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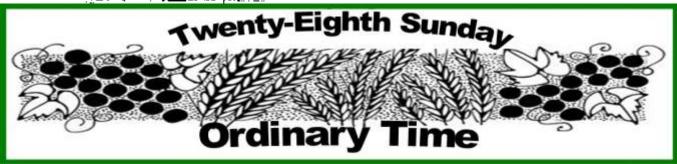
Office Hours: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday - Thursday

10:00 am - 1:00pm Friday

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

YouTube Channel: St Josephs Downtown Wilmington 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 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 receivé 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

- All Souls Day - 12:10pm Mass & Luncheon November 02

November 19 - Invite Family & Friends to Mass and Luncheon

November 26 - Christ the King Sunday!

December 02 - Christmas Fest & Bingo All the Way!!!

- First Sunday of Advent December 03

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.st.josephfrenchst.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

Admin. Assistant

Phillip Gonzalez Loretta L. Young

Receptionist:
Coord. Religious Education:
Dir. Music Ministry:
Bookkeeper:

Lavon Robinson
Vacant
Brenda Burns
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!



Question of the Week

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



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



It's time to finalize pledges made earlier this vear 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.

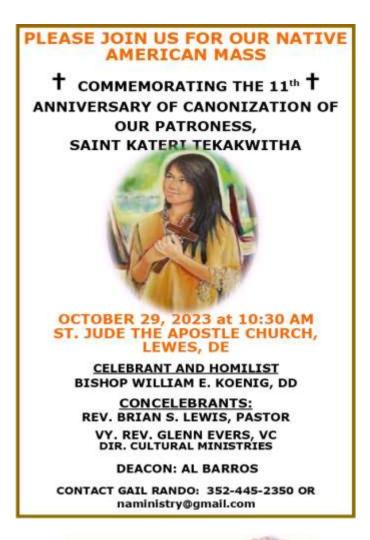


Parish Bus - October

	DATE	DRIVER
	Sun, Oct 1	Yolanda Mohammed
- innent	Sun, Oct 8	Tony Miller
Phintonion -	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!



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 simpletix.com/e/st-mar.... For groups, contact Stephanie Kelton – skelton@cdow.org



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, October 21st, 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, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at 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!!



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/...

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



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)

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)