

# 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.**

## December 3, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15pm via Conference  
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- December 06 - Advent Series: 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- December 08 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation
- December 18 - City Christmas Confessions, 12-2pm and 5-7pm
- December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent
  - 10:00am Mass
  - Christmas Eve
    - 4:15pm Christmas Nativity
    - 4:45pm Christmas Caroling
    - 5:00pm Mass
- December 25 - Christmas Day - 10:00am Mass  
Christmas Novena

### **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 December 2, 2023 - December 10, 2023

Saturday, 12/02/2023	5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/03/2023	10:00am	† Vivian Young Requested by Loretta Young
Tuesday, 12/05/2023	12:10pm	Robert Kelly Requested by Dana Robinson
Wednesday, 12/06/2023	12:10pm	Robert Paul Corsini
Thursday, 12/07/2023	10:00am	Virginia Wallace
Friday, 12/08/2023	12:10pm	For the People of the Parish
Saturday, 12/09/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/10/2023	10:00 am	† David L. Fisher, Sr. Requested by David Fisher, Jr.

## 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

## First Sunday of Advent

Bombarded with Christmas decorations and music for weeks now, we are undoubtedly already anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. But today we are reminded that the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ was not a single, one-time-only event. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that He will come again when we least expect. He is referring to the end of the world, but in truth He can also come to us in our hearts at any time: during a traumatic event, in a chance encounter with a stranger, or even through someone who's spreading the Christmas spirit. May we remain vigilant for our Lord's coming in whatever way or whatever time it may happen.

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Thank You to everyone who made their Giving Tuesday donation to our parish. Because of your support, we have achieved 48% toward our \$5,000 goal for this year's Giving Tuesday.

As a result, we have extended our Giving Tuesday effort for a few more days to give time for those who intend to make a donation. Your donation will go towards supporting the many ministries of the parish such as our music ministry, transportation of our seniors, etc.

It's not too late to give! No amount is too small or too large. If you weren't able to participate on Tuesday, November 28, it's not too late to make a donation today.

Thank you in advance for your goodness to our church and may the Lord bless you abundantly in caring for our parish family in this way!

Gratefully in Christ,



### **Advent Series:**

### ***Christmas is Coming Are You Ready?***

Join Deacon Phil for a 4-week Parish Advent Reflection series designed to help us prepare our hearts and mind for Christmas.

The series 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!



Remember this—you can't serve God and money, but you can serve God with money.

## Christmas Decorations Fund



Consider honoring a family member, friend or loved one by contributing toward the Christmas decorations fund. This is a very nice way to remember loved ones, during the season of Our Savior's Birth, while supporting your parish. Envelopes are in your box set and the church pews.



### **Weekly Collections**

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **November 27, 2023 is \$1,457.** 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 Fellowship

Sponsored by

## Blessed Mother Sodality

Thank you to all who have supported this ministry.



## Question of the Week

What will I do this week to prepare for Jesus Christ's coming, knowing that it may happen at any time?

## Parish Bus - December



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Dec 3	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Dec 10	TBD
Sun, Dec 17	Judd Williams
Sun, Dec 24	TBD
Sun, Dec 31	Yolanda Mohammed

## 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.

## Good News

from the  
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Michael Foley, author of the international bestseller, "Drinking With the Saints," will talk about his book, "Why We Kiss Under the Mistletoe: Christmas Traditions Explained," plus we will chat with Sister Ann David Strohminger about the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis' establishing the tradition of the Christmas Crèche. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://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://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

## CHRISTMAS WITH THE NEW YORK TENORS!

Join us for a magical evening of music and joy at our Catholic Charities - Christmas Concert Fundraiser featuring the renowned New York Tenors! On December 10<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mark's High School Theater, immerse yourself in the spirit of Christmas and support a great cause. All proceeds from this enchanting event will go to Catholic Charities, helping us extend a helping hand to those in need during this holiday season. Take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the holidays while making a meaningful impact. Purchase your tickets at [wilmingtondiocese.simp...](http://wilmingtondiocese.simp...) today—seats are selling fast! Let's share the gift of love and compassion this Christmas.

# 11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 4, 2024

VISITING: ATHENS \* CORINTH \* MYKONOS \* EPHESUS \* 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

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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**

<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.

## PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

### SAFE TOYS and GIFTS MONTH

Keep in mind the child's age and development level (most toys offer an age range for guidance). If shopping for infants and children with special needs, look for toys that appeal to the senses (sound, light, movement, texture, etc.). And finally, remember the rule that if the piece can fit in a toilet paper roll, it is not meant for children under 3 years of age. Visit Prevent Blindness website for more information and tips on how to keep your children safe this season at: [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

### INTERNATIONAL DAY - PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DAY – DECEMBER 3

The day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life. World Health Organization joins the United Nations in observing this day each year, reinforcing the importance of securing the rights of people with disabilities, so they can participate fully, equally and effectively in society with others, and face no barriers in all aspects of their lives.

(Source: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities>)

### NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK – DECEMBER 4-8

The **single best way to reduce the risk of seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications is to get vaccinated** each year, but good health habits like avoiding people who are sick, covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like flu. There also are flu antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent flu. The tips and resources available on this website will help you learn about additional actions you can take to protect yourself and others from flu and help stop the spread of germs, learn more at (Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm>)

### NATIONAL HANDWASHING AWARENESS WEEK – DECEMBER 4-8

Washing your hands with soap and water is the best way to protect yourself from getting sick and stop spreading germs to others. Amid a worldwide health crisis, handwashing became one of three major tenets to avoid infection, along with mask-wearing and social distancing. When you don't have access to soap and water, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol to kill any germs. Make sure to cover the entire surface of your hands and fingers until your hands feel dry, about 20 seconds. Remember, keeping your hands clean is easy and, ultimately, benefits everyone. (Source: National Public Health Information Coalition: <https://nphic.org/news/featured-topics/519-national-handwashing-awareness-week-december-1-7>)



### **December**

Ryan Small	02
Vanel Fleury	03
Josephine Griffin	03
August Hazeur	03
William Cavin	04
Marie Corbitt	05
Alisha Cruz	08
Rosetta Henderson	08
Iona Johnson	08
Maria Bairos	09
Irmina Hudson	10
Yvonne Flagg	12
Willa Seth	12
Dana Jackson	13
Tristan Thompson	14
Xavier Wycliffe	14
Kenneth Cunningham	15
Donald Cory Towles	15
Olivia Frances Clark	16
Michala Leventry	17
Carlvn Joseph	21
Patrick Abili	22
Lisa Hudson	25
Mary Pearce	25
Rita Watts	25
Gabriel Elijah Towles	28
Leatitia Bedminster	29
Desiree Blackwell	29
Christopher Sterling	29
Colby Twyman	29
Marquis Baynard	30
Tracy Purnell	30
James Forrest	31
Janice Jolly	31
Paula Willis	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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org) Please



### **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.