

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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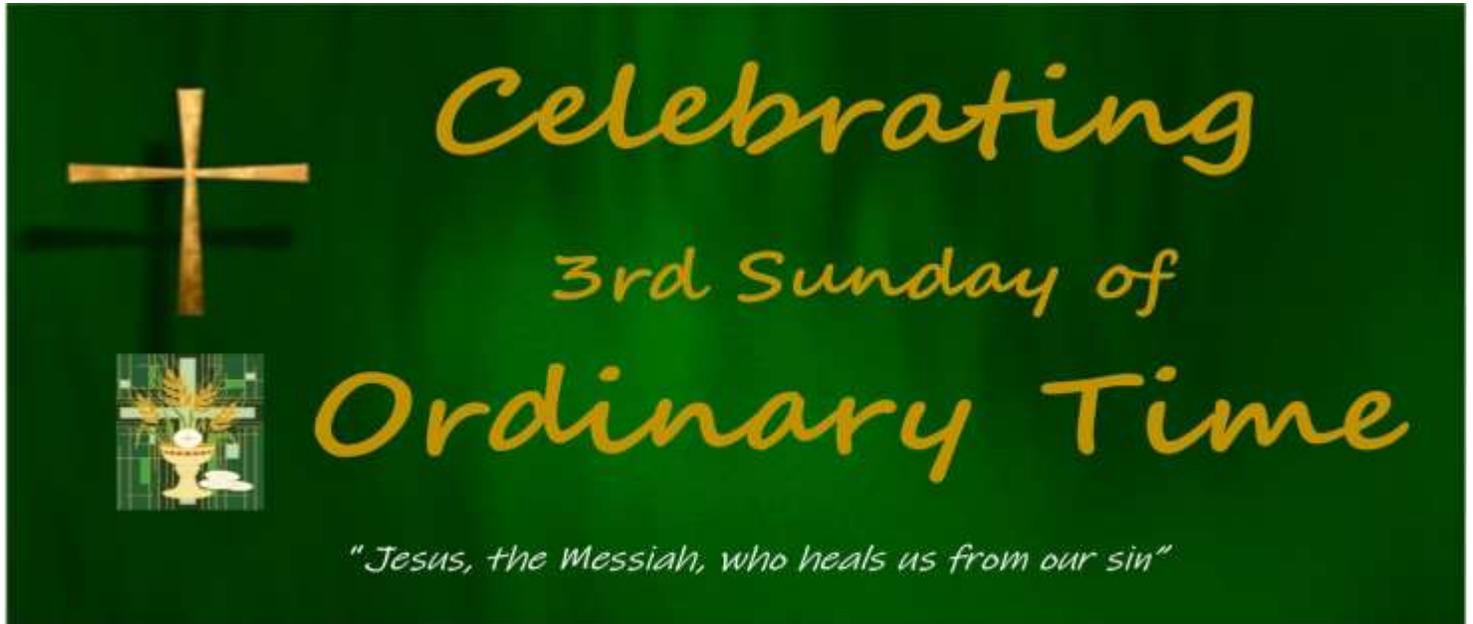


Office Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Thursday

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>



**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 25, 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 25 - Trustee Election
- ♦ January 28 - Bible Study, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins Parish Center Conference Room
- ♦ January 31 - Move into the Church
- ♦ Jan 31/Feb 1 - Blessing of Throats
- ♦ February 14 - Valentine's Mardi Gras Party
- ♦ February 18 - Ash Wednesday, 12:10pm Mass Liturgy of the Word - 1:15pm
- ♦ February 20 - Lenten Fish Fry, 11am-2pm Fridays during Lent. Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver
- ♦ February 22 - Soul Food Sunday/Luncheon
- ♦ February 25 - Lenten Holy Hour of Power, 6:30pm

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## Mass Intentions January 24, 2026– February 1, 2026

Saturday, 01/24/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish † Barbara Willis Requested by William Willis & Martin Willis
Sunday, 01/25/2026	10:00 am	† Joseph Marro Requested by D. Kirlin
Tuesday, 01/27/2026	12:10 pm	† Esther DeShields Requested by SJFS
Wednesday, 01/28/2026	12:10 pm	† Thomas LaCroix Requested by SJFS
Thursday, 01/29/2026	12:10 pm	For the People of the Parish
Saturday, 01/31/2026	5:00 pm	Michele Porter & Family Requested by SJFS
Sunday, 02/01/2026	10:00 am	

PARISH STAFF	
Pastor:	Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers, V.C.
Deacons:	Robert J. Cousar Phillip Gonzalez Loretta L. Young
Admin. Assistant	Lavon Robinson
Receptionist:	Vacant
Coord. Religious Education:	Daniel Stevens
Dir. Music Ministry:	Tiffany Ostrishko
Bookkeeper:	

### Introduction of the Liturgy of the Day

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus call his first disciples. "Come after me," He calls out to the first two. "Follow me," He says to two more. We are the ones Jesus calls out to now. Today is the Sunday of the Word of God, the day Pope Francis chose to dedicate to the proclamation, the study, and the celebration of the scriptures. The call of the first disciples also reminds us of Jesus' own words. His words invite us to a deeper commitment, to one like Peter and Andrew and James and John made with Him.

May the word of God inspire us to enter our own discipleship more deeply.

### Question of the Week

The first disciples left their old lives behind to follow Jesus. What is Jesus calling me to leave behind?

### 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 continues to make **great progress. The ceilings have been painted white, many of the walls are completed and our sanctuary is becoming a warm, bright and welcoming space for all to enjoy. 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

#### AFTER Mass

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 – February

DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Feb 1	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, Feb 8	Judd Williams
Sun, Feb 15	Judd Williams
Sun, Feb 22	Judd Williams

**God Bless Our Bus Drivers!**

### Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by

### Jeff & Bo Flynn

**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.

## February 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 31/Feb 01 - Building & Maintenance & St. Vincent dePaul
- Feb 07/08- Black & Indian Missions and Home Missions



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**

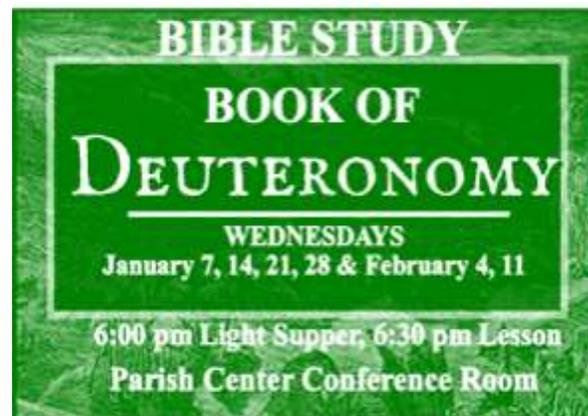
**Valetine's Day Dance Party**  
Cabaret Style BYOB  
Sampling of N'awlins Style Cuisines  
Saturday, February 14, 2026  
6:00pm til 10:00 pm

**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 17th and January 18th totaled \$3,297.** 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!

# FRIDAY LENTEN FISH

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Don't miss this great annual tradition...  
**EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT,**  
**11:00 am - 2:00pm**

**FISH DINNERS**, cooked to perfection  
by our very own Knights of Peter Claver!  
Place your order today!



**Feb 20, Feb 27, Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20, Mar 27 (Except Good Friday)**

**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>Pat Robbins</i>
<i>Constance H. Hamilton</i>	<i>Deidre Rogers</i>	<i>Julian Hinds</i>	<i>Rose Henderson</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**

**THYROID AWARENESS MONTH:** Undiagnosed thyroid issues can increase the risk for other serious conditions such as cardiovascular disease, obesity, osteoporosis, and infertility. However, most thyroid diseases are life-long conditions that can be managed with medical attention once diagnosed. Learn about the different types of tests used to determine if you have a thyroid condition. Visit the American Academy of Clinical Endocrinology to learn how you can perform a simple neck self-exam to help with early detection and check for lumps or enlargements in the neck that may point to a thyroid condition at: <https://www.aace.com/patient-journey/thyroid>.

**NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH:** Due to holiday celebrations, inclement weather and illness, the winter months are often a time of reduced donations and an increased risk for blood shortages. National Blood Donor Month celebrates blood donors and reminds people of the importance of donating blood during this critical time. A blood donation is truly an altruistic gift that an individual can give to others in need. In only 45-60 minutes, an eligible individual can donate one unit of blood that can be separated into four individual components that could help save multiple lives. Learn more about the process or to answer any questions you may have at: <https://www.aabb.org/for-donors-patients/why-donate-blood>.

**WINTER SAFETY MONTH:** Driving in the winter means changes in the way you drive. Snow, sleet and ice can lead to hazardous road conditions. Prepare your vehicle for the upcoming winter season with these helpful tips. Avoid Shoveling, Snowplowing Injuries. Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are among winter's most grueling activities. High levels of activity in cold temperatures put many people at risk of heart attacks, especially those that have inactive lifestyles. (Source: <https://www.nsc.org/winter-safety>)

**COMING SOON TO CATHOLIC FORUM**  
 MARY RUTH HACKETT, CO-AUTHOR OF THE NEW BOOK,  
**DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS FOR BEGINNERS**  
 PODCAST & VIDEO PREMIERS  
 JAN. 21, 2026 @ 12:00 P.M.  
 AIRS ON RELEVANT RADIO 640  
 JAN. 24, 2026 @ 1:30 P.M.  
 relevant radio YouTube iHeart

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