

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>

Nineteenth Sunday



Ordinary Time

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.

Wedding Anniversary Blessings:

Contact the parish office to schedule or inform Father Evers or Deacon Cousar prior to Mass.

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 - Thursday — 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.

August 13, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- August 13 - First Communion
- August 15 - Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
- September 10 - Knights of Peter Claver Turn-Out
- September 10 - Parish Picnic, 12-4pm, Fox Point State Park
- September 25 - St. Joseph Book Club, 7pm, Conference Room
Belonging by Michele Miller

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

- August 5/6 - Building Fund •
- August 12/13 - St. Vincent dePaul •
- August 12/13 - Cathedral of St. Peter •
- August 15 - The Assumption of Mary •

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

Mass Intentions August 12, 2023 — August 20, 2023

Saturday, 08/12/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/13/2023	10:00 am	† David L. Fisher, Sr. Requested by David L. Fisher, Jr.
Tuesday, 08/15/2023	12:10 pm	† Ruby Ellen Hall
Wednesday, 08/16/2023	12:10 pm	† Jesus Diaz, Jr.
Thursday, 08/17/2023	12:10 pm	Daniel & Nancy Lester
Saturday, 08/19/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/20/2023	10:00 am	† Tony Dash Requested by Marie Dash

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers, V.C.
Deacons:	Robert J. Cousar Phillip Gonzalez
Admin. Assistant	Loretta L. Young
Receptionist:	Lavon Robinson
Coord. Religious Education:	Vacant
Dir. Music Ministry:	Brenda Burns
Bookkeeper:	Maegan Cobb

Introduction to the Liturgy

At this time of year, the forces of nature can buffet us from every side. Drought and forest fires, thunderstorms and floods, tornadoes and hurricanes—anything is possible. If we are in a vulnerable position—for example, in a small boat at sea—we can find ourselves in grave danger. Today we see Jesus calmly approach his disciples during a storm as their boat is tossed about by the wind and waves. As we act to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe this season and throughout our lives, let us trust in the Lord, who comes to strengthen and comfort us in times of danger.

Thank You!!! New Flooring Project

A very special **Thank You** to everyone who contributed toward our new flooring project thus far. The flooring project is a major undertaking, but one that is long overdue. We're grateful to God that we have raised the majority of the money needed, but we're still in need of additional donors who are able to support this project with a very generous donation.

Please consider making a generous contribution to our new flooring project in lieu of any personal gifts to me as I celebrate my 10th year in the priesthood. You may use the **White & Pink Special Offering Envelopes labeled Church Flooring** located in the pews, in the back of the Church, at the entrance and you may donate online via our website with your credit card.

Again, my heartfelt appreciation for your support and **Thank You** once again for celebrating my 10th anniversary and for your help in making the flooring project a reality!



CCD Registration is Now Open!

Calling all youth of the parish to sign-up for Religious Education! CCD will begin in early Fall for our youth in grades 1 thru 8 to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Faith formation and our spiritual journey begins in our youth as we start to learn and live. And then, through the mercy of God, our faith grows and strengthens throughout our lifetime. Through CCD, we establish the foundation.

Registration forms are available in the bulletin, the vestibule and on our website. Please complete and return by August 27th so that the Church can prepare for each grade level. Many thanks!

Parish Bus - August



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, August 6	Tony Miller
Sun, August 13	Tony Miller
Sun, August 20	Judd Williams
Sun, August 27	Yolanda Mohammed

Question of the Week

Who can I accompany on their journey
through stormy waters?
How can I reassure them and assist them?

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **August 6, 2023 was \$5,300**. 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!

Crab Feast

Thank you to all who supported last Sunday's Crab Feast! Whether you purchased tickets, made a donation, assisted with the set-up, or clean-up – please know how grateful we are to everyone who contributed toward another great day of fellowship at St. Joseph's. Thank You!

Special Collection – August 12 & 13

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. At the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the diocese began live-streaming Sunday Mass from our Cathedral. That effort continues today. In 2015, Bishop Malooly, with the support of the priests of the diocese, instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 12 & 13. More information is available at cathedralofstpeter.com... and at www.cdow.org/cathedral.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Please note that our **Sunday Fellowship Ministry will recess for the months of July and August** and will resume in September. We're most grateful to all who support this ministry.



Thank you for your generosity!



★ PARISH PICNIC ★

September 10, 2023

**** Fun & Fellowship**



"Fox Point State Park"
Lighthouse Road • Wilm., DE
19809



12 o'clock Noon—4:00 pm

Games ♦ Good Food ♦
Fun & Fellowship

Contact Linda A bill—302-367-6045

Bring a Dish to Share!



Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Rolls
and Water Ice



State Park Vehicle Admission Fees: \$4.00 in-state,

STEWARDSHIP

**If one first gives himself
to the Lord,
all other giving is easy.**

Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World and Carlo Acutis' 1st Class Relic

will be hosted by St. Elizabeth Parish & School - Fr. Roger DiBuo
and the St. Pius X Columbiettes.



Courtesy of www.carloacutis.com

**Don't miss the Vatican
International Exhibition of The
Eucharistic Miracles of the
World and Carlo Acutis' 1st Class
Relic, St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic
Parish, 809 S Broom St, Wilmington,
DE 19805. Join us the weekend of
August 26-27, 2023 for, veneration
of the first class relic of Blessed Carlo
Acutis, eucharistic miracle panel
display, and talks by Dr. Bill
Ryckman. Hosted by St. Elizabeth
Parish & School - Fr. Roger DiBuo,
Pastor, and the St. Pius X
Columbiettes.**

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	Deidre Rogers	Angela Pulliam Banks
Ben Pearce	John Madison	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin	
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.



August

Kenneth Cunningham	01
Madeline Porter	03
Bernard Sammons	03
Janelle Mirabeau	04
Michele Hinson	05
John Ekah	07
Ebon Flagg	07
John Polk, III	07
Deanna Cardenas	08
Mary Polk	08
Angela Pulliam Banks	08
Lolita Ashley	09
Ramaj Gray	09
Ava Morgan Watts	09
Matthew Hoey	10
Debbie Sterling	12
Adrienne Hopson	13
Paul McDermott	13
Maketa Jolly	14
Armando Nieves	15
Tia Pulliam	15
Stephanie T. Bolden	16
Herbert Sterling	16
William Willis	16
Hyacinth Boissiere	17
Erika Caesar	18
Christian Towles	18
Mary Mirabeau	22
James Mobley	22
Geraldine Cochran	22
Chris Cavin	24
Fallon McClain	24
Gaynell Baynard	25
Delores Spencer	25
Sierra Rando	27
Grant Wycliffe	26
Steven White	28
Patricia Rafter	31

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 office at parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.

From the Office of Marriage Family Life

Marriage Pointers

Aug. 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Through Mary Jesus came into the world. She nurtured him, witnessed his passion, and stood by the apostles at Pentecost. Mary's life mirrors God's relationship with us during times of bliss, agony, and fear. Despite being the mother of God, she focused on those in need; the lowly. Let go of self-importance today and be lifted up with Mary.

Parenting Pointers

"A woman...was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth." (Revelation 12:2). Perhaps you who are mothers experienced great pain in giving birth. Perhaps not. Perhaps you who are fathers joined emotionally in the angst of giving birth. Either way reflect together today about what bringing a new life

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH

Gastroparesis is a condition where symptoms occur during or after a meal and the stomach empties too slowly. No blockage is evident, and the delayed emptying is confirmed by a test. Long standing diabetes is the most common known cause of the condition. Seek appropriate care and take an active role in your health. Working along with your doctor or health care team will help control, reduce, or prevent symptoms and complications. Not only recognizing the symptoms, but also knowing the cause, and complications that can arise from gastroparesis, can help prevent delays in obtaining appropriate treatment. Learn more at this website: <https://aboutgastroparesis.org/>

2023 NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH

The 2023 NBM THEME, ***This is Our Why***, was conceived to shine a light on the many and varying reasons why this work is so important and center the conversation on the babies and families who need our support. Join us as we celebrate mothers and lactating parents and work to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding and human milk feeding for the 13th annual National Breastfeeding Month!

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

EXPLORE A PLANT-BASED DIET

For a variety of reasons, many people are interested in cutting back on animal foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, dairy products, and eggs. Some of them are motivated by the health benefits of eating more plants. Another main motivator for eating a plant-based diet is its environmental benefits. Traditional diets, such as the Mediterranean diet, tend to focus on more whole, minimally processed plant foods. Known for its well-documented health benefits, the Mediterranean diet is essentially a form of plant-based eating. Most of the diet consists of whole grains, vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, and pulses (the edible seeds of legumes such as lentils, beans, and peas as we journey across the U.S. together at <https://healthcenterweek.org/about-nhcw/>



Wedding Anniversary Blessings



Contact the parish office to schedule or inform Father Evers or Deacon Cousar prior to Mass if you would like to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing at Mass.