



THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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Happy Mother's Day

*Her children rise up and call her blessed;...
"Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all."
Proverbs 31:28-29*

*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 thru 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. 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.*

May 8, 2022

- Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- Friday Evening Prayer ~ Zoom Meeting @ 7pm Stations of Joy
(301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 836 182 8567 Passcode: 159664
- May 08 - Happy Mother's Day
- May 15 - Synod Listening Session Following Mass, lunch will be provided
- May 25 - Easter Holy Hour of Power, 6:30pm
- June 19 - Happy Father's Day
- June 19 - Corpus Christi Procession - Downtown Parishes
- June 29 - Juneteenth Celebration, 6:30pm with a light supper
- Aug 22 thru Aug 26 - CCD Faith Formation, Grades 1-8, 9am—3pm.

More Detail Inside

May 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 30 & May 1 - Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal •**
 - **May 01 - Building & Maintenance •**
 - **May 08 - St. Vincent dePaul •**
- **May 22 - Seminarian Formation/Priests Retirement •**
- **May 26 - Feast of the Ascension •**

Please include a note with your contribution to be sure that it is designated as you wish. We're grateful for your generosity and support of our ministries and aid to others. To contribute please log on to www.stjosephfrenchst.org; click **On Line Giving**, complete the form or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



Mass Intentions May 07, 2022 – May 15, 2022

Saturday, 05/07/2022	5:00 pm	For the People
Sunday, 05/08/2022	10:00 am	† Tony Dash Requested by the Dash Family
Tuesday, 05/10/2022	12:10 pm	† Souls in Purgatory Requested by Dennis Kirklin
Wednesday, 05/11/2022	12:10 pm	† Souls in Purgatory Requested by Dennis Kirklin
Thursday, 05/12/2022	12:10 pm	Mary Elizabeth Ann Neitzke Requested by Cindy Neitzke
Saturday, 05/14/2022	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/15/2022	10:00 am	† Leon Antoine & Barbara A. Duron Requested by Dolores Fountain

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

Every Sunday Jesus draws us here, as a shepherd draws his flock. "My sheep hear my voice," he says in today's Gospel, "and they follow me." Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He feeds his flock, with his own Body and Blood. He loves his flock, suffering and dying for us. He provides for his flock by sending us the Holy Spirit. At home in the comforting embrace of our Good Shepherd, we join together today in thanks and praise.

We Pray for Mothers

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers.
May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom,
strength and selfless love.

For new mothers with new responsibilities; For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and family;
For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who raise children on their own;
For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For those who selflessly place their child for adoption;
For those who adopt a child into their family; For those who have lost a child;
For those who care for the children of others; For those whose children have left home;
For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be
deep and tender, and that they may lead their
children to know and do what is good.

2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – "Walking By Faith"

Last weekend, several of our parishioners responded to the 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. We are making good progress toward our goal; however, to achieve complete success, we need everyone to consider participating. Therefore, I ask anyone who has not yet made a pledge to consider prayerfully how they may support the ministries of our diocese, in addition to our parish.

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is all about people helping people. It helps more than 100,000 individuals and families throughout our diocese in need of life's material essentials, spiritual assistance, religious instruction, and guidance so crucial to overcoming life's greatest struggles.

Whether or not you wish to contribute, it is important you complete a pledge form. If you do not wish to contribute, simply indicate the words "No Gift" on the card. This will save the diocese the time and expense of follow-up mailings, etc.

For your convenience, pledge forms are available in pew holders and the vestibule. Please fill them out immediately after Mass. Thank you.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



Parish Bus - May



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, May 1	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, May 8	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, May 15	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, May 22	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, May 29	Vanel Fleury

Weekly Collection

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. *Our collection for last weekend was \$4,495.* Thank you for your faithfulness with giving back to the Lord. Please continue to be prayerful about your gifts to the parish.

Sodality Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle

Tickets 3 for \$5

Basket Includes:

- Chocolates●
- Cheese Tray●
- Soaps, Oils, Loofa Sponges●
- Pedicure & Manicure Tools●
- Cologne●
- Candles●
- Wine, Wine Glasses●

\$100 Gift Card

See any Sodality Member for tickets



Sunday Morning Fellowship



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 - Vanel Fleury
- ◆ 3rd Sunday - Jeff & Bowman Flynn
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Jane Crowley
- ◆ 5th Sunday - James Forrest

A very special thanks to Martin Willis who orders and delivers our donuts each week.

Please note that our Sunday Morning Fellowship with coffee and donuts will take a summer break beginning June 24th and will resume after Labor Day.

Question of the Week

How have I failed to recognize the Lord when he has appeared?

Happy
Mother's
Day!



Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, May 14th, tune in to hear an interview with newly-ordained transitional deacon, John Enemou. 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 @CatholicForum.

from the Office for Marriage & Family Life...

Marriage Moments

During good times love comes easily. When do you find it hard to love your beloved? Talk it through. Love anyway.

Parenting Pointers

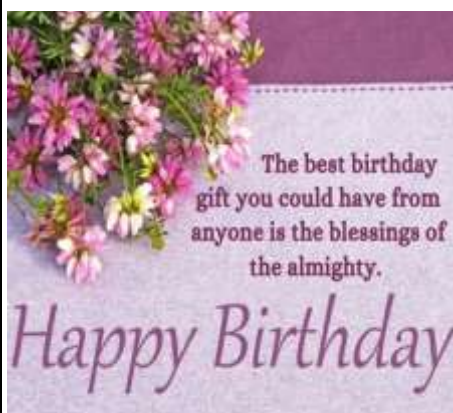
During these past years of pandemic, you and your children have probably experienced significant changes and stress. Our whole world has. Share what has been hardest but also something positive you've learned from the

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	Mary Bossack
August Hazeur	Donna Scott May	Mary Polk	Leonard Young
Msgr. Charlie Brown	Jeanette Sammons	Roxanne Wallace	

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.



May

Lavon Robinson	01
William Cavin, Jr.	06
Thomas Gallagher	06
Christopher Willis	08
Pat Rafter	09
Sean Willis	09
Iren'e White	10
Julian Cecere	11
Roberto Rivera, III	11
Stefani Cousar	15
Quincey Lowery	15
Jed Donohue	16
Jerah Wright	17
John Wharton	18
Brendan Hill	19
Brysen Hill	19
John Carney	20
Marie Cousar	20
Haven Flagg	21
Samantha Jolly	21
Geraldine Reybold	22
Vanessa Crumety	24
Justice Johnson	27
Cathlyn Cantelmi	28
Charles Tarver	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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NATIONAL NURSES MONTH

The impact of nurses on health care is unparalleled directly affecting the health and well-being of our society. Nurses are everywhere we live, work, play, learn, and worship, and in every health care setting providing care to millions of people. ANA selected the evergreen theme, **Nurses Make a Difference** to honor the varying roles of nurses and their positive impact on our lives. Nurses make a difference as trusted advocates who ensure individuals, families, and populations receive quality patient care and services. Nurses make a difference by influencing and shaping health policy decisions that ensure all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable health care coverage. (Source: <https://nursesmonth.org/about-nurses-month/>)

NATIONAL BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION MONTH

In 2017, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association published new guidelines for hypertension management and defined high hypertension as a blood pressure at or above 130/80 mmHg. Stage 2 hypertension is defined as a blood pressure at or above 140/90 mmHg. Having hypertension puts you at risk for heart disease and stroke, which are leading causes of death in the United States. Did you know that sodium and potassium both affect blood pressure? In general, people who reduce sodium, who increase potassium, or who do both benefit from having lower blood pressure and reducing their risk for other serious health problems. Learn more on this website: <https://www.cdc.gov/blood-pressure-facts/html>

NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

The lifetime risk of stroke for women between the ages of 55 and 75 in the United States is 1 in 5. Stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer does, making stroke the third leading cause of death for women. Surprised? You're not alone. Many women do not know their risk of having a stroke. **These facts are alarming, but there is good news: 4 in 5 strokes are preventable.** That's why it's important to know your risk for stroke and take action to reduce the risk. And you can learn more about how CDC and its partners are leading programs to help women prevent stroke. (Source: **Women and Stroke** www.cdc.gov/stroke/women/html)

NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

During National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, celebrated each May, the nation turns its attention to teen pregnancy prevention and the great strides that have been made over the last 20 years. While there have been advances in reducing teen pregnancy, progress is still needed to close racial/ethnic and geographic disparities in teen birth rates in the United States. Although the teen birth rate is at a historic low, the United States has one of the highest rates in the industrialized world, with birth rates higher among American Indian/Alaska Natives and non-Hispanic blacks than among their non-Hispanic white counterparts. Community-level interventions that address the social conditions associated with high teen birth rates might further reduce racial/ethnic and geographic teen birth disparities in the United States. We encourage you to register for the **NPIN Community** and share your prevention activities, challenges, and best practices with partners across the country and in your service area. (Source: CDC. <http://www.cdc.gov/teenpregnancy/about/index.htm>) (**National Teen Pregnancy Month** [NPIN \(cdc.gov\)](http://npin.cdc.gov))

Stewardship

Thought

**God looks at the heart, not the hand —
the giver, not the gift.**