

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**

Website: www.sjfschurch.org - **New Website Address**

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

27TH 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.

October 5, 2025

Religious Education - Sundays After Mass

All are Welcome!

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- ♦ Oct 08 - Funeral Mass, Dr. John Madison @ 10:30 am
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Oct 22 - Fall Bible Study, 6pm Supper, Lesson @ 6:30pm
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Nov 30 - First Sunday of Advent

More Detail Inside

Mass Intentions October 4, 2025— October 12, 2025

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
Tuesday, 10/07/2025	12:10 pm	† Teresa Cassidy Requested by Paul Dolan
Wednesday, 10/08/2025	12:10 pm	† Clarence Gibbs Requested by John & Gail Rando
Thursday, 10/09/2025	12:10 pm	Bernard S. Walker, Jr. Requested by Loretta L. Young
Saturday, 10/11/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 10/12/2025	10:00 am	Mary Polk Requested by KPCLA

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

Each week we gather here as a family of faith, expressing and deepening our faith as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Yet, we may still feel that our faith is weak, especially if we compare ourselves to others we know. But do you know what? So did the Twelve Apostles. Today we hear them ask the Lord to increase their faith. May His response hearten us, His present-day disciples, as we desire to strengthen our own faith.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection last week.

For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or, visit the Share in the Spirit website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit> and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.



Baskets of Hope

If you are in need of a **Thanksgiving Basket** that includes a **turkey and all the trimmings**, please contact Loretta Young in the parish office. Again, this year The Farmers of Salem Insurance are gifting the parish five baskets for families in need. The baskets include fresh eggs, bread, milk, butter, and all other fixings for a yummy Thanksgiving meal.

Calling African American Salesianum Alumni

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Desegregation (Nov. 14th) at Salesianum High School and here in the State of Delaware. Salesianum wants to connect with African American Alumni of all ages from our parish.

If you would like to participate, please contact Loretta Young in the parish office.

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.

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

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.

Parish Bus — Oct



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

God Bless Our Bus Drivers!

Question of the Week

What can I do this week to be as humble and generous as an "unprofitable servant" in God's eyes?

Bible Study

A Journey Through the Book of Numbers with Deacon Phil Gonzalez

Wednesday's
October 6, 22
November 12 & 19

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

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025

Join us in **October, Respect Life Month**, for the **Annual Footprints Mass**. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 9:30am at St. John the Beloved Church in Wilmington, DE**. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents, and siblings who grieve the death of a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. The loss may be recent or many years ago. As a Catholic community, all are welcomed to join us in prayerful support at this special healing Mass at St. John the Beloved. It is a time when we come together to remember those who died too soon. Sponsored by the Offices for Marriage and Family Life and Respect Life of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Kateri Circle News

Calling All Youth!

This past spring, the Kateri Circle gifted each of you with a book. Along with it, you received an **Evaluation Form to be returned to the Kateri Circle Mailbox** located in the reception area of the parish center. Please **return your completed form by October 26th**. If you have any questions or need a form, please contact Gail Rando at (342)445-2350.

Parents, please feel free to assist your child(ren) as needed.

All Youth who return a form will receive Recognition.

Thank you!

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>Don Skomsky</i>	<i>Michelle Hamilton</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.



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.

ON THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM

**WE LEARN ABOUT RED BIRD MINISTRIES, A CATHOLIC
GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY SERVING INDIVIDUALS AND
COUPLES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF A CHILD**

PODCAST & VIDEO PREMIERS

OCT. 8, 2025 @ 12:00 P.M.

PROGRAM AIRS ON

RELEVANT RADIO 640

OCT. 11, 2025 @ 1:30 P.M.

Podcasts

YouTube
 Spotify

iHeart
 Music

KELLY BREAUX

High Tea with Basket Auction

The Delaware State Columbiettes will be hosting a High Tea with a Basket Auction on Sunday, November 9 from 1 pm to 4 pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall, 631 S. State St., Dover. Cost is \$30 which includes Tea Sandwiches, Scones and lots of yummy desserts, tea and cold drinks. We will have a 50/50 raffle and some great baskets to raffle off.

Bring your own tea cup (BYOTC).

Proceeds help the many charitable organizations the Columbiettes support.

Please RSVP to Anna Skinner no later than
Monday, October 27 - 243 Sorrell Cir. Smyrna, DE 19977
email anna.skinz@gmail.com.



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.

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