

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 - New Email Address

Website: www.sjfschurch.org - New Website Address

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



Celebrating 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"...your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

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 8, 2026

CCD & RCIA in Parish Center Following Sunday Mass

Celebrating Black History

- ♦ Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- ♦ February 11 - 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 - First Sunday of Lents - Soul Food Sunday/Luncheon
- ♦ February 25 - Lenten Holy Hour of Power, 6:30pm

More Detail Inside

Mass Intentions February 7, 2026– February 15, 2026

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
Tuesday, 02/10/2026	12:10 pm	† William & Alice Kirlin Requested by D. Kirlin
Wednesday, 02/11/2026	12:10 pm	William "Bill" Shorter Requested by SJFS
Thursday, 02/12/2026	12:10 pm	† Ed Hohnick Requested by D. Kirlin
Saturday, 2/14/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/15/2026	10:00 am	Raskob Family & Foundation Requested by SJFS

PARISH STAFF

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

Introduction of the Liturgy of the Day

During this cold, long winter we become keenly aware of the value of sunshine. The sun rises later in the morning and sets earlier in the afternoon; quite often it's gray and cloudy all day. Today we hear Jesus tell His disciples that they are to shine their light for all to see, as a lamp on a lampstand does. This winter, may we

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

Sunday Fellowship
 Sponsored by
Jane Crowley

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 can I and my parish increase the light we shine in our community?

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

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. **Collections on January 31/February 1 and totaled \$3,719.** 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)

LENT

— 40 Days Of Renewal —

Schedule of Events

Daily Mass will also occur on Fridays during Lent at 12:10pm

Ash Wednesday - February 18

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence

- † 12:10pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- † 1pm Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays - Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver

Lenten Holy Hour of Power

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30pm

Lenten Reflection Series: Moments of Hope

Wednesday - March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Feast of St. Joseph - Mass, Adoration & Fellowship

Wednesday - March 19, 6:30pm

Parish Almsgiving

† Donate canned goods for Catholic Charities. Please place canned goods in the barrel located at the church entrance.

† Contribute towards a special Lenten drive for our St. Vincent dePaul Conference. Envelopes are in the Church pews for your use. Our goal is to donate \$1,000 to help those in need.

Palm Sunday Breakfast - March 29, 11am - 1pm

Reconciliation Monday - March 30, 3pm - 8pm



Commitment Weekend
February 28 & March 1

Pass the WORD 2026

02/25/26

An event
for High School boys

A day for discerning your future

What gives you joy?

What is God calling you to?

Could priesthood be a thought?

A day for reflection among peers at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear, DE February 25th, 2026
Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with Bishop Koenig



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.

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. 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 Kegelman	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

AMERICAN HEART MONTH: Some risk factors of heart disease can't be controlled, like your family history. But it's still important to lower your chance of developing heart disease by decreasing the risk factors you can control. Having healthy blood pressure and cholesterol ranges are some of the first steps you can take for a healthy heart. It's not possible to cure or reverse heart disease, so it requires lifetime treatment and monitoring. But medications, procedures, and lifestyle strategies can relieve symptoms. Almost half of all people in the United States have an elevated chance of developing heart disease, and the numbers continue to rise. However, adopting heart-healthy lifestyle strategies can prevent or manage many cases of heart disease. Visit the Healthline website to learn more about the causes and risk factors for this health condition at (Source: <https://www.healthline.com/health/heart-disease#takeaway>)

NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH: National Cancer Prevention Month serves as a reminder that small, proactive steps like quitting smoking, exercising, eating healthily, and getting vaccinated can collectively make a significant difference in reducing cancer risk and improving public health. Cancer prevention isn't about perfection; it's about reducing risk where you can. (Source: <https://www.cancerresearch.org/blog/cancer-prevention-month>)

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH: Each February, the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. NCDHM messages and materials have reached millions of people in communities across the country. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Every day should be about children's dental health. That's why the American Dental Association offers free materials to celebrate and promote children's dental health, not only during the month of February, but all year long. Learn more about encouraging your children and teens to participate in their own health care starting with good oral hygiene at: (Source: <https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/national-childrens-dental-health-month>)

**DON'T MISS THIS EPISODE OF
CATHOLIC FORUM**

**MEET CDOW'S NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR,
HANNAH DELL**

PODCAST & VIDEO PREMIERS
FEB. 4, 2026 @ 12:00 P.M.
AIRS ON RELEVANT RADIO 640
FEB. 7, 2026 @ 1:30 P.M.

relevant 640AM radio YouTube iHeart

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