

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

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

Twenty-Seventh 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 our Deacons prior to Mass.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents are asked to participate in a Pre-Baptismal program. Please call the parish office 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:

Please notify the Parish Office if any parishioner is ill or hospitalized.

BECOMING CATHOLIC:

- ♦ 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!

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 8, 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 Church
- October 11
 - Peace Week - Gun Violence Prayer Service, 6-8pm St. Elizabeth Church, South Broom St., Wilm
- October 15
 - Medicare Presentation—Fellowship Hall after Mass
- October 29
 - 11th Annual Native American Mass 10:30am, St. Jude, Lewes, DE
- November 01
 - All Saints—A Holy Day of Obligation
Mass @ 12:10pm and 6:30pm
- November 02
 - All Souls Day - 12:10pm Mass & Luncheon
- November 20
 - Invite Family & Friends to Mass and Luncheon
- November 26
 - Christ the King Sunday!
- December 02
 - Christmas Fest & Bingo All the Way!!!
- December 03
 - First Sunday of Advent

October is Respect Life Month

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

- October 1 - 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. 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 October 7, 2023—October 15, 2023

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
Tuesday, 10/10/2023	12:10 pm	† Alberto Fazzone Requested by Guiseppina Fazzone
Wednesday, 10/11/2023	12:10 pm	† Thomas D. Green
Thursday, 10/12/2023	12:10 pm	† Earl F. Girardi
Saturday, 10/14/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/15/2023	10:00 am	Leah C. Bell

PARISH STAFF

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

Introduction to the Liturgy

Like the last few Sundays, the readings today speak of a vineyard. It is an excellent time of year to contemplate a vineyard, vines heavy with grapes waiting to be harvested. But when Jesus speaks in parable, each element stands for something else. The vineyard we are invited to contemplate today is not just a large field planted with vines, but our very home in the Lord. The fruit it produces is not just grapes or wine, but the kingdom of God made manifest in our world. Let us resolve to be productive servants in our Lord's vineyard.

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!



Question of the Week

What specific thing can I do to produce fruit for the kingdom of God?

respect life
month

OCTOBER 2023



Sunday Morning Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by

Dolores Fountain

Thank you to all who have
supported this ministry

Thank You for your Generosity!!



Stewardship

Time is a gift. God gives time to us with certain expectations of how we'll use it. However, our free will allows us to do whatever we want with it—good or bad. We can cherish our time, but we can also neglect it. We can hoard our time, but we can also share it. We can invest our

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

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **October 1, 2023 is \$4,402**. 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!

Peace Week DELAWARE



October 7-15, 2023

**The Ministry for Black Catholics
Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
Is Sponsoring
An Ecumenical Candle-lighting Service
for the
Victims of Gun Violence in Delaware**

October 11, 2023 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19805**

All are welcome.

Please join an Ecumenical Prayer and Candle-lighting service to commemorate the victims of gun violence in our community.

Musical Prelude by the Sine Nomine

*Directed by Marion Jacob
Anne McWalters of Moms Demand Action - Update on Legislative Action
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Mark P. Gardner
Volunteer Services Coordinator / Chaplain Ferris School -
"Guns, Gangs, or God?"*

*Soloist: Nanette Archie-Snow accompanied by Rev. Kevin Benjamin
Supported by St. Elizabeth Choir & Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NATIVE AMERICAN MASS

† **COMMEMORATING THE 11th †
ANNIVERSARY OF CANONIZATION OF
OUR PATRONESS,
SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA**



**OCTOBER 29, 2023 at 10:30 AM
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH,
LEWES, DE**

**CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST
BISHOP WILLIAM E. KOENIG, DD**

**CONCELEBRANTS:
REV. BRIAN S. LEWIS, PASTOR
VY. REV. GLENN EVERS, VC
DIR. CULTURAL MINISTRIES**

DEACON: AL BARROS

**CONTACT GAIL RANDO: 352-445-2350 OR
naministry@gmail.com**

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Sign Up Today!

Deadline Nov 1, 2023

**SIGHT & SOUND
THEATRES**

MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

LIVE ON STAGE

\$130 per person

***Includes Bus Transportation
Show & Lunch!***

Sponsored by:

**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
St. Joseph Church, Wilm., DE**

***Contact Mary Mirabeau
302-354-2378***



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

Salesianum School
salesianum.org
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1

Aquinas Academy
aquinasacademy.net

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

Saints Mark's High School
stmarks.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 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The early detection of breast cancer is often key to successful outcomes. But do you know what to look for or when to see your doctor? Get answers to your top questions with NBCF's free resource, Most Asked Questions: Breast Cancer Signs & Symptoms. A breast cancer diagnosis is overwhelming. That's why we started the NBCF Patient Navigation Program—so that no one faces breast cancer alone. Visit this website to download the free guide at www.nationalbreastcancer.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning. The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) has compiled a list of helpful resources for parents and caregivers, children and teens, mental health providers, child welfare workers, law enforcement professionals, educators and school staff, and policy makers. (Source: <https://www.nctsn.org>)

All religious and faith communities have a vital role to play in addressing the issue of domestic violence. There are a growing number of resources for faith leaders to utilize both within their own faith denominations and in interfaith collaborations across faith communities. By growing their knowledge on this important issue, faith leaders will not only help to promote healthy relationships and families but, most importantly, help to save the lives of victims and children who are relying upon them for assistance. (Source: <https://www.centerfordomesticpeace.org>)