

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 - Thursday

10:00 am - 1:00pm Friday

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Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

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



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.

September 10, 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 16 - NBCC XIII Day of Reflection, 9:30am—2pm
- September 19 - Fall Bible Study Begins - 6 week session
Desert Wandering — Sign-up Today!
- September 21 - RCIA for Adults Interested in becoming Catholic
7pm—St. Elizabeth Church, S. Broom St., Wilm
- September 24 - Kateri Circle Quilt Raffle
- September 25 - St. Joseph Book Club, 7pm, Conference Room
Belonging by Michele Miller
- September 27 - Holy Hour of Power & Adoration 6:30pm
- October 01 - Ice Cream Sundae Social -
Sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality
- October 07 - Marian Pilgrimage to Basilica in Washington, DC

More detail inside



September 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 September 9, 2023 - September 17, 2023

Saturday, 09/09/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/10/2023	10:00 am	†Chuck Calabrese Requested by Lynne & Mike Betts
Tuesday, 09/12/2023	12:10 pm	† Luis Barcenas
Wednesday, 09/13/2023	12:10 pm	† Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Kateri Circle
Thursday, 09/14/2023	12:10 pm	† John & Alex Lovell
Saturday, 09/16/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/17/2023	10:00 am	† Peter Cullins (Deacon Phil's Brother) Requested by the Parish

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

Today we hear Jesus assure His disciples that wherever two or three are gathered in His name, He is there with them. Our confidence in His promise assures us that Jesus is here with us now as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Aware that God is with us in our midst, let us raise our voices and lift our hearts unto the Lord.

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!



Join the Catholic Family of Faith All are welcome, all are welcome in this place!

The parish is happy to announce that we will begin the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) with an introduction and discernment process on Thursday, September 21st, 7:00pm.

This year we are collaborating with Saint Elizabeth Church located on South Broom Street in Wilmington and our classes will take place at their facility. However, all sacraments will be done at our home parish - here at Saint Joseph.

RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members from various faith backgrounds and other Christian Churches to become Catholic. It is also a path to prepare for receiving First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation for baptized Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is an opportunity and a process to learn about God's amazing plan for us through a conversion of heart that brings one to know and love Jesus Christ.

- ◆ Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?
- ◆ Have you been away, and want to come back to the Church and not sure how?
- ◆ Do you have a non-Catholic family member or friend who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith?
- ◆ Were you baptized but did not receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, please accept this as a personal invitation to join us. Simply see Father Glenn or call the parish office. This journey of faith is an enriching process and the most rewarding and beneficial journey a person take!

Don't delay, sign-up today - Jesus is waiting for you!!!

Parish Bus - September



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

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **September 3, 2023 is \$4,279**. 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!

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Thank You!!!

All Sunday's beginning September 17th through the remainder of 2023 have sponsorship to help cover the cost of donuts. We'll place a sign-up sheet for 2024 later in the year.

Thank you for your generosity!



Kateri Circle News

1) Raffle Tickets (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) for two small quilts will be sold after Masses and can be obtained from any Circle member. These one-of-a-kind Quilts will be on display for your viewing. Winners will be chosen on Sept. 24.

2) The wooden St. Kateri Pilgrim Statue is available for you to have in your home for one month. If you would like to "host St. Kateri," please use the Sign up Sheet in the Church Foyer.

3) The Fall Newsletter is available at the rear of the Church - if you don't see it and would like one, please see Gail Rando.

STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship begins with God at the center. When stewardship revolves around any other center, it is misconceived.

CCD Registration is Now Open!

Calling all youth of the parish to sign-up for Religious Education! CCD will begin October 1st 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 the form as quickly as possible* so that the Church can prepare for each grade level. **Sign-up Today!**



"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

Question of the Week

With whom do I need to reconcile?
How can I go about it fruitfully?



Married Couples Date Night Learn 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

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	Rose Comegys
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Avril Madison	Yvonne Hill	Julianne 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.



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

PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is held annually in September. National Preparedness Month is a time to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. **The 2023 theme for National Preparedness Month is "Take Control in 1, 2, 3."** The Ready Campaign's 2023 National Preparedness Month campaign will focus on preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events which continue to threaten the nation. Check out [National Preparedness Month | Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more updates on National Preparedness Month, like graphics, social media, and activities planned for September 2023

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH

About 1 in 5 American children has obesity. Compared to children with healthy weight, children with overweight or obesity are at a higher risk for asthma, sleep apnea, bone and joint problems, type 2 diabetes, and heart disease. Adults with obesity have higher risks for stroke, many types of cancer, premature death, and mental illness, such as clinical depression and anxiety. Though there is no one solution to addressing obesity, there are many ways parents and caregivers can help children have a healthy weight and set up lifelong healthy habits at home. **Talk to your child's healthcare provider if you're concerned about potential health risks associated with excess weight. Families can adopt healthy routines together, but they also need supportive environments. Learn more about what can be done to make healthy and active living accessible for everyone.**
(Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/childhood-obesity>)

Attention active and retired police, fire, EMT and military:

You are invited to the Annual Diocese of Wilmington Blue Mass to honor the work of all public safety personnel and military on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church 809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19805 The Blue Mass is an annual event that honors local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel and their families who live and work in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, which includes Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. First Responders of all faiths are welcome at the Mass! If you would like to bring an honor guard, mounted patrol, pipe & drum corps, etc.. Please email Mike Connelly at mconnelly@cdow.org. Departments, agencies, or other groups, please email Michael Connelly with a final count of attendees.



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.