

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

Office Hours: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday thru Thursday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

YouTube Channel: St Josephs Downtown Wilmington
<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.

Sunday, January 22, 2023 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- January 22 - Trustee Election
- January 22 - Family Game Sunday - Following Mass in Fellowship Hall
- January 27 - Ms. Elizabeth Ashe's Funeral, 11:00am
- February 05 - Black History Month Mass & Brunch, 11:00 am
Church of the Holy Child, Naaman's Rd., Wilm
Sponsored by Ministry for Black Catholics
- February 18 - Mardi Gras - Taste of N'awlins! 6pm-10pm
\$30pp or 2 for \$50, Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary
- February 21 - Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- February 22 - Ash Wednesday 12:10 pm Mass
1:00 pm Liturgy of the Word
- February 24 - KPC Annual Fish Fry, 11am - 2pm

January 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 January. We hope that you will continue supporting these important ministries and acts of charity.

• **January 1— Building Fund** •

• **January 1 - St. Vincent dePaul** •

• **January 14/15 - Catholic University and Catholic Communications**

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 **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

Mass Intentions January 21, 2023— January 29, 2023

Saturday, 1/21/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 1/22/2023	10:00 am	Pope Benedict XVI
Tuesday, 1/24/2023	12:10 pm	† Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, 1/25/2023	12:10 pm	Msgr. Thomas Cini
Thursday, 1/26/2023	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 1/28/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 1/29/2023	10:00 am	† Seraphim Bairos Requested by Maria Bairos

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers, V.C.
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

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, recognizing the centrality of God's Word in the life of the Church. Saint Jerome, who translated most of the Bible into Latin in the fourth century, wrote, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Every time we come to Mass we listen to the words of Scripture, conscious that God's word is a living word, speaking to us in our age as powerfully and relevantly as when it was written. Let us resolve to make God's Word a guiding force in our lives.

Vote for Trustees of the Parish Sunday, January 22, 2023

Each January the Church requires that we hold an election and vote for two trustees of the parish.

Qualifications for a Trustee: A trustee must be a parish member, a practicing Catholic, and at least 25 years of age. Priests, deacons, and religious assigned to the parish are not eligible to serve as a trustee. State law requires that trustees be elected every year. Trustees serve until their successors are elected. Trustees may not hold office on the Parish Councils nor should they serve as chairpersons of parish committees. Generally, the trustees do not have regular meetings but are convened by the pastor as circumstances require.

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses.

The collection from **January 15, 2023 was \$3,966.** In addition, we estimate \$500 from on-line contributions. We have multiple ways to enable your consistent giving: In-Pew, On-line, US Mail, and Bank Checks. Either way, remember that the Parish relies on your consistent contributions and we ask that you continue to be prayerful about your gifts to the parish. Thank you for your faithfulness with giving back to the Lord!

Church Family Game Sunday January 22, 2023

Immediately Following Mass
until 3:00pm

Hotdogs and Popcorn
will be provided by the Parish.
Participants may bring a dish to

For more detail see
Anthea Bedminster



Sunday Fellowship

Sunday's Fellowship is Sponsored by
Anthea Bedminster

Thank You for your Generosity



Parish Bus - January



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Jan 01	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Jan 08	Tony Miller
Sun, Jan 15	Judd Williams
Sun, Jan 22	Tony Miller
Sun, Jan 29	Yolanda Mohammed

Question of the Week

Can I commit myself to studying scripture daily in 2023, making it central in my life?



St. Joseph's Book Club Meets in the Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The next meeting is **January 23, 2023** and the book for discussion is **"Finding Me" by Viola Davis**. See Geraldine Cochran for additional detail.

Stewardship

If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.



St. Joseph's
Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras Party - Cabaret Style BYOB
Sampling of N'awlins Cuisine

Saturday, February 18, 2023
6:00 pm til 10:00 pm

Tickets: \$30 each or 2 for \$50
Parish Fellowship Hall
1012 French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801



Advance Ticket Sales Only

Price includes: Games, Music,
Sampling of Cajun Cuisine, and
Lots of N'awlins style fun!

Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

To Purchase Tickets Contact: **Adrienne Hopson – 302-290-1713**
Deborah Robinson – 302-494-5709

St. Joseph's Parish Office at 302.658.4535



Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12.

The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 noon and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by January 30th**.

This year, you can register by clicking on cdow.coursestorm.com/ or by calling the office at 302-295-0657.

For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or OMFL@cdow.org

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	Leonard J. Young, Jr.
Ben Pearce	John Madison	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Avril Madison	Mary Bossack	Julianna McGill
August Hazeur	Donna Scott May	Mary Polk	Nelson Brockenborough
Judy Gallagher	Meghan & Eric Pitts	Roxanne Wallace	Michael Simmonds, Sr.

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.

A **Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat** will be held the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by April 7.



What's Happening at MHA



Empowering Community Wellness Symposium

Thursday, May 4, 2023

9am - 12pm

Riverfront Events - 760 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE

Theme: A Deeper Understanding of Self-Care

Registration information to follow.

For more information, email Jason Coleman (jcoleman@mhaide.org).

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

THYROID AWARENESS MONTH

Undiagnosed thyroid issues can increase the risk for other serious conditions such as cardiovascular disease, obesity, osteoporosis, and infertility. However, most thyroid diseases are life-long conditions that can be managed with medical attention once diagnosed. Learn about the different types of tests used to determine if you have a thyroid condition. Visit the American Academy of Clinical Endocrinology to learn how you can perform a simple neck self-exam to help with early detection and check for lumps or enlargements in the neck that may point to a thyroid condition at: <https://www.aace.com/patient-journey/thyroid>

POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

January is National Poverty in America Awareness Month, and this observance aims to recognize the severe conditions of poverty that many are living in. Yes, the U.S. may be a developed nation and one of the greatest countries in the world. But there are still thousands of people who are deprived of three meals a day, quality education, and even clean and healthy drinking water. The month calls for action in terms of donations, and the introduction of measures and public policies that may eliminate poverty in the country. If we work together as a nation, we can achieve a poverty-free society. Organize and host an event in your community civic association or house of worship.

January

Francis Crumety	01
Arielle Mobley	03
Gail Rando	04
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Samuel McDermott	08
Maria Rivera	08
Alfred Fletcher	09
Douglas Loosararian	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Andres Barranco	10
Jacquar White	10
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Laura Chaplin	14
Sheris Owens	14
Chantal David Towles	14
Alexis Caesar	15
Alfonzo Delpizzo	16
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Kyle Hopson	22
Josephine Mahler	22
Jane Crowley	23
Aaliyah Herman	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	30

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, month, day and year of birth.