

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

Twenty-Sixth 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.

October 1, 2023

Religious Education (CCD) Begins October 8th!

- 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
- 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
- October 15 - Medicare Presentation — Fellowship Hall
- November 1 - All Saints—A Holy Day of Obligation
Mass @ 12:10pm and 6:30pm

More detail inside

October 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.

- **October1 - Building & Maintenance Fund •**
- **October 8/9 - St. Vincent dePaul •**
- **October 21/22 - All Saints •**

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 30, 2023 - October 8, 2023

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
Tuesday, 10/03/2023	12:10 pm	† Msgr. Joseph Rebman Requested by Delores Fountain
Wednesday, 10/04/2023	12:10 pm	†Walter M. Napier
Thursday, 10/05/2023	12:10 pm	† Deacon James Lafferty
Saturday, 10/07/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/08/2023	10:00 am	† Gary Pawliczek Requested by Jenny Traynor

PARISH STAFF

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

Introduction to the Liturgy

God has blessed us all with the gift of life. While we were still in the womb, God knew us and formed us. During our entire life on earth God is with us, showering us with love and mercy. We come together today to praise God for such wonderful love and mercy, but also for the gift of life in the first place. On this first day of Respect Life Month, may we be reminded of the value of all human life and God's call to cherish life at every state.



Dear Friends,

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan *Share in the Spirit* tuition assistance collection last week.

For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or, visit the *Share in the Spirit* website by scanning the QR code below. This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition.

Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tr. Evers
Pastor



Sunday Morning Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by

Blessed Mother Sodality

Thank you to all who have
supported this ministry

Thank You for your Generosity!!



Question of the Week

How would my behavior change if I reorient myself toward others and away from myself? What could I do this week that I hadn't planned to do and for whom?

Parish Bus - October



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Oct 1	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Oct 8	Tony Miller
Sun, Oct 15	Judd Williams
Sun, Oct 22	Tony Miller
Sun, Oct 29	Tony Miller

Stewardship

**To give without any reward,
or any notice, has a special
quality of its own.**

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **September 24, 2023 is \$2,102.** 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!

respect life month

OCTOBER 2023

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as "Respect Life Month." This year, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month by embracing "radical solidarity" with women facing difficult or challenging pregnancies.

Bishop Burbidge echoes Saint John Paul II, who coined the term "radical solidarity" in reference to the care owed to vulnerable pregnant women: "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman."

While our efforts must remain strong to end legalized abortion, Bishop Burbidge affirmed the personal responsibility of all Catholics to "thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment."

Read Bishop Burbidge's full statement, "Living Radical Solidarity" by scanning the QR code.



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 began the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) with an introduction and discernment process.

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!!!

Kateri Circle News

The Circle thanks everyone for participating in the Quilt Raffle.

The winners:

Mary Mirabeau and Brenda Burns-Brady. Stella Caesar, and Taryn Blackwell pulled the winning tickets. Congratulations!

CCD Registration is Now Open!

Calling all youth of the parish to sign-up for Religious Education! CCD will begin October 8th 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

Gerry Reybold	Jean Toy	Guissepina Fazzone	Deidre Rogers	Angela Pulliam Banks
Ben Pearce	John Madison	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin	
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Avril Madison	Yvonne Hill	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.



October

Michel Hauteville	01
Mark LeaBough	02
Anthea Bedminster	04
Alexander Loosarian	04
Marie Dash	05
Royce Sterling	05
Marie Dash	06
Joyce Robbins Brown	06
Maryann Brown Martin	07
Yvonne Hill	09
David Fisher	10
Liana Thompson	10
Peyton Flagg	12
Derrick Johnson	12
Dalen Daye	15
Barbara Pulliam	16
Matthew Rando	16
Rosemary Chaplin	17
Joseph Owens	17
Andrea Queen	18
Robert Hopson	19
J'Ana McGill	19
Anthony Cecere	21
Roxanne Matthews	22
Lauren Scales Nieves	22
Albert Scales, Jr.	22
Laura Rando	25
Larry Chapman	27
John Cunningham	27
Gaye Council	29
Kenneth Pulliam, Jr.	29
Ella Taylor	30
Jecha Wright	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

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington High Schools

Open House 2023

Schools of Faith
Schools of Excellence

St. Elizabeth School
steschools.org
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 15

Padua Academy
paduaacademy.org
OPEN HOUSE SEPT. 24

Archmere Academy
archmereacademy.org
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 22

Ursuline Academy
ursuline.org
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1

Saints Peter & Paul High School
hs.sppseaton.org
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 22

Salesianum School
salesianum.org
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1

Aquinas Academy
aquinasacademy.net

Saints Mark's High School
stmarkshs.net
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1

For more information, go to cdow.org/schools or call 302-573-3133



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.

PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NATIONAL DEPRESSION and MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING MONTH

The Covid-19 virus may have changed the way we meet, but it has not stopped depression from affecting millions of Americans. Depression, anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse are on the rise. We need to reach out to individuals who have had at least one major depressive episode in the past year. Could that be you? Take advantage of the FREE depression screening test in-person or on-line. Contact cokparish@aol.com to schedule an appointment for a private screening test. Additionally, 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*.

<https://nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. **Are you worried about the cost?** CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program offers free or low-cost mammograms to women who have low incomes and are uninsured or underinsured. If you're uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible for a free or reduced-cost screening through the Delaware Division of Public Health