St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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https://www.youtube.com/c/StJoseph'sDowntownWilmington

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.

May 29, 2022

- Monday Rosary Prayer ~ @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- June 19 - Happy Father's Day
- June 19 - Corpus Christi Procession - Downtown Parishes
- June 29 - Juneteenth Celebration, 6:30pm with refreshments sponsored by the Ministry for Black Catholics

More Detail Inside

June 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.

- **June 01 - St. Vincent dePaul**
- **June 4/5 - Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund**
- **June 05 - Building & Maintenance**
- **June 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.st.josephfrenchst.org; click ***On Line Giving***, complete the form or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

Mass Intentions
May 28, 2022 — June 4, 2022

Saturday, 05/28/2022	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/29/2022	10:00 am	† Ethel Barrett
Tuesday, 05/31/2022	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 06/01/2022	12:10 pm	† Ellen Gray Requested by Jane Crowley
Thursday, 06/02/2022	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 06/04/2022	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/05/2022	10:00 am	†Christine McLamb Requested by Brenda Burns

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

In the presence of his disciples, Jesus prays to the Father. He prays that all may be one as the Father and Son are one, not just he and his disciples, but also those who will come to believe in the future, so this includes us as well. Conscious of our hope in the Resurrection, we also pray that all may be one. May we be one with our Lord. May we be one with our family members and friends and neighbors, living and deceased. On this Memorial Day weekend, may we also be one with all those who gave their lives in service to our country. Beyond place and time, may we all be one as God is one.

We remember the many brave men and women
who have given their lives
through the history of our country
to protect us from danger and harm.
We remember all those who sustained injury
in mind and/or body in the course of their
service.

FAITH & CHARITY
CATHOLIC APPEAL

A very special thank you to all who have contributed to the Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal, thus far. We're making progress and encourage all who haven't yet contributed to consider doing so. The Appeal directly supports the many ministries throughout the diocese. Envelopes are in the vestibule and in the pews. Your support is appreciated!

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

Save the Date - June 19, 2022
Eucharistic Revival
Opening Mass & Procession

Sunday, June 19, 2022, marks the Feast Day of Corpus Christi, whereon Catholics celebrate and honor the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Feast of Corpus Christi this year also starts the beginning of a three year National Eucharistic Revival for Catholics in the United States.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, on Sunday, June 19 at 2:00 p.m. a special Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter (500 N West Street, Wilmington, DE) by Bishop Koenig followed by a procession with the Holy Eucharist through the streets of Wilmington beginning at 3:00 p.m. **All are invited by Bishop Koenig to join the Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession for this special day of devotion and prayer in the City of Wilmington.**

As this marks the beginning of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Wilmington, all parishes are invited to send at least five representatives to participate in this special Mass and Procession. More details will be shared in the weeks ahead.

General information on the National Eucharistic Revival may be found here:
eucharisticrevival.org...

Weekly Collection

The parish requires a weekly collection of $4,901 to cover expenses. *Our collection for last weekend was* **$3,871.** Thank you for your faithfulness with giving back to the Lord. Please continue to be prayerful about your gifts to the parish.

Special Collection

The ***weekend of June 4 and 5***, all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore will conduct a special collection to benefit the ***Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund***. As more and more of our priests retire from active parish ministry, there is a growing need to supplement this fund. Your generosity and prayers for our aging priests are greatly appreciated.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Kateri with us!

On Saturday, July 16, we will celebrate through prayer, sharing cultural traditions, and presenting an overview of the life of St. Kateri. A light lunch will be served. Please feel free to join in this diocesan-wide, free event, here in our Fellowship Hall from 1-4:30 PM. Contact Gail Rando to make a reservation: (352)445-2350 or naministry@gmail.com

Thought

Giving is more than a responsibility — it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience — it is evidence of our faith.

Listen to Catholic Forum *each week. Next Saturday, June 4th, tune in to hear an interview with diocesan priest, Father Bill Hazzard, and learn about his years of ministry in the Diocese of Wilmington.* 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

If you're too busy to have a weekly date with your spouse, you may be too busy. Tonight choose several hours next weekend that you can devote just to each other. This week the wife plans what to do, next week it's the husband's turn.

Parenting Pointers

Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones? Let go of outdated ones? Discuss together.

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.

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	*John Madison*	*Ron Toy*	*Leonard Young*
Carolyn & Charles Wing	*Avril Madison*	*Mary Bossack*	*Mercedes Zahralbin*
August Hazeur	*Donna Scott May*	*Mary Polk*	
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.

June

Jaeda Johnson	03
Donna May	04
Judy Gallagher	04
Stacey Lowery .	05
Jerrod MacFarlane	07
Loretta Young	07
Rose Porter	08
Bernadette Winston	08
Mimose Fleury	09
Mich'ele Porter	10
Pamela Fletcher	12
James Thomas	12
Danielle Simmonds	13
Deidre Ann Robinson	17
Earl MacFarlane	17
Nicholas Willis	18
Khalia Blackwell	20
Taryn Blackwell	20
Charmaine Doyle	21
Jenny Lynn Traynor	22
Charles Wing	23
Monique Mirabeau	25
Giavanna Cecere	26
London Louise Simmonds	26

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

MAY IS HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

Hepatitis A is a contagious liver infection caused by the hepatitis A virus. People who get hepatitis A may feel sick for a few weeks to several months but usually recover completely and do not have lasting liver damage. The hepatitis A virus is found in the stool and blood of people who are infected and can be spread when someone ingests the virus, usually through eating contaminated food or drink or through close personal contact with an infected person. Hepatitis A is very contagious, and people can even spread the virus before they get symptoms. However, hepatitis A is easily prevented with a safe and effective vaccine, which is recommended for all children at one year of age and for adults who may be at risk, including travelers to certain international countries. **Learn the ABCs of Hepatitis,** Hepatitis A, B, and C on this website: (Source: www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/awareness/HepatitisABCs.htm)

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

Do You Know that lupus is known as an invisible illness because someone with lupus can appear perfectly healthy despite battling many internal issues, such as debilitating pain, extreme fatigue, blood disorders and more? Learn more about this cruel and mysterious disease and help Make Lupus Visible with tools and resources to educate yourself, friends, and family during Lupus Awareness Month.

There is no one first sign or symptom of lupus. The early signs and symptoms of lupus are generally the same as the **symptoms of lupus**, including extreme fatigue, joint pain, or a butterfly rash. However, the early signs vary widely from person to person. A doctor can **help you with a diagnosis** to determine if the symptoms you're feeling could possibly be lupus. To help you, we created the Could It Be Lupus questionnaire. Answer the questions about yourself and your signs and symptoms, and then print out your answers to share with your doctor .**Find out: could it be lupus?** (Source: www.lupus.org/lupusawarenessmonth)

SKIN CANCER PREVENTION and AWARENESS MONTH

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and despite skin cancer being one of the most preventable cancers—although also the most common—there are still some knowledge gaps that need to be addressed. Of particular interest is the rising rate of skin cancer among patients with skin of color. The biggest area needed for the education for patients with skin of color is the importance of having a full body skin examination yearly to evaluate for the possibility of skin cancer. Most patients with skin of color may have the misconception that they cannot get skin cancer and therefore do not go in for skin evaluations. Another misconception commonly encountered in this population is the reluctance to use sunscreen or other photo protective measures. The strongest precaution to suggest to patients is using broad-spectrum sunscreen SPF 30+ or greater. Encourage individuals to reapply sunscreen every 2 to 3 hours for the maximum level of protection. Also, encourage patients to seek shade structures to avoid prolonged sun exposure and, encourage them to use wide brim hats, sunglasses, and UV protective clothing.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Congregational Health Ministries are joining partners across the state in celebrating Older Americans Month 2022. Older adults play vital, positive roles in our communities – as family members, friends, mentors, volunteers, civic leaders, members of the workforce and more. That's why the theme for Older Americans Month 2022 is *Age My Way*. This year's theme – *Age My Way* – focuses on how older adults can age in their communities, living independently for as long as possible and participating in ways they choose. **The Division of Aging and Adult Services** supports the evolving aging population through a community-based system of opportunities, services, benefits and protections. Learn what resources are available to you or someone you care for through this website: (Source: Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities /State of Delaware)

Question of the Week

What can I do for my neighbor to show the love that God has for me?