

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

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YouTube Channel: St Josephs Downtown Wilmington
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJoseph'sDowntownWilmington>

*Be imitators of me,
as I am of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am

Tuesday - Friday During Lent — 12:10 pm

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

February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602**

February Black History Month

- **February 11, 2024 - Superbowl Tailgate Party - Following Mass in Fellowship Hall**
- **February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday, 12:10pm Mass, 1pm & 5:30pm Liturgy of the Word**
- **February 16, 2024 - Lenten Fish Fry, Every Friday During Lent, 11am—2pm**
- **February 18, 2024 - Parish Lenten Almsgiving: #10 Can Donation and St. Vincent dePaul**
- **February 21, 2024 - Holy Hour of Power, 6:30pm**
- **February 25, 2024 - Soul Food Luncheon, \$5 for Adults, Children are free**
- **February 28, 2024 - Native American Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm**
- **February 28, 2024 - Lenten Reflection Series, 6:00pm**
- **March 19, 2024 - Mass of Blessing & Dedication of New St. Joseph Statue, 6:00pm**

Detail Inside

Mass Intentions February 10, 2024 – February 18, 2024

Saturday, 02/10/2024	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/11/2024	10:00 am	† Arlene Williams Requested by Loretta Young
Tuesday, 02/13/2024	12:10pm	† Sarah Crumlish and Her Stated Intentions
Ash Wednesday 02/14/2024	12:10pm	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
Thursday, 02/15/2024	12:10pm	† Margaret Erickson-Menton
Friday, 02/16/2024	12:10pm	† Robert Gabage
Saturday, 02/17/2024	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/18/2024	10:00 am	† George Bungy 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:	Joseph Garniewski, Sr.

Introduction of the Liturgy of the Day

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of repentance and penitence, we hear how Jesus responded to a man who was considered unclean, both physically and spiritually. Over the following forty days, we will approach our Lord as sinners, in need of forgiveness, in need of being "made clean." May Jesus' response to the leper in today's Gospel assure us of His love and mercy for us despite our failings, despite our sinfulness.

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.



Schedule of Activities

Ash Wednesday – February 14th

Mass at 12:10pm

Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of

Ashes at 1:00pm and 5:30pm

Daily Mass will occur on Fridays during Lent at 12:10pm

Parish Almsgiving - Beginning February 18

- Donate #10 canned goods for Catholic Charities. Please place canned goods in the designated area of fellowship hall.



- Contribute towards a special Lenten drive for our St. Vincent dePaul Conference. Envelopes will be in the Church pews.

Lenten Holy Hour of Power

Wednesday February 21, 6:30pm

Native Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays - Feb 28, Mar 6, 13 & 20
5:30pm

Lenten Reflection Series

Wednesdays - Feb 28, Mar 6, 13 & 20
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays - Feb 16, 23 and Mar 1, 8, 16, & 23
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver

Fun Fact about Black Catholic History #2

Did you know that St. Joseph Church on French Street in Wilmington was founded by the *Josephites* in 1889? The religious order of *St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart*, otherwise known as the *Josephites*, "is a religious community of Catholic priests and brothers, committed to serving the African American community through the proclamation of the Gospel and [their] personal witness." While the *Josephites* no longer serve here in the Diocese, St. Joseph Church in Wilmington remains a vibrant community of predominantly African American Catholics.

Question of the Week

Who can I reach out to in order to help make my family/ community/world whole? How can I go about doing so?

Our Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are **obligatory days of fasting and abstinence**. This means that individuals from **ages 18 to 59** are required to observe these practices.

Fasting: During fasting days, a person may eat **one full meal**. Additionally, they can have **two smaller meals or snacks**, but the combined total should not equal a full meal.

Abstinence: Fridays during Lent are also **obligatory days of abstinence**. This means abstaining from meat on those days.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on **Wednesdays and Fridays**, is **highly recommended**. This practice allows for self-discipline and spiritual reflection during the Lenten season.

Remember that Lent is primarily a time for **repentance, spiritual renewal, and self-examination**, preparing our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter. Many observers attend special church services during Lent to strengthen their relationship with God⁴. Aside from Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, the key days of Lent include **Maundy Thursday** (commemorating the night before Jesus' death) and **Good Friday** (a day of reflection on Jesus' sacrifice for all mankind).

Lenten HOLY HOUR of Power



*Adoration, Prayer
and Worship Music*

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - 6:30pm

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Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers, VC - Pastor
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Featuring

Ms. Nanette Archy Snow - Vocalist
Rev. Kevin Benjamin - Musician



Sunday Fellowship

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Andrea Queen & Family

Thank you for your generosity to all who
continue to support this ministry.



Parish Bus - February



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Feb 4	TBD
Sun, Feb 11	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Feb 18	Judd Williams
Sun, Feb 25	TBD

February 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.

- **February 4 - Black & Indian Missions** •
- **February 4 - Building & Maintenance Fund** •
- **February 11 - 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.stjosephfrenchst.org; click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

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	Joyce MacFarlane Norris
Carolyn 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.



February

Jessica Chaplin	01
Sam Donahue	02
Zoe Donahue	02
Seth Eckrich	02
Matt Hoey	02
John Polk, Jr.	02
Brenda Burns	04
Marilyn Gonzalez	04
Samia Hopson	04
Denise Scales	04
Daniel Caesar	05
Kairo Cruz	08
Daniel Caesar	05
Mary Kegelmann	08
Bernard Pearce	10
Sidney Abili	13
Le'Verne Cecere	15
Marcus Small	15
Terrence Clark	16
George Winston	16
Lorraine Eckrich	16
Henry Short	18
L'Ause Dye	20
Jacqueline Loosarian	21
David May, III	21
Kathleen Hodges	23
Albert Scales, Sr.	23
Pierce Sterling	23
Chanae Council	25
Mattu Pennoh	25
Chantal Jackson	26
Daniel Mahler	27
Valerie Williams	28

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.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR THE 2024 ST. ANN'S SCHOOL MUSICAL - "Lion King, Jr."

The shows are Friday, March 1st at 7pm and Saturday March 2nd at 1pm and 7pm in the St. Ann's School Social Hall located at 2006 Shallcross Avenue, Wilmington, DE. You may purchase tickets electronically by going to: <https://www.stannwilmington.com/parish-activities/lionkingjr>. You can pay via Parish Giving, Venmo, PayPal, or with a credit card. *Please put the number of tickets and which performance you would like in the note field if you pay electronically.* You can also drop off cash or checks to the St. Ann's rectory. The cost for each ticket is \$10. You won't want to miss it!



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.

Parking: Please be aware when you're parking across the street from the Church. The law firm operates 7 days a week and we cannot block the entrance to their parking garage or their loading dock. The law firm is a good neighbor and we are as well. So please be aware of where you are parking so that we do not impede access in any way into the law firm parking lot or loading dock.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Dental care costs can add up quickly, especially for families. If you don't have access to dental benefits through your employer, you may find it difficult to pay for the dental services you need. Give Kids a Smile offers free dental health education, screenings, preventive care and treatment provided by volunteer dentists and dental professionals. Services are provided at GKAS events in local communities. Westside Health Services and Henrietta Johnson Medical Center are two of the Federally Qualified Health Centers that offer free or reduced cost dental services. Visit this website to learn 7 ways to find affordable dental benefits and services for children or adults at <https://www.mouthhealthy.org/dental-care-concerns/finding-affordable-dental-care>

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