

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  
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# Second Sunday of **LENT**



## 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 25, 2024

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

## Celebrating Black History

- **Fridays During Lent - Fish Fry, Every Friday During Lent, 11am—2pm**  
**Feb 16, Feb 23, Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22 (Except Good Friday)**
- **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**
- **March 24, 2024 - 75th Palm Sunday Breakfast**
- **March 25, 2024 - Reconciliation Monday**
- **March 26, 2024 - Chrism Mass—Holy Cross, Dover, DE**

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## Mass Intentions February 24, 2024 — March 3, 2024

Saturday, 02/24/2024	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/25/2024	10:00 am	† Bernard F. Kenny, Jr.
Tuesday, 02/27/2024	12:10 pm	† Sarah Crumlish And her Stated Intentions
Wednesday 02/28/2024	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 02/29/2024	12:10 pm	† Mike & Rose Kirlin
Friday, 03/01/2024	12:10 pm	St. Thomas More Society
Saturday, 03/02/2024	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/03/2024	10:00 am	† Ruth Bleeker Grandmother of Katrina Simpson

### 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 continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads His closest disciples up a high mountain where He will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

**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.



## Schedule of Activities

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

#### Parish Almsgiving - Beginning February 18

- Donate #10 canned goods (industrial size) for Catholic Charities. Please place canned goods in the designated area of the fellowship hall. Our goal is to collect 100 cans of food to feed the hungry.
- Contribute towards a special Lenten drive for our St. Vincent dePaul Conference. Envelopes are in the Church pews for your use. Our goal is to donate \$1,000 to help those in need.



#### 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: Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell

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

#### Gospel Stations of the Cross - Friday, Mar 15, 6:30pm

#### Palm Sunday Breakfast - Mar 24, 11am - 1pm



## Fun Fact about Black Catholic History #4

Did you know that a delegation of Black Catholics from the Wilmington Diocese was present at the Sixth National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) to hear Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman? Sister Thea Bowman is one of the six African Americans in the process of being canonized a Saint and spoke an inspiring message on that occasion at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1987. The first Black Catholic Congress was held in 1889 and convenes every 5 years. This past year in 2023 the NBCC was held at the Inner Harbor in Maryland and a delegation of 28 people represented the Diocese of Wilmington.

### Synod Discernment Listening Sessions

Join Bishop Koenig in reflecting upon those things that encourage or hinder the Church's mission and ways that we as a Church can be helped in our ability to live and proclaim the Gospel. Two listening sessions will be held in the diocese as part of the universal Church's Synod on Synodality:

**Monday, March 4, 6:30 pm**

Saint Margaret of Scotland, Glasgow, Del.  
or

**Monday, March 18, 6:30 pm**

Saint Francis de Sales, Salisbury, Md.

RSVP today at [cdow.org/synod](https://cdow.org/synod).

## Pass the WORD 2024

03/14/24

An event  
for High School boys

*a day for discerning your future*

*What is your greatest love?*

*What compels you?*

*Could priesthood be a thought?*

A day for reflection among peers at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear, DE March 14, 2024  
Thursday - 9:30am to 2:30pm with Bishop Koenig

### Parish Bus - February



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

contact [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org) for more information

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER

RECONCILIATION

MONDAY

MARCH 25 3-8 PM



### 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.st.josephfrenchst.org](https://www.st.josephfrenchst.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**

<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>Joyce MacFarlane Norris</b>
<b>Carolyn 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.



### 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 Kegelman	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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org). Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.*

## 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 God<sup>4</sup>. 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).

### Question of the Week

How do I think God would want my life to be transfigured this Lent? Am I willing to say "hineni", in Hebrew, "Here I am!" to accept that change to my life.



### 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.

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