

St.
Joseph's
Church



THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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

Come and See...

We Have Found
THE MESSIAH

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.

January 14, 2024

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- January 17, 2024 - Bible Study, 6pm Light Supper, Session begins at 6:30pm
- January 22, 2024 - Book Club, 7pm Parish Center Conference Room
- February 10, 2024 - Mardi Gras Party! 6pm—10pm, Tickets 2 for \$50, \$30 each
- February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday, 12:10pm Mass, 1:00pm Liturgy of the Word
- February 16, 2024 - Lenten Fish Fry, Every Friday During Lent, 11am—2pm
- March 19, 2024 - Mass of Blessing & Dedication of New St. Joseph Statue, 6:00 pm

Detail Inside

Mass Intentions January 13, 2024 - January 21, 2024

Saturday, 01/13/2024	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/14/2024	10:00 am	†Julia Wilson
Tuesday, 01/16/2024	12:10 pm	Doris Powers
Wednesday, 01/17/2024	12:10 pm	†Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 01/18/2024	12:10 pm	†Msgr. Dan McGlynn
Saturday, 01/20/2024	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/21/2024	10:00 am	†Thomas LaCroix

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:	Joseph Garniewski, Sr.

Introduction of the Liturgy of the Day

Last Sunday, on the feast of the Epiphany, we heard the familiar story of the Magi, who, directed by the star to Bethlehem, find the Baby Jesus. Today we hear of the first disciples, who, directed by John the Baptist, encounter the adult Jesus. That initial encounter changes the entire course of their lives. For as Andrew insists to his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." May our encounter with the Lord, here and elsewhere, influence the way we live our lives as well.

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.

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.

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

In the Footsteps of St. Paul

11 DAYS: 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 PER PERSON FROM PHILADELPHIA
(Air/land tour price is \$3879 plus \$520 government taxes/airline surcharges)



QUALITY TOURS SINCE 1949

Question of the Week

What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Stewardship and giving is not an optional part of our faith, it's woven into the fibers of our existence as believers.



Party with Sampling of N'awlins Cuisine

Saturday, February 10, 2024

6:00 PM til 10:00 PM

Tickets: \$30 each or 2 for \$50

Parish Fellowship Hall
1012 French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801



Price Includes: Games, Music,
Sampling of Cajun Cuisine, and
Lots of N'awlins style fun!

Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

FOR TICKETS CONTACT

Adrienne Hopson - 302-290-1713
Mary Mirabeau - 302-354-2378
Mary Polk - 302-442-3861



Parish Bus - January



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Jan 07	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Jan 14	TBD
Sun, Jan 21	Judd Williams
Sun, Jan 28	TBD



Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by

Lavon Robinson



Now that we've begun a new year, we're in need of additional sponsors.

Sponsorship is on \$75 per week and it helps to offset the expense incurred by the parish. If you would like to sponsor our Sunday Fellowship in 2024, please use the sign-up sheet located in the front of the church. Thank you to all who have and continue to support this ministry.

from the Office for Marriage and

Family Life (OMFL)...

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 1:00PM at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Reservations are required by February 2, 2024.

Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be completed by using the following link – cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...

January 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.

- January 01 - Mary, Mother of God •
- January 07 - Building & Maintenance Fund •
- January 07 - St. Vincent dePaul Society •



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; click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

St. Joseph's



The St. Joseph's Book Club will meet on **Monday, January 22, 2023, 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. The book for discussion is *More than I Imagined* by John Black.

All are welcome to join in on the discussion. Please see Geraldine Cochran for information.

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	Deidre Rogers	Angela Pulliam Banks
Ben Pearce	John Madison	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin	
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Avril Madison	Yvonne Hill	Julianna McGill	
August Hazeur	Donna Scott May	Mary Polk	Mavis Woolley	
Judy Gallagher	Meghan & Eric Pitts	Roxanne Wallace	Regis Majcher	

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Francis Crumety	01
Arielle Mobley	03
Gail Rando	04
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Maria Rivera	08
Albert Fletcher	09
Douglas Loosarian	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Andres Barranco	10
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Laura Chaplin	14
Sheris Owens	14
Chantal David Towles	14
Alexis Caesar	15
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Kyle Hopson	22
Jane Crowley	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	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. Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.



Wedding Anniversary Blessings



Contact the parish office to schedule or inform Father Evers or Deacon Phil prior to Mass if you would like to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing at Mass.

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, January 20th, we talk with the Executive Director of La Plaza Delaware, Mary Dupont, and learn about their work in support of Latino entrepreneurs in Sussex County. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at 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://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

DELAWARE PICTURE ON COVID

Hospitalizations are up.
The length of hospital stays is longer.
Daily hospitalization admission rate is up.
Emergency department visits for COVID are up.
Vaccination rate continues to be low with only approximately 125,000 Delawareans vaccinated with the new COVID vaccine shot for this year compared to over 280,000 vaccinated for the flu; overall rate for Black population is 8.4% while that of the White population is 15% **(Note: We need to do better as a state on this rate.)**

(Source: Wilmington Community Health Advocacy Mobilization Group, Department of Public Health as of 12/29/23)

BASIC SAFETY MESSAGES STILL WORK

Get vaccinated (talk with health care provider about when to get vaccinated after recovering from COVID)
Wash hands frequently
Cover coughs
Mask when in crowded place
Stay home if sick.
Stay updated with the latest information.

TESTING AND VACCINATIONS

Free in-home test kits still available from the Federal government; go to <https://www.covid.gov/tools-and-resources/resources/tests>
Free testing is still available in the community; go to testing tab to find locations. <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/>