

# 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 10, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15pm via Conference  
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- December 13 - Advent Series: 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 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 Begins

### **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 9, 2023 - December 17, 2023

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.
Tuesday, 12/12/2023	12:10pm	† Rev. Sean Turley
Wednesday, 12/13/2023	12:10pm	† Elizabeth McKinney Requested by Tony & Cabby Flynn
Thursday, 12/14/2023	10:00am	† Rosemarie Forte Requested by Alex Mili
Saturday, 12/09/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 12/10/2023	10:00 am	† Ginny Lewis Requested by Dolores Fountain

## 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

## Second Sunday of Advent

"Make straight His paths," Isaiah cried out, prophesying that the Lord would come to rescue and comfort the people of God. Centuries later, Mark quotes this call at the very beginning of his Gospel, presenting John the Baptist as the prophet who took this to heart, preparing the way for the Lord. Now, two millennia later, during this season when we prepare for the Lord's coming into our lives and into our hearts, how can we "make straight His paths"?

### 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!

### Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by



**Herb & Debbie Sterling**

Thank you to all who have supported  
this ministry.

**Thank you for your Generosity!!**



*Stewardship*

No church ever has a money problem,  
only a faithfulness problem.

## 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.



### 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.

### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **December 3, 2023 is \$3,362.** 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!



# 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

For More Information, Please Contact

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

## Question of the Week

What is the most difficult obstacle I face  
in preparing a way for Christ to come into  
my heart anew this Christmas?  
How can I remove this obstacle ?



## 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.

# Christmas Confessions in the City

**Monday December 18**

12PM TO 2PM & 5PM TO 7PM

**Saint Anthony of Padua**

901 North Dupont Street

**Saint Elizabeth**

809 South Broom Street

**Saint Hedwig**

408 South Harrison Street

**Saint Joseph**

1012 North French Street

**Saint Paul**

101 West Fourth Street

**Saint Patrick**

1414 King Street

**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

301 North Bancroft Parkway

**St. Ann**

2013 Gilpin Avenue (6:30PM to 7:30PM only)

Let Every Heart  
Prepare  
Him Room



## 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

### UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

We have seen our share of cruelty and hate. We can do better. That's why the world is observing Universal Human Rights Month during December. This month is a reminder that the United Nations General Assembly codified the basic human rights of every person. It's also a time to reflect on the way we treat others, and to do what we can in the fight for equality, especially in a time when topics such as systemic racism are widely being addressed. (Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/human-right-month-december/>) 2023

### UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

10 December 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. The Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 and sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world. (Source: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day/>)

### GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT MONTH DECEMBER

More than 100 years ago, Prevent Blindness was founded as a public health advocacy organization, dedicated to eliminating blind eye disease in newborns (ophthalmia neonatorum). Today, Prevent Blindness, and its affiliates, have expanded the mission to serve millions of Americans across the age spectrum by raising awareness and educating the public about conditions related to vision and eye health; advocating for vision health-related public policy; promoting early detection as a key to the prevention of vision loss and blindness; supporting public health research to identify the scope of vision problems across the United States; and producing expert-reviewed resources that meet patient and caregiver needs. (Source: <https://preventblindness.org/december-give-the-gift-of-sight/>)



*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 Strohinger 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/DiocesefofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).*

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

### 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
Carlvin 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*