

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



Fourth 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 10, 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 15, Mar 22 (Except Good Friday)
- **March 13, 2024 - Native American Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm**
- **March 13, 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 until 8pm**
- **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 9, 2024 - March 17, 2024

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| Saturday, 03/09/2024 | 5:00 pm | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 03/10/2024 | 10:00 am | † Joyce MacFarlane Norris |
| Tuesday, 03/12/2024 | 12:10 pm | † Mike & Rose Kirlin |
| Wednesday 03/13/2024 | 12:10 pm | Doris DeHart Requested by Dana Robinson |
| Thursday, 03/14/2024 | 12:10 pm | † Dirk Robinson |
| Friday, 03/15/2024 | 12:10 pm | † William Cavin, Jr. |
| Saturday, 03/16/2024 | 5:00 pm | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 03/17/2024 | 10:00 am | † Vivian Priest Requested by William Willis |

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

We are all invited to look deeply into our lives, as we recall in the scripture the story of Jesus giving sight to the man who had been blind from birth. When he did so, some of the authorities willfully refused to see, refusing to recognize the miracle because it was performed on the sabbath and attested to by a sinner. Let us look at our own lives and recall the times when we failed to recognize God's grace, refusing to see with eyes of faith.

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

- 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 - Mar 13 & 20
5:30pm

Lenten Reflection Series: Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell

Wednesdays - Mar 13 & 20
6:00pm - 8:00pm

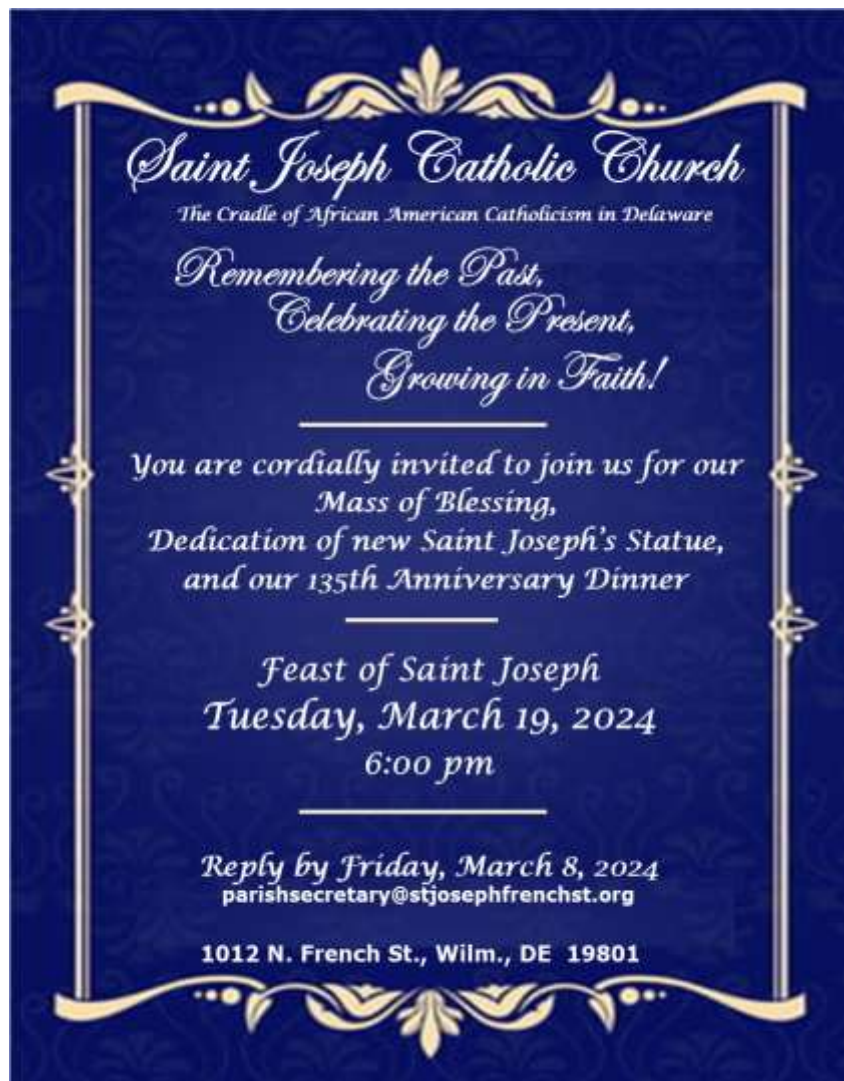
Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays - Mar 15, & 22
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

During Lent we call to mind our own blindness. How am I blind to God's grace in my life? How am I blind to God's work in the world and in the people in it?



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>.

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

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
The Robinson Family



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 | |

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**

ON THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF
CATHOLIC FORUM
CONNIE MARSHNER WILL DISCUSS HER
BOOK, "MONASTERY AND HIGH CROSS:
THE FORGOTTEN EASTERN ROOTS OF
IRISH CHRISTIANITY".

PODCAST & VIDEO PREMIERS MARCH 13 @ 12:00 PM
PROGRAM AIRS MARCH 16 @ 1:30 PM ON RELEVANT
RADIO 640

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CONNIE MARSHNER
MONASTERY AND HIGH CROSS
The Forgotten Eastern Roots of Irish Christianity

Image of Connie Marshner, author of the book, and a microphone.

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.



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 off-set 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,

on sale soon!

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Stewardship of our primary responsibilities prepares us for God's promotions.

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 | Julianne 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

MARCH IS NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

High blood pressure is a major cause of kidney disease. It can cause damage to the tiny blood vessels in your kidneys. Over time, this can lead to kidney disease or kidney failure. Working with your doctor to control your blood pressure, eating a kidney-friendly diet and exercising regularly can help. Because CKD can develop without symptoms, annual screening for CKD is important as early diagnosis and treatment can help prevent CKD from progressing. It is recommended that your doctor tests you for CKD at least once a year. Learn about how your kidneys work and why they are so important. Find out if you are at risk for kidney disease and what tests you need to check your kidney health (Source: <https://www.kidney.org/kidney-basics>)

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Healthy eating is important at every age. Eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives. When deciding what protein foods to eat, choose options that are full of nutrients and limited in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium. Eat a variety of protein foods to get more of the nutrients your body needs. Meat and poultry choices should be lean or low-fat, like 93% lean ground beef, pork loin, and skinless chicken breasts. Choose seafood options that are higher in healthy fatty acids (called omega-3s) and lower in methylmercury, such as salmon, anchovies, and trout. If you are vegetarian or vegan, the advice to eat meat, poultry, and seafood does not apply to you. Vegetarian protein options include beans, peas, lentils, nuts, seeds, and soy products. Studies show that eating whole grains, nuts, fruits, and vegetables is one of the most important ways to keep kidneys healthy. (Source: <https://www.myplate.gov/>)

NATIONAL SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK March 10 -16

The connection between sleep and health is real. It impacts every one of us. It's why we conduct our Sleep in America® Poll and release our findings to anyone who wants to know pretty much anything about sleep. During Sleep Awareness Week, we share valuable information on how people have been sleeping the past year, while offering research-based advice on the benefits of quality sleep and how it affects health and well-being. Visit the National Sleep Foundation website for more information and learn how your sleep is linked to your mental health. A healthy night's sleep starts the moment you wake up and before you hit the sheets at night! (Source: <https://www.thensf.org/sleep-awareness-week/#target1>)

BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK March 11-15

Learn more about your brain health and help raise awareness for brain diseases, disorders, and injuries. Brain Awareness Week 2024 will feature live webinars, brain health resources, articles and patient stories. You can view the full schedule on this website and resources that will cover some of the most common brain diseases, disorders, and injuries. Experts will explain these conditions and discuss the latest research (don't worry, they'll go easy on the scientific jargon!) See the schedule on the website. (Source: brainfoundation.org.au/brain-awareness-week/) (Source: Mental Health Association in Delaware, www.mhainde.org)

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