

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

Office Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Thursday

Parish Secretary: office@sjfschurch.org - New Email Address

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday thru Thursday — 12:10 pm

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

August 24, 2025

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- Aug 24 - Becoming Catholic Interest Meeting
- Sept 07 - KPC Turn-Out - Feast of St. Peter Claver
- Sept 07 - Students Back to School Blessing
- Sept 07 - Annual Crab Feast @ St. Elizabeth's Church, 12 Noon - 3:00pm
- Sept 10 - Holy Hour of Power
- ♦ Sept 14 - OCIA Begins
- ♦ Sept 14 - Sunday Fellowship Resumes
- ♦ Sept 17 - Fall Bible Study Begins
- ♦ Sept 20 - Raskob Foundation 80th Anniversary Mass
- ♦ Sept 22 - Book Club Meeting @ 7pm
- ♦ Oct 11 - Marian Pilgrimage to Wash., DC
City Deanery Bus - Reserve your seat today!
- ♦ Oct 15-18 - Kateri Circle Pilgrimage
- ♦ Nov 08 - KPC Founder's Day and Turn-out
- ♦ Nov 22 - Bishop's 5K Run/Walk

More Detail Inside

**Mass Intentions
August 23, 2025 — August 31, 2025**

Saturday, 08/23/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/24/2025	10:00 am	†Tony Dash Requested by Marie Dash
Tuesday, 08/26/2025	12:10 pm	Earl White
Wednesday, 08/27/2025	12:10 pm	†Joel Coleman Requested by Loretta Young
Thursday, 08/28/2025	12:10 pm	Margaret Reilly Requested by Michael & Elanie Reilly
Saturday, 08/30/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 08/31/2025	10:00 am	†Leonard J. Young, Jr. 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

Anyone who has driven often on highways can recall times in which traffic has slowed to a standstill because of a bottleneck, when multiple lanes of traffic must funnel down to a single open lane. This contemporary phenomenon is analogous to Jesus' words today about getting into heaven. Jesus says people will come from every direction but must pass through a narrow gate to enter. Let us accept this challenge, patiently following that narrow path.

Crab Feast

St. Joseph Church Annual Crab Feast

at

**St. Elizabeth Church — Grant Hall
1500 Cedar Street, Wilm., DE**

Sunday, September 7, 2025

12:00 pm — 3:00 pm



BYOB

Crabs \$40

**Soda & Water
Available**

**Hot Sausage, Hot Dogs, Corn
\$10**

No Take-out!

YOUTH AGE 10 AND UNDER EAT FREE!

**SEE MICHELE HINSON TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
PURCHASE VIA WEBSITE OR CALL PARISH OFFICE.
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY!**

TICKET PURCHASE DEADLINE—Tuesday, September 2nd

Summertime Giving

The vacation season is upon us, many will begin to travel. As a result, Mass attendance declines a bit during the summer, but we want to be sure that our **commitment to the parish with weekly giving** does not do the same. Our work for the Lord continues year-round and we have a number of ways that we can continue giving, even when on vacation. Online giving via our website, automatic payments through your bank, send your contribution through US Mail or simply place your donation in the secure mailbox located in front of the parish office. Either way, please remember the parish relies on your weekly and consistent contribution. Even during the summer at the times when you are away.

KATERI CIRCLE

Please join us for a Pilgrimage to Fonda, NY where St. Kateri was baptized and to Auriesville, the Shrine of the North American Martyrs (a designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site) from October 15 thru October 18, 2025.

Pilgrims pay for hotel (double - 2 Queen beds) and some meals. Limited space is available on the bus.

For more information, contact Gail Rando by August 30th at naministry@gmail.com.

Summer Reading

St. Joseph's Book Club will read *Four Winds* by Christin Hanna. The group will meet again on Monday, September 22, 2025. Plenty of time to get the book, read it and plan to attend the next book club gathering.



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.

Question of the Week

What must I do to grow in the discipline of being a good disciple of the Lord?
What can strengthen my "drooping hands and weak knees" (Hebrews 12:12)?

Parish Bus - August



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Aug. 3	Judd Williams
Sun, Aug. 10	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Aug. 17	Judd Williams
Sun, Aug. 24	Judd Williams
Sun, Aug. 31	Judd Williams

God Bless Our Bus Drivers!

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, it's back-to-school time with superintendent, Lou De Angelo and new associate superintendent, Tyler Kulp. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30. More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and Facebook.com/CatholicForum.

August 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 July/ We hope that you will continue supporting these important ministries and acts of charity.

- **Aug 2/3- Building & Maintenance Fund and St. Vincent dePaul Society**
- **Aug 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Aug 16/17 - Diocese of Wilmington Cathedral of Saint Peter**



When making on-line donations, please use the drop down menu and select the special collection for which your gift is designated. To donate please 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

<i>August Hazeur</i>	<i>Jean Toy</i>	<i>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Mavis Woolley</i>	<i>Barbara Pulliam</i>
<i>Glenda Townsend</i>	<i>John Madison</i>	<i>Ron Toy</i>	<i>Mercedes Zahralbin</i>	<i>Mary Polk</i>
<i>Judy Gallagher</i>	<i>Donna Scott May</i>	<i>Yvonne Hill</i>	<i>Julianna McGill</i>	
<i>Constance H. Hamilton</i>	<i>Al DelPizzo</i>	<i>Don Skomsky</i>		

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.



August

Kenneth Cunningham	01
Madeline Porter	03
Bernard Sammons	03
Janelle Mirabeau	04
Michele Hinson	05
John Ekah	07
Ebon Flagg	07
John Polk, III	07
Deanna Cardenas	08
Mary Polk	08
Angela Pulliam Banks	08
Lolita Ashley	09
Ramaj Gray	09
Ava Morgan	09
Matthew Hoey	10
Debbie Sterling	12
Adrienne Hopson	13
Paul McDermott	13
Armando Nieves	15
Tia Pulliam	15
Stephanie T. Bolden	16
Herbert Sterling	16
William Willis	16
Hyacinth Boissiere	17
Arna Rosebure-Street	17
Erika Caesar	18
Christian Towles	18
Mary Mirabeau	22
James Mobley	22
Geraldine Cochran	22
Chris Cavin	24
Fallon McClain	24
Gaynell Baynard	25
Delores Spencer	25
Grant Wycliffe	26
Sierra Rando	27
Katrina Simpkins	28
Steven White	28
Kate Waddell	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 at office@sjfchurch.org. Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH – COVID 19 VACCINE

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends all young children ages 6-23 months get vaccinated against COVID-19 along with older children in certain risk groups, based on evidence on who can benefit the most from the vaccine. The guidance differs from federal policy that removes routine recommendations for healthy children but allows vaccination after a conversation with a health care provider. AAP published its COVID-19 vaccine recommendations Tuesday, August 19 along with a revised child and adolescent immunization schedule that also includes updated guidance on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunizations and flu vaccines. Visit their website and the Centers for Disease Control website for an informed decision about immunizing your children this year. (Source: <https://publications.aap.org/AAP-recommendations>)



**JOIN BISHOP KOENIG
AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS FROM THE
CITY DEANERY PARISHES
FOR THE
DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON'S
MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
TO THE
BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
10 AM – 4 PM**



**DON'T MISS VISITING THIS
PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE DURING THIS
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
WITH OUR BISHOP AND PRIESTS**

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY
COACH BUS
FOR DEANERY PARISHIONERS
\$40 PER PERSON**

**DEPARTS FROM SAINT ELIZABETH
PARKING LOT AT 6:45 AM
& LEAVES THE BASILICA AT 5 PM**

**SIGN UP AT
DOWNTOWNCATHOLIC.COM/RSVP**

FEATURING:

- Mass
- Rosary
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Tour the over 40 chapels
- Lunch in the cafeteria or bring a brown bag
- Holy Hour
- Benediction
- Gift Shop

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