

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>



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

January 11, 2026

Mass in Fellowship Hall

January 6th — January 30th

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- ♦ January 12 - Painting of Church Begins
- ♦ January 12 - Book Club, 7pm Parish Center
Nothing Ever Happens Here
by Seraphina Nova Glass
- ♦ January 14 - Bible Study Resumes, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins - Parish Center Conference Room
- ♦ January 25 - Trustee Election
- ♦ January 31 - Move into the Church

More Detail Inside

Mass Intentions January 3, 2026 - January 11, 2026

Saturday, 01/10/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/11/2026	10:00 am	Christmas Novena #9
Tuesday, 01/13/2026	12:10 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nenno
Wednesday, 01/14/2026	12:10 pm	† Joseph Marro Reuested by D. Kirlin
Thursday, 01/15/2025	10:00 am	Ernie & Pam Wilson
Saturday, 01/17/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/18/2025	10:00 am	Jean & John Yarborough 50th Anniversary Requested by M. Yarborough

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 this final day of the Christmas season we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in dramatic fashion of Jesus rising from the waters of the River Jordan, the heavens opening before Him, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and a voice from the heavens proclaiming, "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Though not as visibly, we too have risen from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Spirit. As beloved children of God, we pray that God is also well pleased with us.

CHURCH PAINTING PROJECT

Sincerest appreciation and much gratitude for every hand that helped in any way to undecorate the church and to move the liturgical items from the church into the fellowship hall. How blessed we are to have such a beautiful community of faith!

Thanks be to God and the help of generous parishioners and good friends, our **Church Painting Project is underway!** We have completed our final project scope review with **our contractor and they are prepared to begin work on Monday, January 12th.** During this time, **access into the church from all entry points is off limits** for our contractors to work freely and without distributing their equipment and progress.

During this time we will **access the fellowship hall from ground level. Two entry points** - the double doors or handicap door from the parking lot side of the building or from the doors on the north side of the building where the outside stairway is located next to the bank and the sidewalk.

With everyone's support and cooperation, this project should be completed as planned and **we'll be back in the church by the last weekend in January.**

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!



Annual Election of Trustees January 24 & 25, 2026

In the Diocese of Wilmington we are required to elect **two lay trustees, in accordance with the religious corporation laws of the State of Delaware.**

Question of the Week

This coming week, in what way can I be a servant of the Lord with tenderness and compassion?

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!

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. **Collections on January 3rd and January 4th totaled \$2,389.** 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

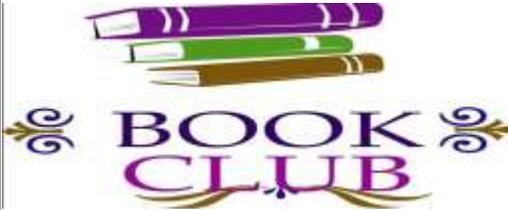
If you're not using a box set of collection envelopes and making your weekly contributions directly through your bank or via our website with online giving, below is a list of our special collections for the month of July/ We hope that you will continue supporting these important ministries and acts 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.

BIBLE STUDY
BOOK OF
DEUTERONOMY
WEDNESDAYS
 January 7, 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11
 6:00 pm Light Supper, 6:30 pm Lesson
 Parish Center Conference Room



January 12, 2026 @ 7:00pm
Nothing Ever Happens Here
 by Seraphina Nova Glass



Sunday Fellowship
 Sponsored by
Jane Crowley
 The parish is grateful to all
 who continue to support this
 ministry.



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.



St. Joseph's
Mardi Gras

Valetine's Day Dance Party
 Cabaret Style BYOB
 Sampling of N'awlins Style Cuisines
 Saturday, February 14, 2026
 6:00pm til 10:00 pm

Tickets: \$30 each or 2 for \$50
 Parish Fellowship Hall
 1012 French Street
 Wilmington, DE 19801

Price Includes: Sampling of Creole and Cajun Food;
 Games and Lots of Nawlins Style fun!
 Music by DJ Troy

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
 Rita Watts - 302.229.8097,
 Adrienne Hopson - 302.290.1713,
 Desiree Blackwell - 302.740.3096 or
 St. Joseph Parish Office - 302.658.4535

Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 383



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 Fazzino</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. 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. Please include your

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE IS POWER!

The dimensions of health provided in these bulletin announcements are foundations of whole-person health and chronic disease prevention. Nutrition, movement, sleep, stress management, community, exposure to the natural world, and spirituality are individually powerful levers for health promotion, and together they have a synergistic impact on long-term health. Our congregational and community health ministry explores access to community-based resources and encourages group and individual engagement in the activities and with the tools provided. Getting regular checkups and screenings are also vital aspects of prevention and health promotion. Through them, health issues are often identified early, before they become serious. But many people skip care due to cost, transportation challenges, or something else. Please contact your health ministry team or email cokparish@aol.com for additional resources.

FAITH and HEALTH GOALS IN 2026

If you're looking to improve your mental and physical health in 2026, you might not need another workout plan or diet. You might need something deeper. Something lasting. Something spiritual. When you're using faith to reach your health goals, it becomes a foundation for success. Your body heals. Your mind resets. Your spirit reconnects. Let your routines reflect your faith. Choose nourishing foods to honor your body. Turn your walk or workout into worship time. You can bring peace into your workplace through kindness.

THYROID AWARENESS MONTH

The thyroid gland is a hormone-producing gland that regulates the body's metabolism—the rate at which the body produces energy from nutrients and oxygen—and affects critical body functions, such as energy level and heart rate. The thyroid gland is located in the middle of the lower neck. Although the thyroid gland is relatively small, it produces a hormone that influences every cell, tissue and organ in the body. More than 12 percent of the U.S. population will develop a thyroid condition during their lifetime. The causes of thyroid problems are largely unknown. The American Thyroid Association is the world's leading professional association of medical specialists dedicated to education and research to improve thyroid disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment, improving thyroid patient care, and educating the public about thyroid health and diseases. For details and self-check instructions, visit <https://www.thyroid.org>. If you have concerns, contact your primary care provider.

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