

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>



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

March 1, 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
- ♦ March 1 - Second Sunday of Lent
Video Celebrating St. Joseph's History following Mass in the fellowship hall
- ♦ March 4 - Lenten Reflection Series, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins, Fellowship Hall
- ♦ March 6 - Lenten Fish Fry, 11am-2pm Fridays during Lent. Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver
- ♦ 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

More Detail Inside

Mass Intentions February 28, 2026– March 8, 2026

Saturday, 02/28/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/01/2026	10:00 am	†Ollie Davis Requested by KPC Ladies Auxiliary
Tuesday, 03/03/2026	12:10 pm	†Joseph Marra Requested by D. Kirlin
Wednesday, 03/04/2026	12:10 pm	†Ed Hojnack Requested by D. Kirlin
Thursday, 03/05/2026	12:10 pm	Rev. Joseph McLaughlin Requested by SJFS
Friday, 03/06/26	12:10 pm	†Earley Rashad Requested by Loretta Young
Saturday, 03/07/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/08/2026	10:00 am	†William C. Cavin, Jr. 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

Today we hear the account of Jesus' Transfiguration, when the Lord suddenly shone like the sun in front of His closest disciples, knocking them to the ground in awe. On this Second Sunday of Lent, we realize that we still have the opportunity to transform our lives, to become a different person, to shine like the sun and amaze those closest to us. May this celebration of the Eucharist strengthen us to transfigure our lives and make them more closely conform to our Lord's.



2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

This year marks the golden jubilee of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal — fifty years of carrying faith into the future through ministries that serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of God's people across Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are being asked not only to give, but to participate. Every parish has both a financial goal and a participation goal. Bishop Koenig hopes every household will join in — because when every hand is part of the mission, our Church grows stronger for the next generation.

For those participating for the first time, 50% of your gift will stay right here in our parish to support local needs. And once our parish exceeds its goal, a portion of all funds raised above it will remain here as well.

Let us honor the generosity of those who built our Church before us by strengthening it for those who will come after. Together, with many hands and one mission, we can ensure our faith endures for the next fifty years and beyond.

To learn more or make your pledge, visit www.cdow.org, click Giving → Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, or scan the QR code.



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

† 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

Lenten Reflection Series

Even Angels Cry

Wednesdays
 March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1
 6:00 pm Supper
 6:30 pm Reflection

Fellowship Hall
 St. Joseph Catholic Church
 1012 N. French Street, Wilm., DE 19801



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

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

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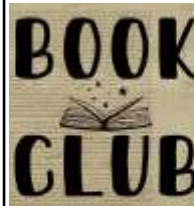


Don't miss this delicious annual tradition...
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
 11:00 am - 2:00pm
FISH DINNERS cooked to perfection
 by our very own Knights of Peter Claver!
 Place your order today!



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

Order online www.stjchurch.org



Monday, March 9, 2026
 7:00 pm

Our Unfinished March

by Eric Holder
 See Geraldine Cochran
 for more Information

Sunday Fellowship Sponsored by



Marinda & Rich Levy

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 21 & 22 totaled \$2,204.** 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!

Question of the Week

How can I see myself
 transfigured between now and
 Easter? How will accepting my
 cross and following Jesus more
 closely help transform my life?



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.

Parish Bus — Mar



DATE	DRIVER
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!

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

<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.



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

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH - TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

Learn about common signs and symptoms of kidney disease and what they may mean for your health. "Kidney Sundays is a great way to help churches or civic associations get the conversation started about diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, and eating habits, and how each relates to kidney health." Interested in having a Kidney Sunday presentation for your congregation? Health Minister leaders can access a toolkit on this website (Source: <https://www.nddk.nih.gov/health-information/community-health-outreach/kidney-Sundays-toolkit>) or contact cokparish@aol.com to provide a presentation with Health Kidney Sunday in the subject line.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits. This year's theme is "**Discover the Power of Nutrition.**" *Discover the Power of Nutrition* with the help of a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN). Learn more about how an RDN can help you meet your health goals with science-based recommendations on this website (<https://www.eatright.org/national-nutrition-month>)

INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR DAY – MARCH 1 2026

March 1st is International Wheelchair Day, a global celebration that takes place every year. This day is a powerful movement that wants to raise awareness of the difficulties experienced by those who use wheelchairs, not only to acknowledge that they exist. International Wheelchair Day promotes a more inclusive society in which those with mobility limitations have equal access to opportunities. As we commemorate this day, it's critical to keep in mind that accessibility is about building a culture in which every individual feels respected and empowered, not merely about installing ramps and lifts. We can always do more to remove obstacles and build an inclusive society, from making sure public areas are welcoming to encouraging comprehension and acceptance in businesses and neighbourhoods. (Source: <https://www.accessrating.com/celebrating-international->

DON'T MISS THIS EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM

Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP
Author, *Witness: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer & Meditation*

MARCH 4, 2026 @ NOON
RELEVANT RADIO 640
MARCH 7, 2026 @ 1:30PM

relevant 640AM radio YouTube
Podcasts Spotify iHeart music

Saint Joseph Catholic Church is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of its transportation services based on race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1B. For additional information on Saint Joseph Catholic Church nondiscrimination policies and procedures, or to file a complaint, please visit the website at www.stjosephfrenchst.org or contact St. Joseph Parish Office, 1012 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.