

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

**February 22, 2026**

**CCD & OCIA 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 22 - First Sunday of Lent  
- Soul Food Luncheon - Adults \$5.00
- ♦ February 25 - Lenten Holy Hour of Power, 6:30pm
- ♦ February 27 - Lenten Fish Fry, 11am-2pm Fridays during Lent. Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver
- ♦ March 4 - Lenten Reflection Series, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins, Fellowship Hall
- ♦ March 8 - Soup & Salad Sunday, Only \$7.00 Sponsored by the Ladies Sodality
- ♦ March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph's 5:00 pm Adoration & Rosary 6:00pm Mass & Potluck Supper

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## Mass Intentions February 21, 2026– March 1, 2026

Saturday, 02/21/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/22/2026	10:00 am	Barbara Willis Requested by SJFS
Tuesday, 02/24/2026	12:10 pm	† Jennie L. Stewart Requested by SJFS
Wednesday, 02/25/2026	12:10 pm	† Joseph Marra Requested by D. Kirlin
Thursday, 02/26/2026	12:10 pm	† William & Alice Kirlin Requested by D. Kirlin
Friday, 02/27/26	12:10 pm	† Marie A. Carroll Requested by SJFS
Saturday, 02/28/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/01/2026	10:00 am	† Bishop Ollie Davis Requested by KPC Ladies Auxiliary

### 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

During the forty-day journey through the desert that we make each Lent, again and again we will find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, to overindulge, to lie, to take the easy way out. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit accompanies us to guide us along the right path and lead us back after we lose our way. We recall that filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to resist temptation on His journey, even when the devil offered him the whole world. May we be strengthened regularly by His Body and Blood while on our Holy Pilgrimage.

# + 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  
† 1:15pm 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

**Soul Food Sunday, February 22**

**Lenten Holy Hour of Power**  
Wednesday, February 25, 6:30pm

**Lenten Reflection Series: *Even Angels Cry***  
Wednesday - March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Feast of St. Joseph - Adoration, Mass & Fellowship**  
Thursday - March 19, 5pm Adoration, Rosary,  
Mass at 6:00pm, Potluck Supper Following Mass

**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**



### 2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

**Many Hands One Mission:** A 50 Year Legacy  
Next weekend marks the start of the 2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. **For 50 years, this appeal has united many hands in one mission — serving those in need, forming our faith, and ensuring the Church’s growth for generations to come.**

This year, participation matters more than ever. **For every parishioner who gives for the first time, 50% of their donation will stay right here in our parish to support our own ministries and local needs.** Once our parish reaches its overall goal, we also receive a share of funds raised beyond that goal — strengthening our community even further.

Your gift, at any level, helps continue a 50-year legacy of faith, hope, and charity that builds up the Church in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore. **Please prayerfully consider your support and come to Mass next weekend ready to make your pledge to this year’s Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.** To learn more, visit [www.cdw.org/giving](http://www.cdw.org/giving) or scan the QR code.



**MANY HANDS  
ONE MISSION**  
*A 50-Year Legacy*

# FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

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Don't miss this delicious 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)**

Order online [www.stfschurch.org](http://www.stfschurch.org)



## 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.

## Question of the Week

How do I resist temptation? Can I remember to look ahead to the long-term consequences before I choose what to do?

## Lenten Holy Hour of Power

Adoration, Praise  
 and  
 Worship Music



**Wednesday, February 25, 2026 — 6:30 pm**

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 302-658-4535

Featuring  
 Mr. Daniel Stevens, Musician and Director of Music  
 Ms. Nanette Archie Snow, Vocalist

## Soup & Salad Sunday — March 8, 2026

Your Choice of Soups...

**Chicken Noodle, Chili, Lentil,  
 Navy Bean or  
 Vegetarian Bean Soup**



**\$7.00**

**Includes Garden Salad, Roll & Bottled Water**

**Sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality**

## Parish Bus — Feb/Mar



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, Feb 22	Judd Williams
Sun, March 1	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, March 8	Judd Williams
Sun, March 15	Judd Williams
Sun, March 22	Judd Williams
Sun, March 29	Judd Williams

**God Bless Our Bus Drivers!**

## Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by



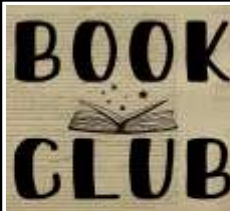
## Jeff & Bo Flynn

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

## Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. **Collections on February 14 & 15 totaled \$4,693.**

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!



**Monday, March 9, 2026**  
**7:00 pm**

**Our Unfinished March**

by Eric Holder  
 See Geraldine Cochran  
 for more Information

## March 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.

- **Feb 28/Mar 01 - Building & Maintenance & St. Vincent dePaul**
- **Mar 14/15- Easter Flowers and Easter Novena**
- **Mar 19 - Solemnity of Saint Joseph**

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**

Valerie Williams 28

**March**

- Jasmine Blackwell 02
- Sadie Rose Clark 03
- Stephen Thorpe 03
- Blanche Tucker 03
- Judd Williams 04
- Carolyn Short 05
- Ikesha McGill 07
- Lettie Williams 07
- James Wesley Mobley 08
- Dan Rafter 08
- Kenneth Pulliam, Sr. 11
- Jean Toy 12
- Ron Toy 13
- Chris Wright 15
- Victor Newman 17
- J. Barcon Hilton 18
- Mercedes Zahralbin 19
- Martin Willis 20
- Stella Caesar 22
- Frances David 23
- Donna Olivia Levy 24
- Zakiya Adams-Best 27
- D'Aviona Perrigan 27
- Deidre Rogers 27
- Joseph Rafter 29
- Vincent Crumety 30
- Bertley Wharton 31

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**

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE MONTH: Teen dating violence affects nearly 10% of all teenagers throughout the U.S.**

We provide information and resources to help bring attention to this serious issue. Learn more about teen dating abuse and **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**. One of the most powerful tools parents have is open and honest communication. It's not easy, but creating an environment where your teen feels comfortable talking to you about anything and everything, including their relationships, will give you the best opportunity to steer them away from danger. You can't protect your child forever, as much as any parent might like to. But teaching them about healthy relationships now — and intervening if you see something that isn't right — lays the groundwork for them to have safe, fulfilling relationships as they enter adulthood. Have your teen learn the 5 warning signs of an abusive relationship at <https://www.teendvmonth.org/resources/signs=rteen-dating-violence/>

**NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK – FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 1**

In 2026, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week takes place February 23-March 1, with the theme Every BODY Belongs. Eating disorders affect 30 million Americans across all ages, sizes, races, genders, and backgrounds. Too often, people go unseen or unsupported due to stigma, misinformation, and barriers to care. This #NEDAW, we come together to fight for change, commit to change, and remind everyone that every body belongs. Empower others to take action, offer meaningful support, and connect individuals with the help they need. **Download the slide deck and facilitator guide today** and join us to spread awareness and ensure that everyone with an eating disorder can find the help they need. (Source: <https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/presentation-page>)

**DON'T MISS THIS EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM**  
**Sheila O'Hagan McGill,**  
 Director of Development  
 2026 Faith & Charity Appeal

FEB. 25, 2026 @ NOON  
 RELEVANT RADIO 640  
 FEB. 28, 2026 @ 1:30PM

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 MANY HANDS. ONE MISSION.  
 Fifty Years of Hope.

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