

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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Third 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.

March 3, 2024

- **Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602**
- **Fridays During Lent - Fish Fry, Every Friday During Lent, 11am—2pm**
Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22 (Except Good Friday)
- **March 7, 2024 - Native American Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm**
- **March 7, 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—3:00pm**
- **March 26, 2024 - Chrism Mass - 7:00pm Holy Cross, Dover, DE**
- **March 28, 2024 - Holy Thursday**
 - Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00pm, Adoration until 10:00pm
- **March 28, 2024 - Good Friday**
 - Meditative Stations of the Cross @ 12:00pm
 - Passion of the Lord @ 3:00pm
- **March 30, 2024 - Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:00 pm, Easter Novena Begins**
- **March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday Mass - The Resurrection of the Lord, 10:00am**

Detail Inside

Mass Intentions March 2, 2024 - March 10, 2024

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| 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 |
| Tuesday, 03/05/2024 | 12:10 pm | † Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Loretta Young |
| Wednesday 03/06/2024 | 12:10 pm | Earley Rashad Requested by Loretta Young |
| Thursday, 03/07/2024 | 12:10 pm | † Rose Kirlin |
| Friday, 03/08/2024 | 12:10 pm | Petronella Orlik & Family |
| Saturday, 03/09/2024 | 5:00 pm | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 03/10/2024 | 10:00 am | † Joyce MacFarlane Norris |

PARISH STAFF

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| 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

Today we hear God deliver The Ten Commandments to Moses and the Chosen People. The Commandments provide a way for them to live up to their part of the covenant. We face the same challenge today. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to examine our consciences and recall times when we have failed to follow one of God's commands and determine which commandments we find difficult to obey consistently. Particularly during this penitential season, let us repent of our sins, reconcile with God and those we've wronged, and pray for the grace to do better.

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

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.

Native Stations of the Cross

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

Lenten Reflection Series: Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell

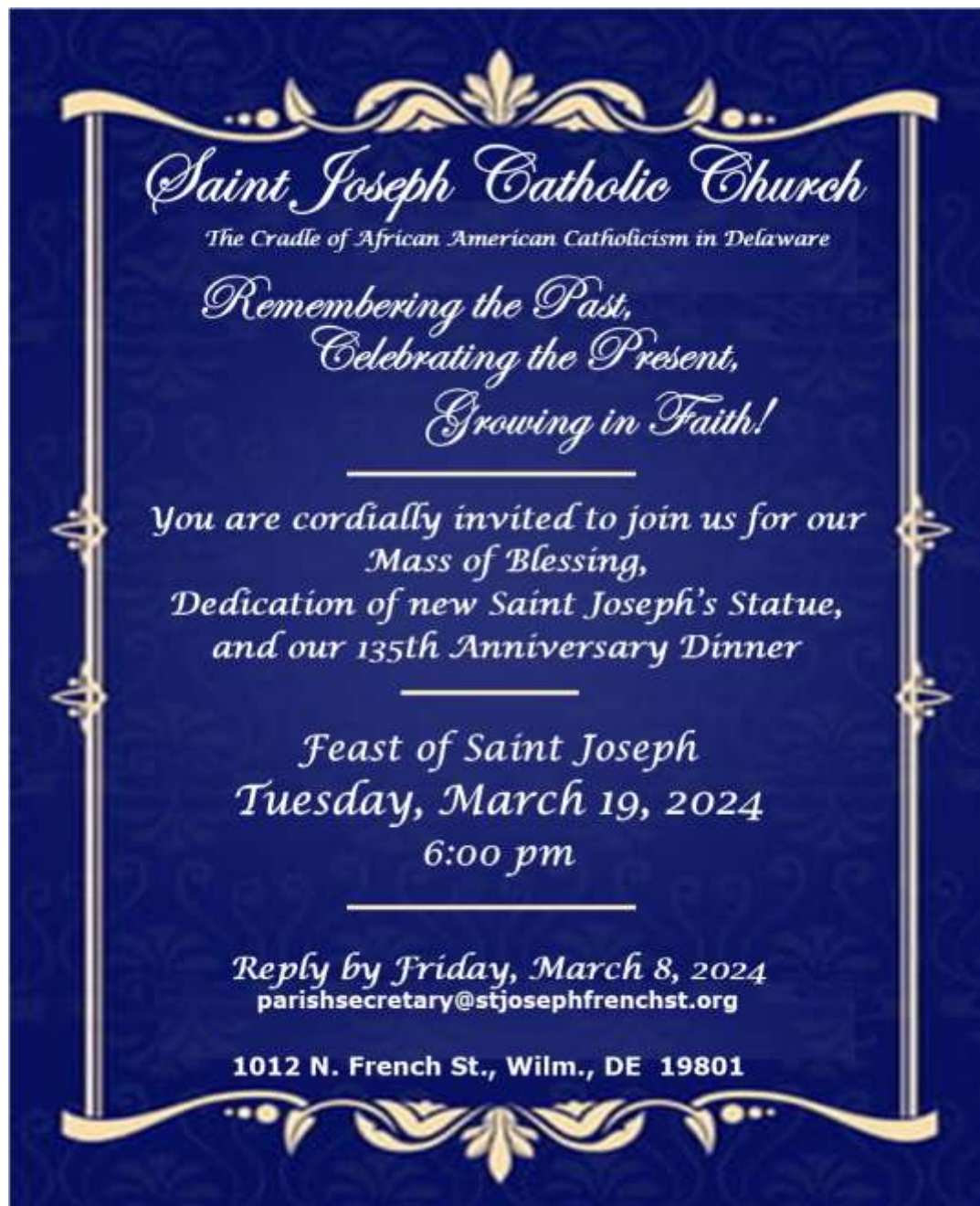
Wednesdays - Feb 28, Mar 6, 13 & 20
6:00pm - 8:00pm

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

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

Reconciliation Monday - Mar 25, 3pm—8pm



Question of the Week

Who can I invite to reconcile with? How
can I view my relationships based on
more love than on reciprocation?
How does that affect how I act?



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.



contact vocations@cdow.org for more information

from the Office for Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry...

Annual CYM Pilgrimage – “Blessed are They/Bienaventurados son ellos”

Saturday, March 23, 2024
Wilmington, DE

Registration is open now! We welcome parish groups, youth ministries, young adult groups, schools, and families to join us on March 23rd as we celebrate our faith, pray together, and prepare for Holy Week. You won't want to miss the chance to join hundreds of other young people in this blessed event! For more information and to register, click the link or head over to <https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>.

March 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.

- **March 2/3 - Catholic Relief Services and Latin America •**
 - **March 2/3 - Building & Maintenance Fund •**
 - **March 2/3 - St. Vincent dePaul Society •**
 - **March 9/10 - Easter Flowers •**
 - **March 16/17 - Easter Novena**
 - **March 29 - Holy Land Offering Good Friday •**
 - **March 31 - Easter •**



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.

Parish Ministries

St. Vincent dePaul Society



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is dedicated to feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help. Equally as important, St. Vincent de Paul provides meaningful opportunities for volunteers to serve their neighbors in need with love and compassion.

St Vincent dePaul Society here at St. Joseph's has focused on housing and shelter for vulnerable unhoused individuals by assisting those who are in need with utilities, rent or temporary housing as well as some general assistance for families and individuals living in poverty.

In 2023, through the generosity of St. Joseph's parishioners, SVDP received \$12,388, and assisted 156 individuals with various needs and we are most grateful for your continuous support throughout the many years.

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." There are poor families in close proximity to the church. When in need, they often ring the doorbell of the parish center seeking help. Your almsgiving during this Lenten season to SVDP will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love.

Thank you for supporting the mission of SVDP and for helping the St. Joseph's SVDP to serve those most in need with your financial support.

If you are interested in being a SVDP volunteer and being blessed by serving the most vulnerable in our midst, please contact Fayette Jackson, President at 302-559-9503.

Blessed Mother Sodality Our Sodality is made up of women of the parish who spend every Monday at noon and every Sunday in prayer to the Blessed Virgin. They pray the rosary together via conference all on Mondays and at 9:30 am before Sunday Mass. The Sodality meets on the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 am in the parish fellowship hall. In addition to praying for our parishioners, our deceased and the entire parish, the Sodalists perform many good works for the parish and the community. Everyone is invited to pray the rosary on Sunday morning with the Sodality. If you would like to learn more, please contact Denise Scales at 302-368-9881.

Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies' Auxiliary is comprised of over 18,000 Catholic family members. We continue our expansion efforts welcoming all Catholics to join. Our purpose is to render service to God and His Holy Church. To achieve this mission the Knights host the annual Lenten fish fry and Palm Sunday Breakfast as well as sponsoring the Scrip Gift Card program. The Ladies' host our Mardi Celebration, Mother's Day Luncheon, Theater trips throughout the year—just to name a few activities. All funds raised either go to the church to assist the pastor with various projects such as new windows and renovating the fellowship hall, commercial refrigerator, freezer, range, chalices, painting of parish center, etc., or to serve community organizations such as Emmanuel Dining Room, Nemours Hospital for Children, Family Promise and Urban Promise, etc.

If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary, please plan to attend the **Informational Session on Sunday, March 17, 2024, 12:00 pm at St. Joseph's conference room.** For additional information you may call contact Grand Knight Vincent Robinson 302-494-5699 or Grand Lady Loretta Young at 302-521-1759.



Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by
Blessed Mother Sodality



We're in need of additional sponsors for our Sunday Fellowship. The contribution is only \$75 and helps to cover the cost of donuts, coffee and supplies.

Thank You for your Generosity!!

Parish Bus - March



| DATE | DRIVER |
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| Sun, March 3 | TBD |
| Sun, March 10 | Yolanda Mohammed |
| Sun, March 17 | Judd Williams |
| Sun, March 21 | Judd Williams |
| Sun, March 31 | |

75TH ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MARCH 24, 2024

\$12 per person

\$7 for children under 12 yrs. old



Menu:

Omelettes, Waffles, Grits,
Bacon, Turkey Sausage, Scrapple,
Biscuits, Fried Potatoes,
Assorted Juice & Coffee



For tickets see **Anthea Bedminster, Dana Crumety, or Michele Hinson**
St. Joseph's Fellowship Hall
1012 French Street ~ Wilmington, DE
302.656.5562
Wilmington, Delaware

Refresher on the Rules of Fasting & Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence: All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Almsgiving: Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

Prayer: To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation Monday: Lent is also a privileged time for celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. On **Monday, March 25th 3:00—8:00 pm, Father Evers will be available for anyone wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before**



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.

Easter Flower Fund

Your support of the altar flower fund in memory /honor of a special person is appreciated. A special envelope is included in the box sets and additional Easter flower envelopes are located in the back of the church. Please consider contributing as this will help offset the cost incurred by the parish.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Easter Mass Novena

(9 Days of Grace)

Beginning Saturday, March 30th we will begin our Easter Mass Novena. For nine days the Mass will be offered for our living and deceased family members.

How to include your family members and friends in these nine Novena Masses as we celebrate Easter? Simply use the Easter Novena envelope located in your box set or those located in the church, and write down the names of your loved ones on the envelope along with the suggested donation of \$10. The Easter Mass Novena will be offered for the people whose names are written on those special envelopes.

Every Mass has a Mass Intention, where the Mass is being offered for that person or a group of people. The person or persons either living or deceased for whom the Mass is being offered receive all of the graces that God offers to us for this special act of prayer which is the living Memorial of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The best way to spiritually love someone and to help them with whatever they need is to offer a Mass for them. Share God's Love and these prayers with your family and friends this Easter by including them in our Novena of Masses!

We pray that you will participate in the Easter Mass Novena by enrolling the name of a loved one as we collectively lift up their needs to receive the graces promised by our loving savior, Jesus Christ.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

12 o'clock Noon til 4:00pm

Tickets Limited

go on sale soon!

STEWARDSHIP
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Stewardship is not about just giving,
it's about giving everything.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

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| Gerry Reybold | Jean Toy | Guissepina Fazzone | Deidre Rogers | Angela Pulliam Banks |
| Ben Pearce | John Madison | Ron Toy | Mercedes Zahralbin | |
| 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.



March

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| Jasmine Blackwell | 02 |
| Sadie Rose Clark | 03 |
| Stephen Thorpe | 03 |
| Blanche Tucker | 03 |
| Ikesha McGill | 07 |
| Lettie Williams | 07 |
| James Wesley Mobley | 08 |
| Dan Rafter | 08 |
| Kenneth Pulliam, Sr. | 11 |
| Jean Toy | 12 |
| Ron Toy | 13 |
| Chris Wright | 15 |
| Victor Newman | 17 |
| James Corbett | 18 |
| J. Barcon Hilton | 18 |
| Mercedes Zahralbin | 19 |
| Martin Willis | 20 |
| Stella Caesar | 22 |
| Avril Madison | 22 |
| Frances David | 23 |
| D'Aviona Perrigan | 27 |
| Deidre Rogers | 27 |
| Joseph Rafter | 29 |
| Vincent Crumety | 30 |
| Elmslie Wharton | 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. Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.

PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH
Each March, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), and our partners work together to create a social media campaign that highlights the many ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities. The Developmental Disabilities 2024 theme is: "A World of Opportunities" – we're celebrating people and working together to remove obstacles. Our goal is to build a community that's committed to creating a world where everyone can do well and succeed. Join us in making a world where all kinds of people have the chance to thrive. (Source: <https://nacdd.org/ddam1/>)

TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH . Every March our SOFT community celebrates Trisomy Awareness Month. March is the 3rd month of the year so it seems fitting that it would be the month chosen to bring awareness and education to Trisomy conditions, celebrate our children who are beating the odds and remember our sweet Angels who left us far too soon. To help families create awareness, SOFT has designed some items to help you. Reach out to your medical professionals, schools and communities to educate them that your child is not just a condition or a label; your child is loved and valued and deserving of respect. "Changing the Narrative Together!" (Source: <https://trisomy.org/tam/#/>)

WORLD BIRTH DEFECTS DAY – MARCH 3. World Birth Defects Day (WBDD), observed on March 3 each year, unites people and organizations working in the field of birth defects, also known as congenital anomalies, congenital disorders or congenital conditions. There are many types of birth defects, and this day recognizes our collective voice in raising awareness for all birth defects. To learn more, go to "The WBDD Movement." at: <https://www.worldbirthdefects.org>

NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION (NEDA) Monday, February 26th - Sunday, March 3rd is Eating Disorders Awareness Week (EDAW). According to the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), this is an "annual campaign that was created to educate the public about eating disorders and to provide support and hope for individuals and their families who are affected by them." According to NEDA, over 9% of girls and about 3% of boys experience an eating disorder, most commonly bulimia nervosa, anorexia nervosa and binge eating disorders. They can be very serious and life-threatening, and often coincide with other mental health problems like anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of its transportation services based on race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1B. For additional information on Saint Joseph Catholic Church nondiscrimination policies and procedures, or to file a complaint, please visit the website at www.stjosephfrenchst.org or contact St. Joseph Parish Office, 1012 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.