

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 thru Thursday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday

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

Celebrating BLACK HISTORY MONTH Our Hidden Figures

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.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents and Godparents are asked to participate in a Pre-Baptismal program. Please call the Pastoral Center 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: This ministry is restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, please notify the Parish Office if any parishioner is ill or hospitalized.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, TELEPHONE

NUMBER: Contact the Parish Office if your personal contact information changes.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am
Tuesday thru Friday — 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.

Sunday, February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- Lenten Bible Study, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, 6 Week Session
The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation
- Stations of the Cross - Friday's @ 7pm, Beginning Feb 24, via Zoom, (301)715-8592 Meeting ID: 950 750 0067 Pass Code: 478044
- February 26 - Soul Food Luncheon in Celebration of Black History
- March 04 - The Chosen: 1pm-3:30pm, March 4 - Viewing & Discussion Saturday's During Lent, Parish Center Conference Room
- March 15 - Gospel Stations of the Cross - 6:30 pm
- March 30 - Trip to Sight & Sound Theater - *Bible Story of Moses!*
- March 27 - Book Club, 7:00 pm "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes
- April 02 - 74th Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast
- April 03 - Reconciliation Monday - 3:00 pm—8:00 pm

**KPC Annual Fish Fry, 11am - 2pm
Order Online!**

<https://stjosephfrenchst.org/lenten-fish-fry>

Mass Intentions February 25, 2023 — March 5, 2023

Saturday, 02/25/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 2/26/2023	10:00 am	† Rev. Frederick L. Miller Requested by Elise Cronin
Tuesday, 2/28/2023	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 3/01/2023	12:10 pm	† Jenny Lewis Requested by Betty Lou
Thursday, 03/02/2023	12:10 pm	
Friday, 3/03/2023	12:10 pm	St. Thomas More Society Requested by Fr. Glenn Evers
Saturday, 3/04/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 3/05/2023	10:00 am	† Earley Rashad Requested by Leonard & Loretta Young

PARISH STAFF

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

Introduction to the Liturgy

The Holy Spirit gathers us together today as we begin this forty day season of Lent. Life is full of temptations, and we are especially aware of them during Lent. We are tempted to do things we find desirable, even when we know they're wrong. We are tempted to avoid things that we believe to be undesirable, even when we know they're the right thing to do. Today, we hear the serpent successfully tempt Adam and Eve and the devil unsuccessfully tempt Jesus. May the Holy Spirit, who accompanied Jesus in the desert and accompanies us wherever we go, give us the strength to resist temptation.

Refresher on the Rules of Fasting & Abstinence During Lent 2023

Abstinence: All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Almsgiving: Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

Prayer: To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation Monday: Lent is also a privileged time for celebrating the **sacrament of Reconciliation**. On **Monday, April 3rd, 3:00—8:00 pm, Father Evers will be available for anyone wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.**



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."



Question of the Week

When does my self-centeredness lead me to give into temptation? How can my Christian concern for others help me resist that temptation?

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **February 19, 2023 was \$2,030**. 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!

Bus Trip & Show Thursday, March 30, 2023

**Sign-Up Today,
Reserve Your Seat!!**

**Deadline for Current Seat Block
2-28-23**

**\$100 pp
(Transportation & Show)**

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



Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary † St. Joseph Church, Wilm., DE

**Viewing of Season 1
Saturday During Lent**

The CHOSEN

**Beginning March 4
1:00—3:30pm**



*The Chosen is a TV series based on biblical events surrounding the ministry years of Jesus Christ after His baptism by John the Baptist and His 40 days in the desert. The first season of this series covers the beginning of Jesus' ministry up until His encounter with a Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-29). The Chosen takes liberties with artistic imagination and dialogue to present a backstory of some of the characters which helps add to the significance of the biblical events even though it's fictitious. The series provides a fresh perspective on familiar biblical characters and presents an inspiring yet entertaining story. **Mark your calendars beginning Saturday, March 4 and each Saturday thereafter thru April 1st, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm** and plan to join the viewing and discussion in the parish center. For More information see Deanna Cardenas or Dana Crumety.*

Answer Bishop Koenig's Invitation to join him for the Twelfth Cross Pilgrimage

Bishop Koenig invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the Twelfth Cross Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring The Scally Brothers at 10:00 am. We conclude with the 4pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact (*parish contact information here*) For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. Registration deadline is March 26, 2023 (*unless otherwise noted*).

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

- **March 5 - Building Fund •**
- **March 5 - St. Vincent dePaul •**
- **March 4/5 - Catholic Relief Services and Church in Latin America**

When making on-line donations, please use the drop down menu and select the special collection for which your gift is designated. We're grateful for your generosity and support of our ministries and aid to others. 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.



St. Joseph's Book Club

Meets in the Parish Center and via Zoom. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The next meeting is **March 27, 2023** and the book for discussion is **"The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes**. See Geraldine Cochran for additional detail.

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	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	
Ben Pearce	John Madison	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin	
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Avril Madison	Mary Bossack	Julianna McGill	
August Hazeur	Donna Scott May	Mary Polk	Nelson Brockenborough	
Judy Gallagher	Meghan & Eric Pitts	Roxanne Wallace	.	

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.



February

Chanae Council	25
Mattu Pennoh	25
Chantal Jackson	26
Daniel Mahler	27
Valerie Williams	28

March

Jasmine Blackwell	02
Stephen Thorpe	03
Blanche Tucker	03
Ikesha McGill	07
Lettie Williams	07
James Wesley Mobley	08
Kenneth Pulliam, Sr.	11
William Ray, Jr.	12
Jean Toy	12
Ron Toy	13
Chris Wright	15
Victor Newman	17
James Corbett	18
J. Barcon Hilton	18
Mercedes Zahralbin	19
Martin Willis	20
Stella Caesar	22
Avril Madison	22
Frances David	23
D'Aviona Perrigan	27
Deidre Rogers	27
Joseph Rafter	29
Vincent Crumety	30
Pierre Sterling	30
Bertley Wharton	31

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 secretary at parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org. Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

February is recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, which is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about abuse in teenage relationships. While this may not be a topic that is frequently discussed, it is an issue that affects millions of teenagers across the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Education, about one in three U.S. teens ages 14 to 20 have been victims of dating violence and about the same number say they have committed relationship violence themselves. But Delaware is making moves to help end teen dating violence. People's Place Delaware provides prevention services for teen dating violence. Anyone experiencing dating violence can call 1-800-799-7233 (SAVE) for help. To learn more about this increasing public health threat, visit <https://www.delawarepublic.org/february-is-teen-dating-violence-and-prevention>

NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

February is National Cancer Prevention Month, and while preventive testing should remain top of mind year-round, this month is a good reminder to schedule preventive screenings for cancers. The best way to detect cancer early and increase your chances for better outcomes is to get the routine cancer screenings and checkups recommended for you. Early detection of cancer can mean less extensive treatment, more treatment options and better chances of survival. The five-year survival rate for many cancers, when caught early, is as high as 90%. During National Cancer Prevention Month, we're focused on helping you understand the screening habits, healthy choices and other lifestyle changes that can lower your risk for several types of cancer. (Source: <https://www.preventcancer.org>)

INTERNATIONAL PRENATAL INFECTION PREVENTION MONTH

Pregnancy should be a time of excitement and joy, but for many expecting mothers, it's also a time of worry. Infections during pregnancy are common. Although exact numbers aren't available, it's estimated that over 60% of women in the United States have at least one infection at some point during their pregnancy, most commonly during the first trimester (first three months). Infections like the common cold are very unlikely to cause serious harm, but others can affect the baby's development and/or cause premature birth.

The most common and generally accepted infection prevention step that anyone can do is proper and frequent hand washing. This reduces the risk of infection spread by touch. Pregnant women and anyone coming in close contact should wash their hands: Women can't prevent all infections, but with good prenatal care, they can reduce the risk. Learn more about how you can protect yourself and your unborn, visit <https://www.sepsis.org/international-prenatal-infection-prevention-month>

Parish Bus -



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Feb 05	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Feb 12	Tony Miller
Sun, Feb 19	Judd Williams
Sun Feb 26	Tony Miller