

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@sjfchurch.org - New Email Address

Website: www.sjfchurch.org - New Website Address

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

23RD 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.

September 7, 2025

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- Sept 07 - KPC Turn-Out - Feast of St. Peter Claver
- Sept 07 - Back to School Blessing
- Sept 07 - Annual Crab Feast @ St. Elizabeth's Church, 12 Noon - 3:00pm
- Sept 10 - Holy Hour of Power, 6:30pm
- ♦ Sept 14 - OCIA Begins - Becoming Catholic
- ♦ Sept 14 - Sunday Fellowship Resumes
- ♦ Sept 17 - Fall Bible Study Begins
- ♦ Sept 20 - KPC Meeting - Fellowship Hall 10am
- ♦ Sept 20 - Raskob Foundation 80th Anniversary Mass
- ♦ Sept 21 - CCD Orientation for Parents
- ♦ Sept 22 - Book Club Meeting @ 7pm
- ♦ Sept 28 - CCD Begins
- ♦ Oct 11 - Marian Pilgrimage to Wash., DC
City Deanery Bus - Reserve your seat today!
- ♦ Oct 15-18 - Kateri Circle Pilgrimage
- ♦ Oct 18-19 - Missionary Daughters of the Eternal Father Visit
- ♦ Nov 08 - KPC Founder's Day and Turn-out
- ♦ Nov 22 - Bishop's 5K Run/Walk

More Detail Inside

Mass Intentions September 6, 2025 – September 14, 2025

Saturday, 09/06/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/07/2025	10:00 am	† Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Loretta Young
Tuesday, 09/09/2025	12:10 pm	† William & Alice Kirlin Requested by Dennis Kirlin
Wednesday, 09/10/2025	12:10 pm	Deacon Michael & Pam Boyd Requested by Mary Hatch
Thursday, 09/11/2025	12:10 pm	Shirley & Christian Coleman Requested by Loretta Young
Saturday, 09/13/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/14/2025	10:00 am	† August & Kathryn Hazeur 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

Over the last two thousand years Jesus has been given many titles, from Bread of Life to Our Savior. One of His first titles, going back to when He first stood and proclaimed God's Word in the synagogue, is Rabbi, or Teacher. How appropriate to focus on that title on this first Sunday of September, a time of year when millions of young people are returning to school. Today, we hear Jesus teach the crowds what it means to be a disciple. May He teach us as well as we gather together in His name.

HOLY HOUR of Power

*Adoration, Praise,
and Worship Music*



Wednesday, September 10, 2025 6:30 pm

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Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers - Pastor
 Deacons: Robert J. Cousar, Philip Gonzalez

Featuring

Mr. Daniel Stevens, Musician and Director of Music
Ms. Nanette Archie Snow, Vocalist

Bible Study

A Journey Through the Book of Numbers
 with Deacon Phil Gonzalez

Wednesday's
 September 17,
 October 1, 8, 22
 November 12 & 19

Fellowship Hall
 6pm Light Supper
 6:30pm Bible Study

Kateri Circle News

Everyone is welcome to join us for our September 14th meeting after Sunday fellowship at 12 Noon. We will meet in person, via Zoom or call-in.

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83448101381?pwd=dukesu4NnJFVH8C7foQ6KtvPYyTVa8.1>

301-715-8592
 Meeting ID: 834 4810 1381 Passcode: 822271
 Blessings to all!

September 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.

- **Sept 7 - Building & Maintenance Fund and St. Vincent dePaul Society**
- **Sept 7 - Vacation Make Up Collection**
- **Sept 28 - Share in The Spirit**



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.

Our **Saint Vincent dePaul Ministry**, the charitable arm here at Saint Joseph, is in need of volunteers to support our neighbors in need who contact the parish seeking financial help. The commitment consists of monitoring and responding to email requests and obtaining appropriate information from the requestor.



Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet completed your pledge payments, please do so. Your continued generosity allows our Diocese to serve the needs of thousands through more than 40 ministries.

Question of the Week

How do I feel challenged by Jesus' demands of discipleship?

Hello Neighbors,

The Wilmington Senior will host one of many

**National Wreaths Across America Ceremony
Saturday, December 13, 2025
10:00 am**

We are looking for Veterans of all ages, who have served honorably in any branch of the military, especially those living in the Brandywine Village area. We're asking that you join us to help with the ceremony and to be recognized in the community. **If you are a Veteran or know someone who is and are interested in volunteering, please contact:**

**Mrs. Marie Dash
WSC Member
(302) 655-8979**

Be prepared to provide the following information: Name, Branch of Service, Rank and Years Served. **The deadline for volunteering is Wednesday, October 15, 2025.** I personally want to thank you for your service. I can truly relate to your sacrifices. I moved around with my husband for 17 years; he served 20 as a Medic in the USAF. This year I am proud to say that my only grandson is following in his footsteps. So please, if you have a few hours on that Saturday morning, join us. Volunteer and help make this another outstanding event. **We want to honor as many of our local Veterans as possible.** I know you're out there, and I look forward to meeting you.

Marie Dash, Member WSC

**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**

City Deanery
The Catholic Church in the City of Wilmington
Cathedral of St. Peter | St. Ann | St. Anthony
St. Elizabeth | St. Elizabeth | St. Joseph | St. Mary
St. Patrick | St. Paul | St. Thomas

**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

Parish Bus — September

DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Sept 07	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Sept 14	Judd Williams
Sun, Sept 21	Judd Williams
Sun, Sept 28	Judd Williams

God Bless Our Bus Drivers!



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, we chat with the founder and CEO of The Ministry of Caring, Brother Ronald Gianone, OFM Cap. 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](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

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>Megan Pitts</i>
<i>Constance H. Hamilton</i>	<i>Al DelPizzo</i>	<i>Don Skomsky</i>	<i>Nicole Raye Shaw</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.



September

Enrique Nieves	01
Amanda Shine	01
Marrisa May	03
Cheryl Riviere	03
Mary Ann Cunningham	07
Santino Kasper	08
Leslie Ann Cunningham	10
Ariana Goode	12
Derrick Lowery	12
Maya Cunningham	13
Kathleen O'Connell	13
Marques Polk	14
John Purnell, Jr.	14
Ricardo Taylor	15
William Willis, Jr.	15
Michele Francia	16
Jerry Kegelman	16
Doris Matthews	16
Kevin O'Connell	17
Jaylen Ross Herman	17
Chanae Owens	19
Clifton Rashad	19
Sandra Donohue	28
Shirley Murray	29
Christopher Parks	29
Laura Altman	30
Dalicia LeaBough	30
Walter Spencer	30

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

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH

The [Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans](#) recommends children aged 3 through 5 years be physically active throughout each day. Find ways to help [make physical activity a part of a child's life](#) by visiting CDC's interactive [Move Your Way](#) tool ([available in Spanish](#)). It's also important to encourage less screen time. To get more information and tips, visit the interactive [Screen Time vs. Lean Time Infographic](#). **According to the CDC, the goal for children who are overweight is to reduce the rate of weight gain while allowing normal growth and development.** Learn more by visiting their [Tips to Help Children Maintain a Healthy Weight](#) page at <https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov/topic/health-observances/national-childhood-obesity-awareness-month>

FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION MONTH

This month take an active role in preventing foodborne illness, also known as "food poisoning." If you – or someone you care for – are in one of these high-risk groups, it's especially important to practice safe food handling.- Pregnant women, their unborn babies, and children- Older adults and people with cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, organ transplants, and autoimmune diseases: <https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/people-risk-foodborne-illness> #NFS

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

September is National Suicide Prevention Month – a moment that serves as a powerful reminder that there are steps we all must take in looking out for loved ones, the people in our community, and those who have been impacted by this leading cause of death. It's time to take one big step together. By walking with others, we find comfort in knowing we are not alone, and that we are connected through great purpose to healing and support. So join us – as parents, neighbors, family members, classmates and colleagues, as we all take a step in the right direction: towards HOPE. (Source: <https://afsp.org/national-suicide-prevention-month>)



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.

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.

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.