

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

Summer Office Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday thru Thursday

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

Come Holy Spirit



PENTECOST

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 28, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call
1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- June 11 - Corpus Christi Sunday Procession
- June 18 - Happy Father's Day
- June 19 - Book Club, 7pm "Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd
- June 21 - Juneteenth Celebration, 6:30pm with refreshments
sponsored by the Ministry for Black Catholics
- June 25 - Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation Sunday
- August 06 - Parish Picnic, Alapocas Park (Can-Do park)

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 4 - Seminarian Formation & Priests' Retirement Fund**
- **June 4 - Building Fund**
- **June 11 - St. Vincent dePaul**
- **June 25 - Peter's Pence Collection**

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



Mass Intentions May 28, 2023 — June 4, 2023

Saturday, 05/27/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/28/2023	10:00 am	Rev. John Enemu
Tuesday, 05/30/2023	12:10 pm	Jim Lester & Christie
Wednesday, 05/31/2023	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 06/01/2023	12:10 pm	Eddyson Riche
Saturday, 06/03/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/04/2023	10:00 am	

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:	Maegan Cobb

Introduction to the Liturgy

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the promise Jesus made to his disciples before he ascended to the Father. We ourselves were filled with the Holy Spirit at our baptism, along with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that were bestowed upon us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Drawn here together by the Holy Spirit, we recall the moment when the first disciples received the power that allowed them to carry out the mission Jesus had left them. May the Holy Spirit energize us to complete our Christian mission as well.



Again, thank you again to all who have already pledged to participate in this year's Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Participants can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31st. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

If you have not yet made a contribution, please consider doing so by scanning the QR code and make a donation online or use the envelopes located in the church.

May God bless you for assisting those in need of help and nourishment in body and soul!



Sunday Fellowship Sponsored by

LaVon Robinson

Thank you to all who have supported this ministry.
Thank you for your Generosity!!



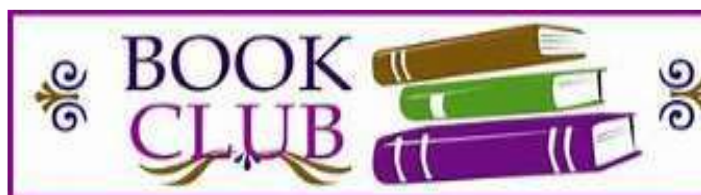
Parish Bus - May



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, May 7	Tony Miller
Sun, May 14	Judd Williams
Sun, May 21	Tony Miller
Sun May 28	Yolanda Mohammed

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **May 21, 2023 was \$3,486.** 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!

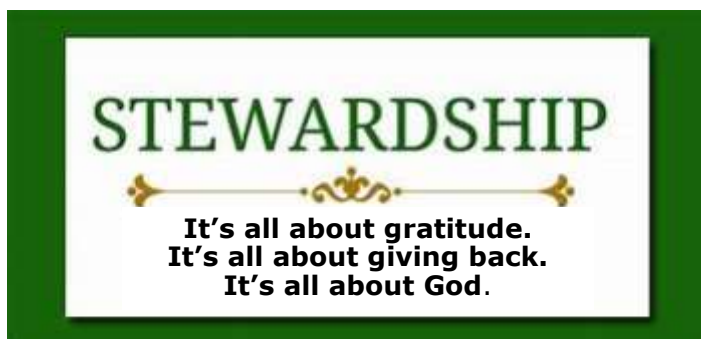


Meets in the Parish Center and via Zoom. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The next meeting is **June 19, 2023 at 7:00pm.**

The book for discussion is **"The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd.** See Geraldine Cochran for additional detail.



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, June 3rd, tune-in to hear an interview with Archduke Eduard Habsburg, Hungarian Ambassador to the Holy See, and author of the new book, "The Habsburg Way: Seven Rules for Turbulent Times." 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. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).



Catholic Charities eNews

Catholic Charities has released our May eNews issue. This issue "Show your FAITH through CHARITY" highlights the Catholic Appeal which benefits Catholic Charities, along with other news, events, and interests. Please take a read by scanning the QR code (below).



If you would like to receive the once-a-month eNews and keep up on happenings, sign up by scanning the QR code below.



Question of the Week

What gifts of the Holy Spirit do I recognize in myself? How can I use these gifts to bring Christ's peace and mercy to others?



Once again, **a bill to legalize physician assisted suicide** has been introduced into the Delaware legislature. This endangers some of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters - the elderly, the disabled, and the ill. Our opposition is rooted in the Church's belief in the sanctity of life and the dignity of the individual. For more information, visit cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide...

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.	Angela Pulliam Banks
Ben Pearce	John Madison	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin	Deidre Rogers
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Avril Madison	Mary Bossack	Julianna McGill	
August Hazeur	Donna Scott May	Mary Polk	Mavis Woolley	
Judy Gallagher	Meghan & Eric Pitts	Roxanne Wallace	Regis Majcher	

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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

This year, NAMI is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month with the ***More Than Enough* campaign!** It's an opportunity for all of us to come together and remember the inherent value we each hold — no matter our diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability. We want every person out there to know that if all you did was wake up today, that's *more than enough*. No matter what, you are inherently worthy of *more than enough* life, love and healing. Showing up, just as you are, for yourself and the people around you is *more than enough*. (Source: www.nami.org/get-involved-/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month)

NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

May is National Stroke Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the symptoms and risk factors of stroke. The latter is so important as most strokes are thought to be preventable with lifelong control of risk factors, especially high blood pressure. This month is also an opportunity to recognize progress in advancing stroke research and care as well as opportunities for improving outcomes and health equity. Moreover, new efforts are underway to develop and test drugs that might protect brain tissue after stroke. Stroke can happen to anyone, at any age. Do you know the warning signs of a stroke? Visit our Know Stroke webpage to explore and share toolkits, videos, brochures, and other stroke resources. The colleagues at the American Stroke Association are also launching a host of resources for #StrokeMonth to help people learn about stroke. (Source: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, www.ninds.nih.gov/news-events)

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

During the month of May, the Office on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion celebrates National Physical Fitness and Sports Month to raise awareness about the benefits of physical activity. Encourage people to get active using our [Move Your Way® resources](#) and interactive Move Your Way [Activity Planner](#). It's also a great time to support youth sports participation using the [National Youth Sports Strategy](#). (Source: <https://health.gov/news>)

NO TOBACCO DAY – MAY 31

World No Tobacco Day 2023 Theme: "We Need Food Not Tobacco" It aims to shed light on how the tobacco industry is impacting poverty, food shortage, and our ecosystem. Tobacco farming demands massive amounts of irrigation and the heavy use of pesticides and fertilizers. In addition, it contributes to large-scale deforestation and leads to the contamination of air and water systems. At the same time, it makes land less fertile, reducing its ability to support other crops. The [Islamic Medical Association of North America \(IMANA\)](#) is committed to helping individuals live healthier and happier lives. We enact several measures to achieve these goals which include education and awareness programs. If you have an organization that strives to raise awareness of this issue, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) (Source: www.imana.org/contact-us)



May

Justice Johnson	27
Mikael Ryan Watts	30

June

Jaeda Johnson	03
Richard Levy	04
Donna May	04
Judy Gallagher	04
Stacey Lowery	05
Darren Cruz	07
Joshua Cruz	07
Jerrold MacFarlane	07
Loretta Young	07
Bernadette Winston	08
Mimose Fleury	09
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
Anthony Ekah	20
Gavin McClain	20
Jenny Lynn Traynor	22
Antonia Clark	23
Charles Wing	23
Monique Mirabeau	25
Giavanna Cecere	26
London Louise Simmonds	26
Aletta Sterling	27

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.