

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](mailto:office@sjfschurch.org) - New Email Address

Website: [www.sjfschurch.org](http://www.sjfschurch.org) - New Website Address

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



**If you would like to register with the parish, please access the registration form located on our website [www.sjfschurch.org](http://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

## January 4, 2026

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- ♦ January 4 - After Mass, undecorate Church, prepare Hall for Mass
- ♦ January 6 - Begin Mass in Fellowship Hall
- ♦ January 7 - Bible Study Resumes, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins - Parish Center Conference Room
- ♦ January 10 - Ministry for Black Catholics Day of Reflection, 10am—3pm, St. Elizabeth Church, Wilm
- ♦ January 12 - Painting of Church Begins
- ♦ January 12 - Book Club, 7pm Parish Center *Nothing Ever Happens Here* by Seraphina Nova Glass

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## Mass Intentions January 3, 2026- January 11, 2026

Saturday, 01/03/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/04/2026	10:00 am	Christmas Novena #5
Tuesday, 01/06/2026	12:10 pm	Christmas Novena #6
Wednesday, 01/07/2026	12:10 pm	Christmas Novena #7
Thursday, 01/08/2025	10:00 am	Christmas Novena #8
Saturday, 01/10/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/11/2025	10:00 am	Christmas Novena #9

## 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

On Sunday we commemorate the day when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the wider world. The magi, who were not Jewish and not from that region, were guided by the star, which eventually led them to Bethlehem. There they paid Him homage and offered their finest treasures as gifts. In many cultures and traditions, today is the day Christians travel to be with loved ones and exchange gifts, often celebrating Epiphany as the high point of the Christmas season, for it marks the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world.

## CHURCH PAINTING PROJECT

We fully trusted that the Good Lord would provide the remaining \$1,900 needed for our painting project, and so it happened. Thanks to the support of a very generous parishioner, **we have received the total \$18,600 needed to complete the painting of our church interior — thank you!**

Our **painting project for the interior of the church walls and ceiling is now scheduled to begin on Monday, January 12, 2026** and will last approximately 2-3 weeks. During this time, we will celebrate weekday and weekend Masses in the Fellowship Hall as we did before.

To make this happen, we must relocate the church to the fellowship hall. **On Sunday, January 4th, it's all hands on deck after Mass to relocate the church to the Fellowship Hall until the painting is complete.** Please mark your calendars for this day and plan to join us. We have done this before, so I know it will be a smooth transition.

Many thanks to all of our friends and our parishioners for the support and care of the parish and thanks be to God, our Father who continuously showers blessings upon Saint Joseph Parish! God is very good!



## Question of the Week

What will I do this week to manifest  
the presence of Christ in me to others?

## Parish Bus — January



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Jan 4	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Jan 11	Judd Williams
Sun, Jan 18	Judd Williams
Sun, Jan 25	Judd Williams

**God Bless Our Bus Drivers!**



**Sunday Fellowship**  
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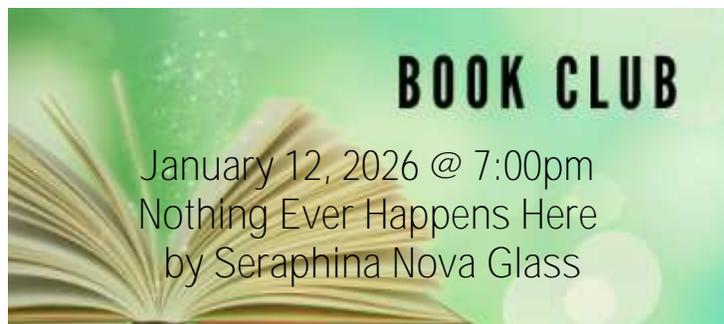
**Blessed Mother  
Sodality**

**The parish is grateful to all who continue to  
support this ministry.**



### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. In addition, we average \$600 per week from on-line donations. We have multiple ways to enable your consistent giving: In-Pew, On-line, US Mail, and Bank Checks. Either way, remember that the Parish relies on your consistent contributions and we ask that you continue to be prayerful about your gifts to the parish. Thank you for your faithfulness with giving back to the Lord!



### **January 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.

- **Jan 01- Solemnity of Mary**
- **Jan 03/04 - Building & Maintenance & St. Vincent dePaul**
- **Jan 10/11- Catholic University and Catholic Communications**
- **Jan 17/18 - St. Joseph Catholic Education Scholarship**



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>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>	<i>Julian Hinds</i>	<i>Rose Henderson</i>	<i>Pat Robbins</i>

If you would like to be added to our sick and shut-in list, please send email to [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto: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.



## January

Francis Crumety	01
Arielle Mobley	03
Gail Rando	04
LeRoy Wiles	05
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Sam McDermott	08
Albert Fletcher	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Constance H. Hamilton	12
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Sheris Owens	14
Chantal David Towles	14
Sokvannarie Mong	14
Alexis Caesar	15
Mikayla Purnell	20
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Kyle Hopson	22
Jane Crowley	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Yolanda Mohammed	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](mailto:office@sjfchurch.org). Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.*

## PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

### JANUARY IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

The month of January is designated as National Blood Donor Month in the United States. Due to holiday celebrations, inclement weather, and cold and flu season, the winter months are often a time of reduced donations and an increased risk for blood shortages. National Blood Donor Month celebrates blood donors during this critical time and reminds people of the importance of donating blood. While a given individual may be unable to donate, he or she may be able to recruit a suitable donor. Blood banks are always in need of volunteers to assist at blood drawing or to organize mobile blood drives. In addition, monetary donations are always welcome to help ensure that blood banks can continue to provide safe and adequate blood to those in need. (Source: <https://www.aabb.org/>)

### BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION MONTH

The Delaware Region Health Ministries Network is actively working to raise awareness of how common birth defects are and what steps can help to prevent them. In the United States, a baby is born with a birth defect every 4½ minutes - about 120,000 babies each year - with around [prevalence information for your state] cases occurring in Delaware. Birth defects are the most common cause of death in the first year of life and the second most common cause of death in children aged one to four years. Although not all birth defects can be prevented, many steps can be taken to increase a woman's chance of having a healthy baby. It is important to prevent those infections that can increase the risk of birth defects and other health problems for mothers and babies. (Source: National Birth Defects Prevention Network at: [https://www.nbdpn.org/docs/2018\\_NBDPN\\_BDPM](https://www.nbdpn.org/docs/2018_NBDPN_BDPM))

### INTERNATIONAL MIND BODY AND WELLNESS DAY

January 3 is International Mind-Body Wellness Day, an opportunity to celebrate how a healthy mind and healthy emotions mean a healthy body! The mind, body and soul connection play an integral role in our overall health and well-being. Our emotions, purpose, spirituality, experiences, goals, beliefs, habits, and actions all have an important impact on mind-body harmony and overall health. That is why we celebrate International Mind-Body Wellness Day at the start of each year, because nothing is more important than creating the best you possible, and what better time than the new year for a new you?