

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/StJosephsDowntownWilmington>

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you would like to register with the parish, please access the registration form located on our website www.sjfschurch.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 can 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 28, 2025

- ♦ Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- ♦ Sept 28 - CCD and OCIA - Becoming Catholic
- ♦ Oct 01 - Fall Bible Study
- ♦ Oct 05 - Red Mass, 4pm St. Joseph's on the Brandywine
- ♦ Oct 08 - Funeral Mass, Dr. John Madison @ 10am
- ♦ Oct 11 - Marian Pilgrimage to Wash., DC
City Deanery Bus - Reserve your seat today!
- ♦ Oct 15 - Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace
Hosted by MBC @ St. Elizabeth Church, 6:30pm
- ♦ Oct 15-18 - Kateri Circle Pilgrimage
- ♦ Oct 18-19 - Missionary Daughters of the Eternal Father Visit
- ♦ Nov 01 - All Saints Day, 12:10pm Mass
- ♦ Nov 02 - All Souls 9-Day Novena Begins
- ♦ Nov 09 - KPC Founder's Day and Turn-out
- ♦ Nov 11 - All Souls Remembrance & Repass
- ♦ Nov 22 - Bishop's 5K Run/Walk, St. Mark's High School
- ♦ Nov 23 - Family & Friends Day with Luncheon

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Mass Intentions September 27, 2025 – October 5, 2025

Saturday, 09/27/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 09/28/2025	10:00 am	†August Hazeur Requested by Kateri Circle
Tuesday, 09/30/2025	12:10 pm	† Dr. John Madison
Wednesday, 10/01/2025	12:10 pm	† Teresa Cassidy Requested by Paul Dolan
Thursday, 10/02/2025	12:10 pm	† Msgr. Joseph Rebman Requested by Delores Fountain
Saturday, 10/04/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/05/2025	10:00 am	† Paul C. Kabatt Requested by the Rando Family

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:	Tiffany Ostrishko

Introduction of the Liturgy of the Day

Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, a day on which we recognize and honor those who accepted the challenge of leaving their homes and homelands to search for and work for a better life in a foreign land. Those who have never had to make such a radical decision find it difficult to imagine the incredible challenges refugees and migrants face, on their journeys and in their new homes, much as the rich man in today's Gospel cannot imagine how the poor, sickly Lazarus ended up on his doorstep. May we never forget to see the face of Christ in the stranger and respond with heartfelt compassion.



Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection, coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment, provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information and online giving options, visit the Share in the Spirit website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit>.

To donate, just scan the QR code and submit your donation. Many thanks for your continued support of this valuable ministry.



A Journey Through the Book of
Numbers with Deacon Phil Gonzalez

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

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

Question of the Week

Who do I choose to ignore who appears to be in need? To whom can I reach out with compassion and charity and without judgment or condescension?



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.

September/October 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 27/28 - Share in The Spirit— Diocese Collection for Tuition Assistance**
- **Oct 5/6 - Building & Maintenance Fund and St. Vincent dePaul Society**
- **Oct 18/19 - World Mission Sunday**
- **Oct 25/26 - All Souls Novena**



When making on-line donations, please use the drop down menu and select the special collection for which your

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. Please contact the parish office if you're able to help with this important outreach ministry.

Parish Bus — Sept/Oct



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Sept 28	Yolanda Williams
Sun, Oct 05	Judd Williams
Sun, Oct 12	Judd Williams
Sun, Oct 19	Judd Williams
Sun, Oct 26	Judd Williams

God Bless Our Bus Drivers!

38TH ANNUAL RED MASS

Sunday, October 5, 2025
4:00 p.m. Mass

St. Joseph on the Brandywine
10 Old Church Road
Wilmington, Delaware

Complimentary dinner to follow
sponsored by Morris James LLP



MOST REV. TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

Homilist
Archbishop of the Military Services USA
President, United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops



MOST REV. WILLIAM KOENIG

Celebrant
Bishop of the Catholic
Diocese of Wilmington



**St. Thomas
More
Society**

of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington

All are welcome. For more information,
please contact Denise Nordheimer at
dnordheimer@foxrothschild.com, or
visit www.stmswilmington.org.

Saturday, November 22, 2025
Saint Mark's High School
8am-11am



\$35 Registration
\$18 (Ages 0-18)
Prices Increase October 10th



St. Joseph Team Captains are:
Lavern & Vincent Robinson

**Please contact our Captains for additional
information, use the sign-up sheet and plan to
walk with the parish!**

**Let's Get Fit At The 5K and Support
Catholic Charities Relief Efforts!**

Your participation provides vital support and offers
relief to those in crisis. Stand with Catholic
Charities and be a beacon of hope in someone's
life. For more information and to register for the
race, just scan the QR code.

ON THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM

**WE TALK TO SPEAKER, AUTHOR AND EDITOR,
SR. BETTY ANN MCNEIL, D.C. ABOUT
"SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON: A SPIRITUAL PORTRAIT"**



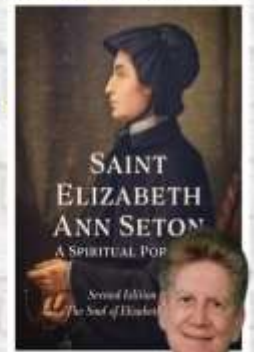
PODCAST & VIDEO PREMIERS

OCT. 1, 2025 @ 12:00 P.M.

PROGRAM AIRS ON

RELEVANT RADIO 640

OCT. 4, 2025 @ 1:30 P.M.



**SAINT
ELIZABETH
ANN SETON**

A SPIRITUAL PORTRAIT

Second Edition

The Saint of Elizabeth

BRATTON

**relevant
640AM radio**

YouTube

Podcasts Spotify iHeart MUSIC

October - Mother of the Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. This week's bulletin insert is from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and provides the steps to praying the rosary as well as the Mysteries of the Rosary. We are encouraged to take some time this month to pray the rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

<i>Megan Pitts</i>	<i>Jean Toy</i>	<i>Guissepina Fazzone</i>	<i>Mavis Woolley</i>	<i>Barbara Pulliam</i>
<i>Glenda Townsend</i>	<i>Nicole Raye Shaw</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>Don Skomsky</i>
<i>Constance H. Hamilton</i>	<i>Deidre Rogers</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.

PUTTING PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Preparedness Starts at Home, the 2025 theme, focuses on getting back to the essentials of preparedness. In addition to sharing the tips, messages and graphics you can find on [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov), there are four key actions you can take to prepare for any disaster you may face. Get your 2025 toolkit and Be Ready at: <https://www.ready.gov/toolkit>

GET READY FOR FLU

How do you know if you just have a common cold, or if you have one or more of the three respiratory viruses that make up the "triple epidemic" – RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), COVID-19, and influenza? With changing recommendations and multiple seasonal viruses to contend with, get this simple guide to your 2025-2026 cold and flu season and when to call the doctor. Learn how you can protect yourself and your family following personal protective evidence-based guidelines at: (<https://symptoms.webmd.com/cold-flu-map/get-ready-cold-flu-season>).

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Ovarian cancer is estimated to affect just under 20,000 American women this year alone. Since the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer can be easy to miss, and no diagnostic test exists for ovarian cancer, awareness around the disease is extremely important for early detection and intervention. Visit this website to learn the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer and more. It's important to visit your doctor if any of these symptoms persist for two weeks or more. (Source: <https://caringhouse.org/news/september-is-ovarian-cancer-month>)

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH According to SEER, (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program) prostate cancer is more common in older men, men with a family history of prostate cancer, and in men of African American descent. Become an advocate if you are a survivor. The Survivor and Patient Advocacy Program builds mutually beneficial partnerships among the cancer survivor, patient advocacy, and scientific communities/ Learn more at: <https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers> (American Association for Cancer Research).

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Falls remain the leading cause of injury death for older Americans. Falls threaten seniors' safety and independence and generate enormous economic and personal costs. NCOA's (National Council on Aging) Center for Healthy Aging produces solutions to support the success story of Americans living longer and healthier lives. Browse NCOA's wellness programs, tools, and resources that help improve older adults' health and well-being. (Source: <https://www.ncoa.org/article/about-the-falls-free-initiative/>)



September

Sandra Donohue	28
Shirley Murray	29
Christopher Parks	29
Laura Altman	30
Dalicia LeaBough	30
Walter Spencer	30

October

Michel Hauteville	01
Mark LeaBough	02
Anthea Bedminster	04
Marie Dash	05
Royce Sterling	05
Joyce Robbins Brown	06
Maryann Brown Martin	07
David Fisher	08
Yvonne Hill	09
Liana Thompson	10
Peyton Flagg	12
Derrick Johnson	12
Barbara Pulliam	16
Matthew Rando	16
Rosemary Chaplin	17
Joseph Owens	17
Robert Hopson	19
J'Ana McGill	19
Anthony Cecere	21
Roxanne Matthews	22
Lauren Scales Nieves	22
Albert Scales, Jr.	22
Laura Rando	25
Dante Simpkins	25
John Cunningham	27
Gaye Council	29
Kenneth Pulliam, Jr.	29
Ella Taylor	30
Jecha Wright	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.

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