

# 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 - 1:00pm 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>



**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.*

# November 26, 2023

## Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference  
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- Nov, 28, 29, 30 - Eucharistic Adoration, After Mass, 12:45pm
- November 28 - #Giving Tuesday
- November 29 - Advent Series: 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- December 02 - *Christmas Fest & Bingo All the Way!!!*
- December 03 - First Sunday of Advent

### **November is Black Catholic History Month**

### **December 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.

- **December 3 - Christmas Flowers •**
- **December 3 - Retirement Fund for Religious •**
- **December 3 - Building & Maintenance Fund •**
- **December 8 - Immaculate Conception •**
- **December 8 - St. Vincent dePaul Society •**
- **December 25 - Christmas •**

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



## Mass Intentions November 25, 2023—December 3, 2023

Saturday, 11/25/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 11/26/2023	10:00 am	†Clifton Coleman, Sr. Requested by Loretta Young
Tuesday, 11/28/2023	12:10 pm	All Souls Novena
Wednesday, 11/29/2023	12:10 pm	Fr. Roger DiBuo
Thursday, 11/30/2023	10:00 am	All Souls Novena
Saturday, 12/02/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/03/2023	10:00 am	† Vivian Young 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:	Daniel Stevens
Bookkeeper:	Maegan Cobb

## Solemnity of Our Lord, Christ the King!

Today we are given the chance of a lifetime: a preview of what we will face at the end of time, straight from the lips of the One who will come in glory on that day. This is Christ the King, who rules over God's creation. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides to His disciples how He will pass judgement on us all. Keep in mind that it's never too late. Let us take heed so that we may do what Jesus expects from us. Then one day may we inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

## Music Ministry

### Thank You Brenda and Welcome Danny!!!

Last Sunday we thanked and honored Brenda Burns for her tireless commitment to our church and the music ministry here. Again, we thank Brenda for having been a tremendous blessing to us and for having shared her faith, commitment, and talents as our Music Director here at St. Joseph. We will be forever grateful for the impact she has had in keeping the Gospel spirit burning alive and well in our hearts here with the praises of the Lord that were sung on our choir's lips and under her direction.

Now this weekend, we formally introduce Brenda's successor, Daniel (Danny) Stevens. We extend to Danny, a very warm and heartfelt welcome to St. Joseph Church as our New Music Director! Many thanks to him for accepting this position and helping us to continue to praise the Lord here in song.

Many of you have already heard Danny play for us during Mass as well as for the Gospel Choir in October. Danny is very accomplished, talented, and enthusiastic to help us continue to praise the Lord and evangelize through music here at St. Joseph Church.

Danny shares he has been "an active member of the Wilmington Diocese since arriving in DE in 2008. I am a music professor at the University of Delaware, a professional pianist and cellist, and have participated in Catholic music ministries around the country since 1992." As you can see Danny comes to us very well qualified and undoubtedly will be a perfect fit in continuing Brenda's great work. While at the moment, he does not specialize in the Gospel genre of music, he is very talented and eager to learn and incorporate this into his own repertoire for us. We have already heard his ease and energy in playing Gospel music for us.

Again a big thank you to Brenda and prayers and blessings upon Danny as he takes on this new role as our Music Director!

*Fr. Glenn*



## Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by

**Gwen Cavin**



Thank you to all who have supported this ministry.

**Thank you for your Generosity!!**

# Diocese of Wilmington EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEEK

## St. Joseph Church

12:45 - 2pm Each Day

Tuesday, Nov 28  
Wednesday, Nov 29  
Thursday, Nov 30



## Advent Series:

### Christmas is Coming Are You Ready?

Join Deacon Phil for a 4-week Parish Advent program designed to help us prepare our hearts and mind for Christmas. The program takes place on

Wednesday, November 29th

Wednesday, December 6th

Wednesday, December 13th

Wednesday, December 20th

Each session will begin with a light supper at 6:00pm.

All are welcome!

## Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **November 19, 2023 is \$4,003.** 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!

## Parish Bus - November



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Nov 5	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Nov 12	TBD
Sun, Nov 19	Judd Williams
Sun, Nov 26	TBD

## Bus Driver Needed

The parish is need of an additional bus driver to transport parishioners to and from Mass 1-2 Sundays per month. If you're aware of someone with a CDL license who would like to work approximately 4-5 hours on Sunday morning, please notify Deacon Cousar. We trust that the Lord Jesus will provide and that we can continue providing this important transportation ministry every Sunday.

## Question of the Week

Whom do I overlook and in whom do I fail to see Christ?  
How can I force myself to look past surface impressions?



A loving, joyful, liberal giving to the Lord's work is an litmus test of a spiritual heart that is pleasing to God.

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## Saturday, Dec 2nd

# Christmas Fest

and

# B I N G O

*All the Way!!!*

**\$50**  
Cash Prize  
Give-Away  
Drawing  
End of Day!

**Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**Parish Fellowship Hall**

**Breakfast with Santa | 9:30 am 11:30am**  
**Includes Picture with Santa**

**Bingo All The Way | 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm**  
*Kids Zone, Baked Goods, Tromboli, New To You*  
*Hotdogs, Hot Sausage, Chips, Beverages*

## 11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 4, 2024

VISITING: ATHENS \* CORINTH \* MYKONOS \* EPHEBUS \* PATMOS  
CRETE \* SANTORINI \* DELPHI \* KALAMBAKA \* THESSALONIKI  
*Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey*

HOSTED BY

VY. REV. GLENN M. EVERS, V.C.

**\$4399 FROM PHILADELPHIA\***

\*Air/land tour price is \$3879 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact  
Loretta Young

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**SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!**



## 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.



### November

Deacon Robert Cousar	01
Jordan MacFarlane	01
Michael Simmonds, Sr.	03
Marinda Kathryn Harrell-Levy	05
Mary McDermott	05
Kathryn Fahey	06
Andria Lynne Williams	06
Ella Scales	08
Emma Scales	08
Timothy Loosararian	09
Tyler Loosararian	09
Lorenzo Nieves	09
Tameka Sterling	09
Chloe Williamson	09
Juaquin Ledesma	10
Crystal Herman	15
Dana Marie Crumety	16
Evelyn Taylor	16
Saniya Cunningham	19
Trevor Wharton	23
Aviann Usher	24
Antoine Brewington	25
Julius Brewington	25
Brandon Pulliam	25
Marilyn O'Connell	27
Laurel Bedminster Mansor	29
Adia Bracy	29
Austin Fontnette	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 secretary at [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)*

## PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

### NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, a time to heighten awareness about Alzheimer's disease and show support for the more than 6.2 million Americans living with it. There are a number of quick and easy ways you can help raise awareness, show support, and fight Alzheimer's disease! **Get Free Virtual Memory Screening!** Memory screenings are an important part of a good health and wellness routine. Through its National Memory Screening Program, AFA allows individuals to receive free, one-on-one, confidential memory screenings from a qualified professional in a virtual format using their computer, smartphone, or tablet. Call AFAAT 866-232-8484 to make an appointment. (Source: [alzfdn.org/memory-screening-2/virtual-memory-screenings](http://alzfdn.org/memory-screening-2/virtual-memory-screenings))

### PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

November is a month of empowerment, education, and inspiration for communities far and wide who have been touched by pancreatic cancer. It is our opportunity to shine a light on this disease, to elevate our voices to raise awareness and to invite others to join us on the journey towards a cure. Pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers. It is currently the 3rd leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States after lung and colon. For all stages combined, the 5-year relative survival rate is 12%. Early detection helps save lives, so educate your community with the facts, symptoms, and risk factors of pancreatic cancer. Our resources can help you take steps to prevent this disease and inform family and friends who may be at risk. Join us today and help shine a light on pancreatic cancer at: (Source: [pancreatic.org/November](http://pancreatic.org/November)).

### NATIONAL HEALTHY SKIN MONTH

Everybody needs good skin care — from newborns to people more than 100 years old. That's why National Healthy Skin Month is everyone's awareness month. To help you keep your skin looking its best, this November, the American Academy of Dermatologists is spotlighting unsafe skin care trends. Board-certified dermatologists are seeing unsafe trends on social media and elsewhere. Log on to their website to learn of five trends that dermatologists say you should avoid. (Source: [aad.org/public/public-health/awareness-campaigns/national-healthy-skin-month](http://aad.org/public/public-health/awareness-campaigns/national-healthy-skin-month)).

### PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Every year, more than one in ten babies are born preterm. In 2021, there were more than 383,000 preterm births and as our 2022 Report Card shows the prematurity crisis is at its highest rate in 15 years, disproportionately impacting Black and Indigenous communities. **March of Dimes is committed to changing this by passing the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act of 2023 (H.R. 3226/S.1573).** The PREEMIE Reauthorization Act is the federal government's commitment to preventing preterm birth and its long-term consequences through funding research, support and prevention programs and coordination of government efforts. You can join the March of Dimes campaign's efforts by emailing your federal lawmakers. Tell them we must continue protecting our nation's babies and why you support preventing preterm birth. We need to pass the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act now! Take action! (Source: [marchofdimes.org/prematurity-awareness-month](http://marchofdimes.org/prematurity-awareness-month))



### **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.