

St. Joseph's Church



THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

1012 French Street
Wilm., DE 19801
302-658-4535 (Tel)
302-658-2006 (Fax)

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 Friday — 12:10 pm

March 8, 2026

CCD & OCIA in Parish Center Following Sunday Mass

- ♦ Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- ♦ March 8 - Soup & Salad Sunday, Only \$7.00 Sponsored by the Ladies Sodality
- ♦ March 11 - 5:30pm Native American Stations of the Cross - Lenten Reflection Series, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins, Fellowship Hall
- ♦ March 13 - Lenten Fish Fry, 11am-2pm Fridays during Lent. Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver
- ♦ March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph's 5:00 pm Adoration & Rosary 6:00pm Mass & Dinner
- ♦ March 29 - Palm Sunday, Breakfast following Mass
- ♦ March 30 - Reconciliation Monday, 3pm—8pm

More Detail Inside

Mass Intentions March 7, 2026 – March 15, 2026

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
Tuesday, 03/10/2026	12:10 pm	† Dorothy Davis Requested by SJFS
Wednesday, 03/11/2026	12:10 pm	† Ed Hojnack Requested by D. Kirlin
Thursday, 03/12/2026	12:10 pm	† Martin P. Murray, Sr. Requested by Patricia Rafter
Friday, 03/13/26	12:10 pm	† Mary Elizabeth Ryder Requested by SJFS
Saturday, 03/14/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/15/2026	10:00 am	† Rev. James T. Kirk, 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

Water plays a pivotal role in today's liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Moses bring forth water in the desert when the Chosen People feared dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals Himself as the source of living water, telling the woman at the well that whoever drinks of this water will never thirst again. Today we also celebrate the First Scrutiny Rite with Henry Short who is preparing for Baptism, where he will receive the water of new life. Whether we have been baptized for many years or are preparing for baptism in just a few weeks, we thirst for the life-giving water that only our Lord, "the one called the Christ," can provide.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. For fifty years, the Appeal has carried faith into the future—strengthening our Church and caring for those in need throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

This year, Bishop Koenig is asking every parish family to join in. Your participation matters as much as the gift itself. When every household gives, our parish grows stronger—and our shared mission thrives.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today. 50% of all first-time gifts stay right here in our parish, and funds raised beyond our goal also support local needs. Together, with many hands and one mission, we can ensure our faith remains vibrant for generations to come.

Please use the envelopes in the back of the church, visit cdow.org, click Giving Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, or scan the QR code to participate.



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

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**

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

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Joseph Catholic Church • 1012 N. French St • Wilm., DE 19801



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.stfchurch.org



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

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. **Collections on February 28 & March 1 totaled \$5,072**

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



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.



Sunday Fellowship

Sponsored by



James Forrest & Family

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

Question of the Week

How can the life-giving water I received in baptism flow through me to quench the thirst of others in need?

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

The Wilmington Pro-Life Group is sponsoring a Pro-Life Mass, Adoration, and Procession on March 19, 2026 the Feast of St. Joseph. This mass will take place at St. Peter's Cathedral at 8am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and then a procession to the Planned Parenthood Clinic at 7th and Shipley Streets for a sidewalk prayer service. We will pray for the unborn little ones, their parents, the abortionists, and the escorts at the clinic. Following the prayer service, Lunch (Free will offering) will be served at 12:30pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church on Lea Blvd. Please join us for all or any of this Lenten Day of Prayer. For more information, contact: Wilmingtonprolife@gmail.com

Spread Hope - Pro-Life Bumper Stickers

For a woman feeling pressured towards abortion, or "looking for a sign" to keep her baby, a simple message can make the difference between life and death. That's why Gabriel Dionisi, a Catholic college student, founded ProLifeStickers.com. This ministry shares FREE bumper stickers that encourage a Culture of Life and connect women in need with real, life-affirming support. If you would like a FREE pro-life bumper sticker, just scan the QR code.



Parish Bus — March



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.

CYM PILGRIMAGE



MAPS OF GRACE / MAPAS DE GRACIA
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

The CYM Office invites you to join us for the celebration of the 15th CYM Pilgrimage – Maps of Grace! We are so excited to continue this amazing tradition, beginning and ending at St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington, with stops at St. Francis Hospital, St. Anthony's, Padua Academy, and St. Paul's. **Help us to make this the biggest and best Pilgrimage to date, giving all glory to God!**

Additional information including group registration and registration for priests willing to hear confessions during the event can be found on the new CYM website: <https://cdowcym.org/pilgrimage/>

DON'T MISS THIS EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM



CATHOLIC CHARITIES **FACES OF IMPACT**
Diocese of Wilmington

Susan Kirk Ryan,
Diocesan Archivist

on Msgr. Thomas Reese and the
Legacy of Catholic Charities

MARCH 11, 2026 @ NOON

RELEVANT RADIO 640
MARCH 14, 2026 @ 1:30PM



relevant
640AM radio YouTube



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.