

# 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

**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>

## Twenty-fifth Sunday



## Ordinary Time

**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.

### **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 24, 2023

## **Religious Education (CCD) Begins October 1st!**

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference  
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- Fall Bible Study -Every Tuesday thru Oct 24 - 6 week session  
*Desert Wandering!*
- RCIA - Faith Formation for Adults Interested in becoming Catholic, 7pm—St. Elizabeth's, 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 01 - Red Mass - 4pm St. Joseph's on the Brandywine
- October 06 - CYM Jesus Night - Holy Cross, Dover
- 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](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org); click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

## Mass Intentions September 23, 2023 - September 30, 2023

Saturday, 09/23/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/24/2023	10:00 am	† Mary Bossack Requested by the Parish
Tuesday, 09/26/2023	12:10 pm	† Gary Pawliczek
Wednesday, 09/27/2023	12:10 pm	† Rose Comegys
Thursday, 09/28/2023	12:10 pm	† Rev. John J. Kavanaugh
Saturday, 09/30/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/01/2023	10:00 am	† Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Dolores Fountain

### 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

After something terrible happens in our lives we may conclude that God doesn't care, that God has abandoned us, or that there is no God. This is natural, for we cannot see our world as God sees our world. Isaiah tries to impress upon his listeners that God's thoughts and actions are so far above our own that we will never understand them. As Christians, we believe that God so loves us that God sent the Son, who suffered and died to save us. We trust that no matter what, God is with us. May we be reassured by that truth as we gather today in God's name.



Dear Friends,

Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information and on-line giving options, visit the *Share in the Spirit* website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit>. You may also contribute by scanning the QR code.

May God bless you for your goodness in supporting the Church.

Sincerely,

Pastor

### 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

### Question of the Week

### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **September 17, 2023 is \$3,296**. 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!

**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!!!**

**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!



**Sunday Morning Fellowship**

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Sponsored by

**The Twyman Family**

**Thank you to all who have supported this ministry**

**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**

**Do not give, as many rich men do, like a hen that lays her eggs ... and then cackles.**

**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!**



## 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>Carolyn &amp; Charles Wing</i>	<i>Avril Madison</i>	<i>Yvonne Hill</i>	<i>Julianna McGill</i>	
<i>August Hazeur</i>	<i>Donna Scott May</i>	<i>Mary Polk</i>	<i>Mavis Woolley</i>	
<i>Judy Gallagher</i>	<i>Meghan &amp; 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](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.



### 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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)  
Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.*

## PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

### CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION MONTH

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance found in your body and many foods. Your body needs cholesterol to function normally and makes all that you need. Too much cholesterol can build up in your arteries. After a while, these deposits narrow your arteries, putting you at risk for heart disease and stroke. High cholesterol usually doesn't have any symptoms. As a result, many people do not know that their cholesterol levels are too high. However, doctors can do a simple blood test to check your cholesterol. High cholesterol can be controlled through lifestyle changes or if it is not enough, through medications. It's important to check your cholesterol levels. High cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. [https://www.cdc.gov/cholesterol/cholesterol\\_education\\_month.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/cholesterol/cholesterol_education_month.htm)

### NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

National Sickle Cell Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness and support people living with sickle cell disease. Help your community learn about sickle cell disease by sharing these resources from the [National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute](#) (NHLBI). You can also encourage new and expecting parents to learn about [screening their newborn baby for sickle cell](#). And be sure to view our [Healthy People 2030 objectives on improving health for people who have blood disorders](#).

### NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors [National Recovery Month](#) to raise awareness about mental health and addiction recovery. Share our [MyHealthfinder](#) resources on [substance use and misuse](#) — and be sure to check out [Healthy People 2030's evidence-based resources related to drug and alcohol use](#).

### **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](mailto: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.