

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  
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**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>

# HAPPY EASTER

**This is how  
we know  
what love is:  
Jesus Christ  
laid down His  
life for us.**

## Aleluia ~ Jesus Christ is Risen !!

**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 FOR LENT

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.*

## April 9, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- April 29 & 30 - Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal Weekend
- May 13 - Mother's Day Luncheon & Designer Bag Bingo
- May 14 - Mother's Day

**Parish Office Will be Closed April 11-14 for Easter Break.**

### April 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 2 - Building Fund •
- April 2 - Easter Flower Fund
- April 7 - Holy Land Offering - Good Friday
- April 8 - Easter Novena
- April 9 - Easter
- April 15/16 - St. Vincent dePaul •
- April 29/30 - Faith & Charity Annual Appeal

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 April 8, 2023 — April 16, 2023

Saturday, 4/08/2023	5:00 pm	Easter Novena
Sunday, 4/09/2023	10:00 am	For the People of the Parish
Tuesday, 4/11/2023	12:10 pm	Easter Novena
Wednesday, 4/12/2023	12:10 pm	Easter Novena
Thursday, 4/13/2023	12:10 pm	Easter Novena
Saturday, 4/15/2023	5:00 pm	Easter Novena
Sunday, 4/16/2023	10:00 am	For the People of the Parish

## 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

HE HAS  
**RISEN**

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Rejoice! This is the day that the Lord has made. God's love and mercy have been poured out for all and to all. By his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has conquered sin and defeated death. No longer does sin and death have power over us. A new day dawns, for new life has dawned for all of us; a life in God's tender loving care that survives sin and overcomes death. Jesus has shown us the way to the Father. The crosses we carry - our fears and our struggles, our sorrows and our traumas - are united with the cross of our Lord, which did not end in pain and death but with joy and life. May the promise of the Resurrection fill us with hope, enliven our lives, and lead us to life eternal. Alleluia!

### Question of the Week

How has my life been transformed since three years ago? What can I make new in my life, in my community, in the world?

## Easter Flower Fund

**Your support of the altar flower fund in memory or to honor of a special person is appreciated. A special envelope is included in the box sets and additional Easter flower envelopes are located in the back of the church. Please consider contributing as this will help off-set the cost incurred by the parish.**

**May God bless you for your generosity!**

### Easter Mass Novena

(9 Days of Grace)

**Beginning Saturday, April 8th we started our Easter Mass Novena. For nine days the Mass will be offered for our living and deceased family members.**

**How to include your family members and friends in these nine Novena Masses as we celebrate Easter? Simply use the Easter Novena envelope located in your box set or those located in the church, and write down the names of your loved ones on the envelope with a donation. The Easter Mass Novena will be offered for the people whose names are written on those special envelopes.**

**Every Mass has a Mass Intention, where the Mass is being offered for that person or a group of people. The person or persons either living or deceased for whom the Mass is being offered receive all of the graces that God offers to us for this special act of prayer which is the living Memorial of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The best way to spiritually love someone and to help them with whatever they need is to offer a Mass for them. Share God's Love and these prayers with your family and friends this Easter by including them in our Novena of Masses!**

**We pray that you will participate in the Easter Mass Novena by enrolling the name of a loved one as we collectively lift up their needs to receive the graces promised by our loving savior, Jesus Christ.**

### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **April 2, 2023 was \$5,274.** 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!





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**Mother's Day Luncheon**  
*Featuring Complimentary*  
**Designer Bag Bingo**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**  
**12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

TREAT MOM TO WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY...

Mimosas, Delicious Luncheon Buffet  
 Many Chances to win Designer Bags

Tickets \$25



Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court 383  
 Contact Lorraine Eckrich [eleckrich@gmail.com](mailto:eleckrich@gmail.com) or  
 Damita MacFarlane [damitamac@msn.com](mailto:damitamac@msn.com)



*Stewardship is a way of living and  
 caring for the gifts from God.*



**Parish Bus - April**



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Apr 2	Tony Miller
Sun, Apr 9	Tony Miller
Sun, Apr 16	Judd Williams
Sun Apr 23	Tony Miller
Sun Apr 30	Yolanda Mohammed



Happy Easter! Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, tune in to hear an interview with Transitional Deacon John Enemou as he discussed his upcoming priesthood ordination and Christian persecution in his native Nigeria. Catholic Forum airs on Relevant Radio 640 each Saturday at 1:30 p.m. 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 [facebook.com/CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum)



**Sodality Mother's Day  
 Gift Basket Raffle**

**Tickets 3 for \$5**

**Basket Includes:**

- Champagne w/Flutes •
- Caftan •
- Lotions & Bath Salts •
- Godiva Chocolates •
- Strawberries •
- Candles •
- 1 Dozen Red Roses •

**\$100 Gift Card**

**See any Sodality  
 Member for tickets**

## 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>Angela Pulliam Banks</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>Juliana 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>Mavis Woolley</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.

I pray to God that  
he makes sure that there is  
never a shortage of love  
and care in your life.  
May this birthday become  
the most memorable day  
in your life!  
*Happy Birthday!*

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Juanita Harmon	02
Robert McDevitt	05
Charles Wing	06
Michelle Plummer	09
Beverly White	10
Helena Crumety	13
Lonnie Ashe	15
Earl White	15
Toni-Ann Cunningham	16
Daniel Ekah	16
Jata Wright	16
Vincent Robinson	19
Ava Simone Wycliff	19
Vincent Caesar	21
Patricia Robbins	21
John Madison	23
Marissa Ledesma	24
Eric Pitts	24
Samuel Robert Scott	25
Andrew Loosarian	26
Judith Taylor	26
Kharan Barcy	27
Ramsey Lowery	28
Wanda Johnson	29
Mary Lenti	29
Juliana McGill	29
Fr. Glenn Evers	29
Zanyiah Hammond	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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org). Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.*

## PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

### **STRESS AWARENESS MONTH**

It's critical to recognize what stress and anxiety look like, take steps to build resilience and manage job stress, and know where to go for help. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides some tips on how to build resilience and manage job stress. Take some time to visit their [website](https://hr.nih.gov/civil/national-stress-awareness-month) and familiarize yourself with ways to manage your stress. (Source: <https://hr.nih.gov/civil/national-stress-awareness-month>)

### **BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK – April 11-17**

The week is intentionally held during National Minority Health Month and begins on April 11th annually to join dozens of global organizations in marking this day as [International Day for Maternal Health and Rights](#) – an opportunity to advocate for the elimination of maternal mortality globally. The activities and conversations hosted throughout the week intentionally center the values and traditions of the reproductive and birth justice movement. (Source: <https://blackmothersmatter.org/2023-black-maternal-health-week>)

### **NATIONAL YOUTH HIV and AIDS AWARENESS DAY – April 10**

**Racism, discrimination, HIV stigma, transphobia, and homophobia** negatively affect the overall health and well-being of many people. Additionally, **poverty and educational levels** may make it harder for some people to seek and receive high-quality health care, including HIV testing, treatment, and other prevention services. Addressing these social and structural barriers and encouraging safe and supportive communities can help improve health outcomes for people with or at risk for getting HIV. [People who don't know they have HIV](#) can't take advantage of HIV care and treatment and may pass HIV to others without knowing it.

### **MEDICAID AWARENESS MONTH – URGENT MESSAGE:**

#### **Delaware Medicaid renewals restarted on April 1, 2023.**

In compliance with the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2023, Delaware Medicaid renewals will restart on April 1, 2023. Report any changes to your name or contact information (email/mail address, phone numbers) by calling the Change Report Center (302) 571-4900, Option 2, by fax (302) 571-4901, or through your [Delaware ASSIST Account](#). You can also use Delaware ASSIST Self-Service to sign up for text/email messages about your benefits. Visit the [Delaware Medicaid COVID-19 page](#) for more information. TTY users: 1-855-889-4325. Español, Kreyòl ayisyen, العربية, Tiếng Việt, or other languages: 1-866-843-7212. **Do not risk losing your Delaware Medicaid. Get ready now!**

### **ASIST – APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING**

ASIST is a two-day, in-person training. Participants must attend both days and stay for the entire time. There is no cost to attend. The training will be at the Community Service Building in Wilmington, DE. Free, validated parking will be available. Additional trainings will be held in Kent and Sussex Counties throughout the year. Space for these trainings are extremely limited. We ask that you only sign up if you are definitely able to attend. All cancellations must be done more than 72 hours prior to the start time for the training. **Classes will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023- Wednesday, April 12, 2023 8:30 am – 4 pm (both days)** To register contact the Mental Health Association in Delaware at 302-654-6833 ([jmolowitz@mhainde.org](mailto:jmolowitz@mhainde.org))