

# 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 - 1:00 pm 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-Eighth 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 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 15, 2023

## **CCD in Parish Center Following Mass**

- 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 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 19 - 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 - World Mission Sunday •**



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](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org); click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

## Mass Intentions October 14, 2023—October 21, 2023

Saturday, 10/14/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/15/2023	10:00 am	Leah C. Bell
Tuesday, 10/17/2023	12:10 pm	Lillian Bell
Wednesday, 10/18/2023	12:10 pm	Gabriella Orlik
Thursday, 10/19/2023	12:10 pm	Rev. Charles Dillingham
Saturday, 10/21/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/22/2023	10:00 am	Michael P. Evers

### 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

Today we hear Jesus tell the story of a king who invites everyone he can find to a feast for his son. Today and every Sunday, we are invited to Mass to a feast where we receive God's Son. Many Sundays we take this invitation for granted or see it only as an obligation. Let this be an opportunity to be reminded that the Eucharist is a feast, that God's Son offers Himself for us each time, and that this is just a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come.

### 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!




It's time to finalize pledges made earlier this year to the **Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal**, an initiative that helps many ministries throughout the diocese. To date, our parish has collected **\$37,467 on a pledged amount of \$48,144 – we are only 78% of our pledged amount and the goal is to achieve 100%**. If you have already completed your pledge, thank you for supporting countless ministries in the diocese. If you have not yet completed your

Faith & Charity pledge, please do so immediately. Scan the QR code below to get to the payment portal, use the envelopes in the back of the church or you or may use the envelopes sent to your home from the diocese. Again, thank you to everyone for supporting this very important initiative.



### Question of the Week

How an God's generosity give me peace of mind though difficult times?

*Stewardship*

What I spent is gone. What I kept I lost.  
But what I gave will be mine forever.

### 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 8, 2023 is \$1,667**. 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!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NATIVE  
AMERICAN MASS**

**† COMMEMORATING THE 11<sup>th</sup> †  
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**

**The Sights and Sounds of Christmas concert  
with the New York Tenors** is scheduled for  
December 10, 2023 at St. Mark's High  
School. Consider bringing a group from the  
parish. A wonderful way to welcome this very  
special season. Tickets can be purchased online  
at [simplivetix.com/e/st-mar...](https://www.simplivetix.com/e/st-mar...) For groups,  
contact Stephanie Kelton - [skelton@cdow.org](mailto:skelton@cdow.org)

## Good News

from the  
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday,  
October 21<sup>st</sup>, tune-in to hear an interview with Sr.  
Mary Josefa of the Eucharist, a Sister of the  
Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles. Sister will  
discuss the new book, "Brides of Christ" and the life  
of their foundress, Sister Wilhelmina, who made  
headlines around the world - years after her death at  
age 95. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons  
at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online  
anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](https://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by  
searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify,  
iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see  
videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/](https://www.YouTube.com/)

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

### Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by  
**Peg Janes**

Thank you to all who have  
supported this ministry  
**Thank You for your Generosity!!**



**respect life**  
*month*

OCTOBER 2023

The **Bishop's 5K Walk/Run**  
will take place on Saturday,  
November 18, 2023, from 8:00  
AM - 11:00 AM at St. Mark's  
High School. All proceeds will  
go to Catholic Charities.  
[runsignup.com/Race/DE/...](https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/...)

## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION!

Thursday, October 26, 2023  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kingswood Community Center  
2300 Bowers Street

**Food Bank**  
OF DELAWARE

**Kingswood**  
Community Center

**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**

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

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.



### 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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)*

### The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington High Schools

# Open House 2023

*Schools of Faith  
Schools of Excellence*

**St. Elizabeth School**  
[steschools.org](http://steschools.org)  
**OPEN HOUSE OCT. 15**

**Padua Academy**  
[paduaacademy.org](http://paduaacademy.org)  
**OPEN HOUSE SEPT. 24**

**Archmere Academy**  
[archmereacademy.org](http://archmereacademy.org)  
**OPEN HOUSE OCT. 22**

**Ursuline Academy**  
[ursuline.org](http://ursuline.org)  
**OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1**

**Salesianum School**  
[salesianum.org](http://salesianum.org)  
**OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1**

**Aquinas Academy**  
[aquinasacademy.net](http://aquinasacademy.net)

**Saints Peter & Paul High School**  
[hs.spppeaton.org](http://hs.spppeaton.org)  
**OPEN HOUSE OCT. 22**

**Saints Mark's High School**  
[stmarkshs.net](http://stmarkshs.net)  
**OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1**

For more information, go to [cdow.org/schools](http://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

### **HEALTH LITERACY MONTH**

October is Health Literacy Month. Health literacy is a self-care justice issue and a vital effort towards eliminating health disparities, achieving health equity, and improving wholistic health and wellbeing. We can empower those we serve by enhancing their ability to find and use the relevant information necessary to make well-informed decisions. Effective health communication is critical to health and well-being. Healthy People 2030 focuses on improving health communication so that people can easily understand and act on health information. Greater health literacy helps us to overcome barriers and challenges that may result in harm. By collectively working to improve health literacy, we'll create a more equitable world where everyone can access high-quality care and achieve positive health outcomes. ([www.healthliteracymonth.org](http://www.healthliteracymonth.org))

### **HEALTHY LUNG AWARENESS**

We rarely think about breathing except when we have trouble doing so and that's why every October is Healthy Lung Month. Numerous organizations have joined forces to educate the public about the importance of protecting our lungs against general neglect, bronchitis, mold, air pollution, and smoking. The bottom line is If we take care of our lungs, our lungs will take care of us. Lung disease affects a huge number of Americans. Around 10 million are diagnosed with chronic bronchitis each year, 25 million are believed to be living with asthma, and over 150,000 die from lung cancer annually. Our lungs are important and Healthy Lung Month is an opportunity to create awareness around healthy lifestyle choices. (Source: [nationaltoday.com/healthy-lung-awareness](http://nationaltoday.com/healthy-lung-awareness))