.nphw.org/>)

HEALTH DAY (WORLD) April 7

In the midst of a pandemic, a polluted planet, increasing diseases like cancer, asthma, heart disease, on World Health Day 2022, WHO will focus global attention on urgent actions needed to **keep humans and the planet healthy** and foster a movement to **create societies focused on well-being**. WHO estimates that more than 13 million deaths around the world each year are due to avoidable environmental causes. This includes the climate crisis which is the single biggest health threat facing humanity. The climate crisis is also a health crisis. (Source: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2022>)

Stewardship

Thought

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.