



THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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I Give You a New Commandment:

*Love one another
as I have loved you.*

*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 thru Thursday — 12:10 pm

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 15, 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 15 - Synod Listening Session - 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall, 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

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 14, 2022 – May 22, 2022

Saturday, 05/14/2022	5:00 pm	For the People
Sunday, 05/15/2022	10:00 am	† Leon Antoine & Barbara A. Duron Requested by Dolores Fountain
Tuesday, 05/17/2022	12:10 pm	†Allan Wern Requested by Dana Robinson
Wednesday, 05/18/2022	12:10 pm	†Souls in Purgatory Requested by Dennis Kirklin
Thursday, 05/19/2022	12:10 pm	Kathleen Evers Requested by Fr. Glenn Evers
Saturday, 05/21/2022	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/22/2022	10:00 am	

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

"Love one another," Jesus tells his disciples. Jesus commands his disciples, this is how everyone will know that they are his disciples. As we gather here today, we ask ourselves if we can be recognized by our love. Do we show the love we have for one another in what we do and say? Do we love one another as much as Jesus loves us? May the God of love bless us in the challenge to love each other.



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 the vestibule**. Please fill them out immediately and return or use the QR code listed below. Thank you.



Thought

Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all their gifts.

Question of the Week

How can I open the door of faith to someone else?



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.

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 \$5,039.* Thank you for your faithfulness with giving back to the Lord. Please continue to be prayerful about your gifts to the parish.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NO MENTHOL SUNDAY

Let's change the world for this #NoMentholSunday! Let your friends and family know how dangerous it is to use menthols. Help them find courage and resources to quit smoking. Let your local reps you support the FDA decision to ban menthol. Other strategies and resources can be found on NoMentholSunday.org, check it out! #NMS2022 (Source: <https://nomentholsunday.org/items>)

MAY IS NATIONAL ASTHMA and ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH

This year's theme is increasing confidence when using asthma and allergy medicines, including inhalers and injections. Use our resources and tools to spread awareness during May and all year long! Join us for 31 Days of Action for National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month 2022! (Source: Asthma and Allergy Foundation, www.aafa.org/asthma-allergy-awareness-month.)

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

According to the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), physical activity can reduce stress and the risk for many chronic diseases, including cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and dementia. It can also ease symptoms of anxiety and depression. The 2nd edition of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommends three hours of active play for children 3-5 and at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous activity for youth ages 6-17 and adults. Use ODPHP's Move Your Way Activity Planner to pick activities, set goals, and track your progress. #MoveInMay and challenge yourself, your family, friends, and your community to make physical activity a part of your daily routine. (Source: Office of Minority Health (info.minorityhealth@subscriptions.hhs.gov))

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

May marks Arthritis Awareness Month! As an "invisible condition," rheumatoid arthritis (RA) can often be misunderstood, especially by those who do not have RA. As a result, this year's theme, Making RA More Visible (#makingRAmorevisible), aims to illuminate the wide range of experiences, symptoms, and feelings of people living with RA. On the website are tools for raising awareness about life with RA and ways to connect with others. Rheumatoid arthritis is not just joint pain, learn more at: (Source: <https://rheumatoidarthritis.net/living/awareness/month>)

2022 National Trauma Awareness Month

"Safe Surroundings: Preventing Violence and Promoting Peace Community by Community". Because supporting violence prevention efforts is more important now than ever, the American Trauma Society (ATS) and the Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) selected Safe Surroundings: Preventing Violence and Promoting Peace Community by Community as the focus of the 2022 National Trauma Awareness Month. (Source: www.traumanurses.org/2022-national-trauma)

ADDRESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT OF THE COVID PANDEMIC ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

The COVID pandemic has impacted Americans of all ages, and children have not been spared. The American Academy of Pediatrics reports about 12.9 million child cases of infection since September 2021 at the time of this writing, which means children make up about 19% of all reported cases in the U.S. since the pandemic began. Although Covid infections have caused fewer deaths, lower hospitalization rates, and less physical harm to healthy children, the pandemic has produced significant mental health impacts on young Americans. The CDC warns that "trauma faced at this developmental stage may have long-term consequences across their lifespan" (Source: Spiritual Care Association (news@spiritualcareassociation.org))



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, May 21st, tune-in to learn about the work of Wilmington Seamen's Center when Executive Director, Christine Lassiter and volunteer, Joe Ryan, are interviewed. 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 & Family Life...

Marriage Moments

Remember that Jesus' love for humanity brought him to the crucifixion. Ponder what each of you might sacrifice for the other this week.

Parenting Pointers

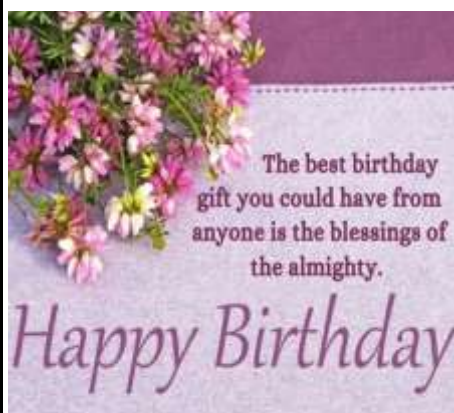
Say a genuine, unexpected "I love you." Tell each one something they do that makes you proud. Recognize something that each one is good at.

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.



**EMERGENCY
FOOD
IS AVAILABLE!**



**DRIVE-THRU
MOBILE PANTRY**

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE!

Sussex County

When: Monday, May 16 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Crossroad Community Church, 20684 State Forest Road, Georgetown

Register in advance: <https://May16Sussex.eventbrite.com>

Sign up to volunteer: <https://fbd.volunteerhub.com/event/d1a20c67-32ed-43d8-9e93-06cab4ed038b>

Kent County

When: Wednesday, May 18 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Dover Motor Speedway, 1131 North Dupont Highway, Dover (enter through Leipsic Road entrance and follow signs)

Register in advance: <https://May18Kent.eventbrite.com>

Sign up to volunteer: <https://fbd.volunteerhub.com/event/b6a017f5-aa61-4c7b-bf9c-4d14dffd404f>

New Castle County

When: Friday, May 20 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Delaware Tech, 400 Stanton Christiana Road, Newark

Register in advance: <https://May20NewCastle.eventbrite.com>

Sign up to volunteer: <https://fbd.volunteerhub.com/event/242d02e8-3121-47f4-8f8b-6171198a77b5>

Please bring proof that you live in Delaware!

On-site registration will also be available! Service will be first-come, first-served. Assistance is limited to one per household. The Food Bank of Delaware is prepared to serve up to 1,000 households at each pantry. Public restrooms will not be available. Please make sure your trunk or backseat is clear for easy loading.

If you are not able to attend the distribution, please visit www.fbd.org/get-help to learn about other ways the Food Bank and our network of partners can help you!