

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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Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

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

Twenty-First Sunday



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 27, 2023

Religious Education (CCD) Begins October 1st!

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- September 10 - Knights of Peter Claver Turn-Out
- September 10 - Parish Picnic, 12-4pm, Fox Point State Park
- September 19 Fall Bible Study Begins - 6 week session
Desert Wandering — Sign-up Today!
- September 24 - Kateri Circle Quilt Raffle
- September 25 - St. Joseph Book Club, 7pm, Conference Room
Belonging by Michele Miller

More detail inside

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.

- **September 2/3 - Building Fund •**
- **September 9/10 - St. Vincent dePaul •**
- **September 23/24 - Share in the Spirit •**

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 August 26, 2023 – September 3, 2023

Saturday, 08/26/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/27/2023	10:00 am	Mark Douglas † Requested by Stephanie Farris
Tuesday, 08/29/2023	12:10 pm	† Jacob Salla
Wednesday, 08/30/2023	12:10 pm	† Alex Mutegeki
Thursday, 08/31/2023	12:10 pm	† Vincent Donnelly
Saturday, 09/02/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/03/2023	10:00 am	† David L. Fisher, Sr. Requested by David L. Fisher, Jr.

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

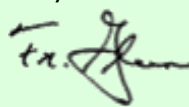
"Who do you say that I am?", we hear Jesus ask His disciples. We are His disciples as well so we would benefit by imagining Him asking us the same question. Who do you say that Jesus is? We should do the same, echoing Saint Peter's answer: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We know now what Peter could not have known at that time: that Jesus redeemed us when He died on the cross, that He was raised to eternal life with the Father, and that He is still with us today, particularly as we gather together in His Name and receive Him in the Eucharist. Let the "Amen" we say be our personal affirmation of Peter's answer, today!

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 - Aug/Sept



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, August 27	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Sept 3	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Sept 10	Tony Miller
Sun, Sept 17	Judd Williams
Sun, Sept 24	Tony Miller

Question of the Week

What have I learned about God and God's will through prayer?

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **August 20, 2023 was \$2,655**. 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!

From the Office of Marriage and Family Life

Marriage Moments

At the beginning of August, I wrote that August has 2 full moons (Aug. 1 & 30) symbolizing completion, fertility, abundance, and transformation. Good, BUT – it can also be a time of friction, polarity, and more-intense emotional energy. Reflect on how your life together has reflected both this past month.

Parenting Pointers

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" (Romans 11:35) As a parent you want to parent well. When your child is young, certainly you are smarter and know what is best for them. But as your child grows, it's hard to know what is best. Pray, read, talk, listen.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Please note that our Sunday Fellowship Ministry will resume on Sunday, September 17, 2023 and we're in need of sponsors at \$75 per week. The cost of donuts as well as the coffee, sugar and creamer has increased and while the parish can assume some of the additional cost we're most grateful to our sponsors.

Thank you for your generosity!



Married Couples Date Night Learn about Love Languages

**Saturday Sept 30 at 7pm
St. Mary Magdalen Church Hall
7 Sharpley Rd Wilmington DE
Please bring a snack to share.
Wine and water will be provided.**

Invite your friends.

Non-parishioners welcome.

RSVP to gae.piotti@gmail.com



"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
provided by the Parish**

**State Park Vehicle Admission Fees: \$4.00 in-state,
\$8.00 out-of-state**

Relief for Hawaii

Parishioners interested in supporting the victims of the Maui disaster, may make donations directly to Catholic Charities USA recovery effort at www.catholiccharitiesusa.com



STEWARDSHIP

**If you want to feel rich, just count all the
things you have that money can't buy.**

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

<i>Gerry Reybold</i>	<i>Jean Toy</i>	<i>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Deidre Rogers</i>	<i>Angela Pulliam Banks</i>
<i>Ben Pearce</i>	<i>John Madison</i>	<i>Ron Toy</i>	<i>Mercedes Zahralbin</i>	<i>Rose Comegys</i>
<i>Carolyn & Charles Wing</i>	<i>Avril Madison</i>	<i>Mary Bossack</i>	<i>Julianna McGill</i>	<i>Yvonne Hill</i>
<i>August Hazeur</i>	<i>Donna Scott May</i>	<i>Mary Polk</i>	<i>Mavis Woolley</i>	
<i>Judy Gallagher</i>	<i>Meghan & Eric Pitts</i>	<i>Roxanne Wallace</i>	<i>Regis Majcher</i>	

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

Berniece Bropleh Dorliae	23
Chris Cavin	24
Fallon McClain	24
Gaynell Baynard	25
Delores Spencer	25
Sierra Rando	27
Grant Wycliffe	26
Steven White	28

September

Billie Harris	01
Enrique Nieves	01
Amanda Shine	01
Marrisa May	03
Cheryl Riviere	03
Ernest Sutton	03
Mary Ann Cunningham	07
John Ekah	08
Santino Kapser	08
Leslie Ann Cunningham	10
Ariana Goode	12
Derrick Lowery	12
Madison Usher	12
Maya Cunningham	13
Kathleen O'Connell	13
Marques Polk	14
John Purnell, Jr.	14
William Willis, Jr.	15
Michele Francia	16
Jerry Kegelman	16
Doris Matthews	16
Kevin O'Connell	17
Jaylen ross Herman	17
Chanae Owens	19
Clifton Rashad	19
Sandra Donohue	28
Shirley Murray	29
Laura Altman	30
Dalicia LeaBough	30
Walter Spencer	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 office at

PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

OVERDOSE AWARENESS WEEK – AUGUST 28- SEPTEMBER 3

August 28th through September 3rd has been proclaimed as Overdose Awareness Week. It's a time to raise awareness of drug overdose, strengthen our efforts to prevent overdoses and substance-use related harms and deaths, and enhance our support for individuals with substance use disorders. Visit www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/awareness/overdose. Become a partner and receive a toolkit for your health ministry to help educate and prevent overdoses in our communities.

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY – AUGUST 31

A number of people may look to find mental health resources online because they do not feel comfortable revealing personal information about themselves to their healthcare providers, clergy, or close friends. Sharing is often difficult due to the stigma that has been unfairly associated with mental illness. We are seeking to change those dynamics to embrace our mental health as regularly as we do for our physical health. Overdose affects everyone, from grieving families to spontaneous first responders. The impacts of overdose are far-reaching and fall indiscriminately. (Source: www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/awareness/ioad.html)



Community Holiday Marketplace

SEEKING VENDORS!
Winter Clothing +
Items,
Decorations, and
More!

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 25TH
2023
9:00AM-2:00PM**

**St. Patricks Center
107 E 14th St. Wilmington, DE 19801**

**[\$25 PER TABLE - 15
TABLES PROVIDED]
REGISTRATION + PAYMENT
DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 31ST, 2023**

PLEASE CONTACT MARIAN BURT:
StPats@stpatrickscenter.org
FOR MORE INFO!





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.