

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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)

**Website:** [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

**YouTube Channel:** St Josephs Downtown Wilmington  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJoseph'sDowntownWilmington>

# Celebrating BLACK HISTORY MONTH Our Hidden Figures

If you would like to register with the parish, please access the registration form located on our website [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://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, February 5, 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- 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

## NO WEEK DAY MASS — FEBRUARY 7, 8 or 9 — PRIEST STUDY WEEK

- 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, Sign-up Today!
- February 22 - Ash Wednesday 12:10 pm Mass  
1:00 pm Liturgy of the Word
- February 24 - KPC Annual Fish Fry, 11am - 2pm

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

- February 5 - Building Fund

- February 5 - St. Vincent dePaul

- February 4/5 - Black & Indian Missions and Home Missions

When making on-line donations, please use the drop down menu and select the special collection for which your gift is designated. We're grateful for your generosity and support of our ministries and aid to others. To contribute please log on to [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org); click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

## Mass Intentions February 4, 2023 — February 12, 2023

Saturday, 2/04/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 2/05/2023	10:00 am	† Seraphim Bairos Requested by Maria Bairos
Tuesday, 2/07/2023	-	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday, 2/08/2023	-	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday, 2/09/2023	-	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday, 2/11/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 2/12/2023	10:00 am	† Arlene Williams Requested by Leonard & Loretta Young

## 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

"You are the light of the world," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, exhorting them to shine that light for everyone to see. Jesus himself is the light who shone through the darkness from the very moment he was born. Now he challenges his disciples to be that light—the light of Christ—for others. We are given that same challenge. May we be conscious of receiving the Lord today in the word and the Eucharist, so that we may go forth to shine the light of Christ, transforming the darkness around us.

## Stewardship

Let's be the Light of Christ in how we give. Wealth shines in giving rather than in hoarding: for the miser is hateful, whereas the generous man is applauded.



## Sunday Fellowship

Sunday's Fellowship is Sponsored by  
**Blessed Mother Sodality**

Thank You for your Generosity!!



## Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Ministry for Black Catholics

Sponsoring

Liturgy To Celebrate Black History—February 5, 2023

Church of The Holy Child - @ 11:00 AM Mass

2500 Naamans Road, Wilmington, DE 19810

Celebrant: Bishop William Koenig

Bunch following the Liturgy



Servant of God  
Fr. Augustus Tolton



Venerable  
Pierre Toussaint



Servant of God  
Mother Mary Lange, O.S.B.



Venerable  
Mother Henriette Delille



Servant of God  
Julia Greeley



Servant of God  
Sister Therese Bowman, S.F.P.A.

*Six African Americans on the Path to Sainthood*

## Question of the Week

What specific concrete action can I take this week to  
reflect the light of Christ to the world?

## Parish Bus - February



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Feb 05	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Feb 12	
Sun, Feb 19	
Sun Feb 26	

## Weekly Collections

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

The collection from **January 29, 2023 was \$2,943.** 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!





## 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 **Adrienne Hopson – 302-290-1713**

St. Joseph's Parish Office at 302.658.4535



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](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by April 7.

## Pass the WORD 2023

03/16/23

For more  
detail, contact  
[vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)  
no later than  
Monday, March 6.

a day for discerning your future  
What is your greatest love?  
What compels you?  
Could priesthood be a thought?

A day for reflection among peers at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear, DE March 16, 2023  
Thursday - 9:30am to 1:30pm with Bishop Koenig



**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 **March 27, 2023** and the book for discussion is **"The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes**. See Geraldine Cochran for additional detail.

## Good News

from the  
Office of Communications



### For publication the weekend of February 4 & 5

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, tune-in to hear an interview with Rachael Killackey, founder and CEO of Magdala Ministries. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://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).

## Amateur Sweet Potato Pie Contest

In tribute of Mary McLeod Bethune who sold her famous sweet potato pies to raise money for her first school for black girls.

For City of Wilmington Residents  
1 Entry per person & must be homemade

Saturday, February 18 2023

Drop off between 12 and 1:30pm

Time: 2:00pm

Winner receives cash prize

1st prize is \$500

2nd prize is \$250

3rd prize is \$100



For questions contact: Leah Howard at 302-571-7400 Ext 2412

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

<b>Gerry Reybold</b>	<b>Jean Toy</b>	<b>Guissepina Fazzone</b>	<b>Leonard J. Young, Jr.</b>	
<b>Ben Pearce</b>	<b>John Madison</b>	<b>Ron Toy</b>	<b>Mercedes Zahralbin</b>	
<b>Carolyn &amp; Charles Wing</b>	<b>Avril Madison</b>	<b>Mary Bossack</b>	<b>Julianna McGill</b>	
<b>August Hazeur</b>	<b>Donna Scott May</b>	<b>Mary Polk</b>	<b>Nelson Brockenborough</b>	
<b>Judy Gallagher</b>	<b>Meghan &amp; Eric Pitts</b>	<b>Roxanne Wallace</b>	<b>Michael Simmonds, Sr.</b>	

If you would like to be added to our sick and shut-in list, please send email to [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto: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.



Jessica Chaplin	01
Sam Donahue	02
Zoe Donahue	02
Seth Eckrich	02
John Polk, Jr.	02
Brenda Burns	04
Samia Hopson	04
Denise Scales	04
Kairo Cruz	08
Daniel Caesar	05
Mary Kegelman	08
Bernard Pearce	10
Sidney Abili	13
Le'Verne Cecere	15
Marcus Small	15
Terrence Clark	16
George Winston	16
Lorraine Eckrich	16
Kaeman Saunders	18
L'Ause Dye	20
Jacqueline Loosarian	21
David May, III	21
Kathleen Hodges	23
Albert Scales, Sr.	23
Pierce Sterling	23
Chanae Council	25
Mattu Pennoh	25
Chantal Jackson	26
Daniel Mahler	27
Valerie Williams	28

*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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org). Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.*



### PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

#### **FEBRUARY IS CANCER PREVENTION MONTH**

In the United States, many of the greatest reductions in cancer morbidity and mortality have been achieved through the implementation of effective public education and policy initiatives. It remains imperative that we identify strategies to enhance the dissemination and implementation of our current knowledge of cancer prevention. And because the burden of preventable cancer risk factors is not shared equally—and that burden is higher among racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved people—it is imperative to implement effective evidence-based practices that reduce risky behaviors for everyone. Learn more in the *AACR Cancer Disparities Progress Report*. at <https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/national-cancer-prevention-month/>

#### **NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

Smile! February is National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) - a great opportunity to promote the benefits of good oral health, because developing good dental health habits, including scheduling regular dental visits, helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. The American Dental Association has chosen this year's campaign slogan to be "Sealants Make Sense." Visit the **2022 NCDHM Campaign** website to download posters and activity sheets for kids (like a coloring sheet and a crossword puzzle), many of which are available in Spanish. Check out **free publications** from the National Institutes of Health, including material on baby teeth, tooth decay, and finding low cost dental care. <https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov/resources/national-childrens-dental-health-month>.

#### **TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Dating is an inevitable part of life that many experience for the first time as a teenager. Healthy relationships, however, require hard work, communication, and a level of maturity that may not be present in teens. As a result, many teen relationships – nearly one third – are characterized as either unhealthy or violent. Understanding what teen dating violence is, why it happens, and what it means for those involved is an important first step in prevention. Unhealthy or abusive relationships take many forms, and there is not one specific behavior that causes a relationship to be categorized as such. However, there are certain behaviors that should be cause for concern. Learn what behaviors that should raise a red flag at this site: <https://www.teendvmonth.org/resources/signs-teen-dating-violence/>