

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

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Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

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

Twenty-Ninth 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 22, 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, *Sundays @ 11:30am*
- 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; click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

Mass Intentions October 20, 2023—October 29, 2023

Saturday, 10/21/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/22/2023	10:00 am	Michael P. Evers
Tuesday, 10/24/2023	12:10 pm	Jennifer M. Chickadel
Wednesday, 10/25/2023	12:10 pm	Michelle K. Bell
Thursday, 10/26/2023	12:10 pm	Most Rev. William Koenig
Saturday, 10/28/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/29/2023	10:00 am	† Hattie Coleman Requested by Loretta Young

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

The words from today's gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," are a reminder of our struggle to integrate our lives as faithful citizens with our lives as faithful Catholics. We are obligated to do both: to bring our faith and our values to all our responsibilities, including our civic ones. May the Eucharist we receive and share today strengthen us in fulfilling our mission in every respect.

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!



Stewardship

Some people say, "Give till it hurts." But God recommends that we give until it feels good.
God loves a cheerful giver!

Question of the Week

What can I do to repay to God what belongs to God?
How does giving to God make me feel richer?



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 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
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 15, 2023 is \$3,316**. 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 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

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/...

**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



**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

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday,
October 28th we talk with local author and funeral
director, Todd Harra, about his latest book, "Last
Rites: The Evolution of the American
Funeral." 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/](https://YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm)
DioceseofWilm. For photos, information regarding
upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic
Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by

Anthea Bedminster

Thank you to all who have
supported this ministry

Thank You for your Generosity!!



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

<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 & 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 & 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. 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 Loosararian	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
Please include your name, month, day and year*



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 BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

October's National Bullying Prevention Month reminds us that students, parents, teachers, and school administrators all play a role. Positive change comes as we begin to emphasize respect and inclusion on campuses across the country. So how can we help? We can start by launching a community-wide educational effort that focuses on celebrating our differences. In fact a few organizations and educational institutes who want to eliminate such flaws have **scholarships available** for those students who are interested and have unique ideas to fight these bullies. Visit this website for ideas of how you can **Put Prevention Into Practice** at: <https://nationatoday.com/national-bullying-prevention-month> -Source).

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY

Did you know that prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved to be abused or illegally sold, or that drugs flushed down toilets contaminate the water supply? The drug overdose epidemic in the United States is considered a public health, public safety and national security threat. We can help prevent and reduce medication misuse and opioid addiction by properly disposing of any unneeded medications at home. Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands, creating a dangerous and often tragic situation. Use this website for the [collection site locator](#) to locate the closest authorized collector for year-round disposal. If you or someone you know is suffering from substance misuse or abuse, get help now. You and your eligible family members may call the [Employee Assistance Program](#), 24 hours a day, at (800) 755-7002 or (770) 951-8021 for free and confidential assistance. (Source: Customs Borders Protection at: www.cbp.gov/prescription-take-back-day.html)

TALK ABOUT YOUR MEDICINES MONTH

Bodies change as they age. An important part of maintaining health is understanding how these changes affect the medicines you take. Learning [medicine-related terms](#) and [reading your medicine labels](#) are crucial first steps. [Labels](#) help you avoid side effects, prevent medication [interactions](#), instruct you in how to properly take the medicine, and more. This is true for both [over-the-counters](#) (OTC's) – which are still [serious meds](#) – as well as [prescriptions](#). In fact, those who understand their meds are more likely to take them. Unfortunately, many face challenges that prevent them from doing so. [AudibleRx](#) solves that problem by making it possible for everyone to easily understand their medication. Learn more about this website and the AudibleRx tool to bridge the medication-education-gap consumers, pharmacists, and physicians. (Source: www.bemedwise.org/talk-about-your-medicines-month)

VIAL OF L.I.F.E. – LIFESAVING INFORMATION FOR EMERGENICIES

Sponsored by the New Castle County Emergency Medical Services, the Vial of Life is an important medical information form provided in a medicine vial and kept in the refrigerator in plain sight for emergency responders to bring with you to the hospital. A Vial of L.I.F.E. magnet is placed on the front of the refrigerator and in your front room window to alert responders that there is a medicine vial available. To obtain a Vial of Life call 302-395-8184 or email vialoflife@newcastlede.gov