

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

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



Celebrating
4th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied "

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

February 1, 2026

Celebrating Black History

- ♦ Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- ♦ January 31 - Move into the Church
- ♦ Jan 31/Feb 1 - Blessing of Throats
- ♦ February 4 - Bible Study, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins, Fellowship Hall
- ♦ 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 31, 2026– February 8, 2026

Saturday, 01/31/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/1/2025	10:00 am	Michele Porter & Family Requested by SJFS
Tuesday, 02/3/2026	12:10 pm	† William & Alice Kirlin Requested by D. Kirlin
Wednesday, 02/4/2026	12:10 pm	Deacon Michael & Pam Boyd Requested by Mary Hatch
Thursday, 02/5/2026	12:10 pm	† Ed Hojnack Requested by D. Kirlin
Saturday, 2/7/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/8/2026	10:00 am	Jack Deemer & The Knight of Columbus Requested by SJFS

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

Matthew structures his Gospel around five lengthy sermons of Jesus and today we hear the beginning of the first of them, the well-known and oft-quoted Sermon on the Mount. It can be a challenge to hear it, as the radical departure from conventional thinking that it was when Jesus first spoke these words from the mountaintop. May we ask God for the grace to realign our ideals and realize the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 Auxilliary Court 383

BIBLE STUDY
The Book of Deuteronomy
FELLOWSHIP HALL
FEB 4, 11, 18
6PM Light Supper, 6:30 Lesson

Sunday Fellowship
Sponsored by
Blessed Mother Sodality

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

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!

Question of the Week
How will I allow myself to be meek, merciful, and poor in spirit, choosing to rely more often on God's grace?

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. **Collections on January 24th and totaled \$3,135.** 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 FRY

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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



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



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.



MANY HANDS
ONE MISSION
A 50-Year Legacy

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Grace and peace be with you! As we celebrate the **50th anniversary of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**, I am filled with gratitude for the generations of faithful parishioners whose generosity has carried our Church forward. For fifty years, **many hands with one mission** have built up the Church we cherish today - supporting ministries that care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of people throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Now it is our turn to strengthen that legacy for the next fifty years. This year's appeal is more than a request for support - it is a call for participation. Every household in our parish is invited to take part so that, together, we can reach our participation goal and show that our community of faith is united and strong.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter from Bishop Koenig inviting your support through prayer and giving. I ask that you respond generously. Please know that 50% of your gift will stay right here in our parish to help meet our local needs, once we exceed our goal.

Let us join our hearts and hands in gratitude for those who came before us and in hope for those who will follow. Together, with many hands and one mission, we will ensure that our faith continues to thrive for generations to come.

May God bless you and your family,

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.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

Megan Pitts	Jean Toy	Guissepina Fazzone	Mavis Woolley	Barbara Pulliam
Glenda Townsend	Nicole Raye Shaw	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin	Mary Polk
Judy Gallagher	Donna Scott May	Yvonne Hill	Don Skomsky	Pat Robbins
Constance H. Hamilton	Deidre Rogers	Julian Hinds	Rose Henderson	

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.



February

- Jessica Chaplin 01
- Sam Donahue 02
- Zoe Donahue 02
- Seth Eckrich 02
- Matt Hoey 02
- John Polk, Jr. 02
- Brenda Burns 04
- Marilyn Gonzalez 04
- Samia Hopson 04
- Denise Scales 04
- Daniel Caesar 05
- Kairo Cruz 08
- Mary Kegelmann 08
- Sidney Abili 13
- Le'Verne Cecere 15
- Marcus Small 15
- Terrence Clark 16
- George Winston 16
- Lorraine Eckrich 16
- Henry Short 18
- L'Ause Dye 20
- Jacqueline Loosarian 21
- David May, III 21
- Kathleen Hodges 23
- Albert Scales, Sr. 23
- Dominick Simpkins 23
- Pierce Sterling 23
- Chanae Council 25
- Mattu Pennoh 25
- Chantal Jackson 26
- Daniel Mahler 27
- Valerie Williams 28

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.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH: 2026 marks a milestone of both progress and persistence in the United States, the 100th anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans. What began as a singular week of learning and recognition called Negro History Week in 1926 has grown into an overall cultural observance of Black History throughout the month of February. (www.Forbes.com). The 2026 theme for Black History Month is "A Century of Black History Commemoration". The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.(https://www.blackhistorymonth.gov)

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND HEALTH WEEK FEBRUARY 1-7
To understand the modern world, especially nations where Black peoples form a significant population, one must grapple with the impact that the public observances have had on the past and the present. This year, when we are also commemorating the 250th anniversary of United States independence, it is important to tell not only an inclusive history, but an accurate one. We have never had more need to examine the role of Black History Month than we do when forces weary of democracy seek to use legislative means and book bans to excise Black history from America's schools and public culture. Black history's value is not its contribution to mainstream historical narratives, but its resonance in the lives of Black people. (Source: Association for the Study of African American Life and History (https://asalh.org/black-history-month-about/))

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