

# 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](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

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

# Thirtieth 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 29, 2023

## **CCD & RCIA in Parish Center Following Sunday Mass**

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference  
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- 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 23 - Thanksgiving Day Mass — 10:00 am
- 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**

### **November 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 November. We hope that you will continue supporting these important ministries and acts of charity.

- **November 1 - All Saints •**
- **November 4/5 - Campaign for Human Development •**
- **November 4/5 - Building & Maintenance Fund •**
- **November 8/9 - St. Vincent dePaul •**



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 28, 2023 – November 5, 2023

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
Tuesday, 10/31/2023	12:10 pm	Lillian Bell
	12:10 pm	For the People of the Parish
Wednesday, 11/01/2023	6:30 pm	Deacon Bob Cousar
Thursday, 11/02/2023	12:10 pm	All Souls Novena
Saturday, 11/04/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/05/2023	10:00 am	All Souls Novena

### 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

We are reminded in today's Gospel what Jesus considered to be the greatest commandments: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Let us renew our commitment to these commandments, resolving to follow them each and every day. Let us lift our voices in praise to our God, whose greatest command is simply to love.

### 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!

*Fr. Glenn*



Our parish has raised significant funds for the **Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**. Now, we need your help to reach our goal. If you've pledged, kindly ensure your payments are up to date. Your commitment matters greatly. Let's work together in faith and love to achieve our collective mission.

We are certainly making progress, since our last report our parish has collected **\$39,885 on a pledged amount of \$48,144 – we are 83% of our pledged amount and are still working to achieve 100%.**

Thank you for your continued support of this very important initiative.



### Question of the Week

What neighbor do I know who is in need?  
What can I do for them, even if it's just something simple?

*Stewardship*

Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.

### 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 22, 2023 is \$4,416.** 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!



## Sunday Morning Fellowship

### Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by

**The Kegelman Family**

**Thank you to all who have supported this ministry**

**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/...)

## HOLIDAY HOPE

As a service to the community, Doherty Funeral Homes is pleased to host a complimentary bereavement event designed to support and guide those coping with grief this holiday season. "Holiday Hope" will take place on Sunday, November 12th, 2022 from 1:00-3:30 pm at the Christiana Hilton (100 Continental Drive, Newark, DE 19713). Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register please visit [www.dohertyfh.com](http://www.dohertyfh.com) or call 302-999-8277

**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...](https://simpletix.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, November 4th, Father Norm Carroll, Director of Vocations, will discuss priestly and religious vocations and how to help promote them. 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/DioceseofWilm](https://YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).



## 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.

**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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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](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)*

### **CRAFTERS NEEDED!**

**Vendors are needed for Holy Family's Christmas Craft Fair, December 2nd & 3rd. Limited space is available—first come, first serve.**

**If interested, please send inquiries to [holyfamilycraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilycraftshow@gmail.com)**

## PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

### HEALTHY LUNG MONTH

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.

(Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/healthy-lung-month/>)

### RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK – OCT 25-31

Respiratory Care Week not only shines a spotlight on efforts to reduce disabling lung conditions like asthma and COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) but the week is devoted to panel discussions and special events to help raise public awareness about what they can do to reduce devastating lung conditions. Additionally, this week is designed to boost interest on the part of people who might want to become respiratory therapists or other health professionals working in the area of respiratory care. (Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/respiratory-care-week/>)

### NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY MONTH

No one wants to live in pain. But no one should put their health at risk in an effort to be pain free. Doctor-prescribed opioids are appropriate in some cases, but they just mask the pain—and opioid risks include depression, overdose, and addiction, plus withdrawal symptoms when stopping use. That's why the CDC recommends safer alternatives like physical therapy to manage pain. Physical therapists treat pain through movement, hands-on care, and patient education—and by increasing physical activity you can also reduce your risk of other chronic diseases.

Pain is personal, but treating pain takes teamwork. When it comes to your health, you have a choice. Choose more movement and better health. **Choose physical therapy!**

(Source: <https://www.choosept.com/choose-physical-therapy-over-opioids-for-pain-management-choosept>)

### RED RIBBON WEEK – OCT 23-31

The 2023 Red Ribbon Week theme is BE KIND TO YOUR MIND. Live Drug Free. This year's theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free. Danielle Helm, youth service center coordinator for Russel County Middle School chose this theme because drugs alter the current brain development of youth and hinders further growth. Drugs decrease levels of neurotransmitters in the reward system of our brain which can block the brain from naturally experiencing happiness. Be kind to your Mind. Live Drug Free is about making positive choices to be happy and healthy – that is being kind to your mind!

### TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)

This year, trick-or-treat for UNICEF offers a new digital experience, so you don't have to dress up and go door to door. When you use Halloween as a chance to do good, you help UNICEF deliver health care, defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. Visit the website where you'll discover entertaining learning activities for all ages and find ways that you can help. (Source: <https://join.unicefusa.org/trickortreat>)