

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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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>



# Celebrating 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."*

**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 18, 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 17/18 - Adopt a Poinsettia Plant
- ♦ January 21 - Bible Study, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins Parish Center Conference Room
- ♦ January 25 - Trustee Election
- ♦ January 31 - Move into the Church

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## Mass Intentions January 17, 2026- January 25, 2026

Saturday, 01/17/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/19/2026	10:00 am	Jean & John Yarborough 50th Anniversary Requested by M. Yarborough
Tuesday, 01/20/2026	12:10 pm	† Mark Deegan Requested by D. Kirlin
Wednesday, 01/21/2026	12:10 pm	Chris Claudy & Family and His Laborers
Thursday, 01/22/2025	10:00 am	† Esther Anna Church SJFS
Saturday, 01/24/2025	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/25/2025	10:00 am	† Barbara Willis Equested by William Willis & Martin Willis

### 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

Ever since Christmas, we have heard how Jesus was revealed over time to the wider world. He was made manifest to the nearby shepherds on the night of His birth. The magi followed the star from distant lands to the east. Last week we heard that the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, revealing Jesus at His Baptism. Today, we hear John the Baptist see Jesus and testify, "*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*" We say the same words at each Eucharist. May they resonate with us today and always.

### Question of the Week

How will I witness to my faith,  
in Jesus, this week?

### 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!** Our contractor, Cassidy Painting began work on **Monday, January 12th and has made great progress.** **The ceilings have been painted a warm white and have already brightened up our sanctuary.** As a reminder, while the church is being painted, **access into the church from all entry points is off limits** so that our contractors can 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 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.**

### 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

Sponsored by

**Stephanie T. Bolden**

**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.

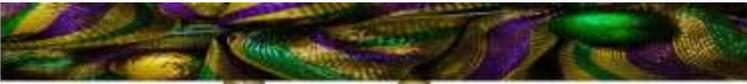
## January Special Collections

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.



*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



**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

### Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses.

***Collections on January 10th and January 1th totaled \$3,312.*** 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!

**DON'T MISS THIS EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM**  
LEARN HOW SALESIANUM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE HELPING CATHOLIC CHARITIES' BAYARD HOUSE

PODCAST & VIDEO PREMIERS  
JAN. 14, 2026 @ 12:00 P.M.  
AIRS ON RELEVANT RADIO 640  
JAN. 17, 2026 @ 1:30 P.M.

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Diocese of Wilmington

SALESIANUM SCHOOL

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Podcast Spotify iHeart



**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*

**PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE**

Lately, you're probably noticing the signs of flu everywhere: more people wearing masks, families canceling plans, kids with fevers and coughs. Sports fans have noticed player absences. Some restaurants and businesses are shuttering hours due to sick employees and lack of ample staffing.

Numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirm the suspected culprit: influenza virus. The federal agency is reporting 14.8% of lab tests as positive for influenza type A, the majority of which this year have been H3N2.

Delaware mirrors national statistics with Delaware Health and Social Services reporting 894 new flu cases in the state Dec. 14-20, up from 340 reported the week prior. Sussex County recorded 230 and 79 cases for weeks 51 and 50, respectively, showing a stark increase in positive cases.

This early spike in the flu this season is driving patients to emergency departments and urgent cares in large volumes. Many centers are reporting longer-than-usual wait times due to an influx of acutely ill patients.

It's important to understand that cases are high and to take steps to reduce the risk of transmission by avoiding large gatherings, masking up and getting a flu shot. The CDC states that millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor's visits each year can be avoided by getting the flu vaccine.

If you don't feel well and you are going to be around a large group of people, in contact with someone who is elderly or anyone that is immunocompromised, it's recommended that you test yourself first so that you don't spread the virus. Symptoms of the flu include fever and cough, and testing kits are available at pharmacies over the counter. Results come back in about 15 minutes.

If you have the flu, there are treatment options available. Tamiflu (oseltamivir) is the mainstay for treatment as an outpatient, but it must be started within 48 hours of symptom onset, making it important to see a medical provider right away if you're positive or suspect you have the flu.

William Albanese is a doctor of pharmacy and CEO of Atracare in Lewes and Ocean View.