

# 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 Friday — 12:10 pm

## March 22, 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 25, April 1 - Lenten Reflection Series, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm session begins, Fellowship Hall
- March 27 - Lenten Fish Fry, 11am-2pm Fridays during Lent. Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver

### **Holy Week**

- March 29 - 77th Palm Sunday Breakfast
- March 30 - Reconciliation Monday, 3pm—8pm
- March 31 - Chrism Mass @ 7pm, Holy Cross, Dover
- April 2 - Holy Thursday  
Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm, Adoration til 10:30pm
- April 3 - Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross @ 12pm  
Passion of the Lord @ 3pm
- April 4 - Easter Vigil Mass @ 8pm, Easter Novena Begins
- April 5 - Easter Sunday Mass @ 10am

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- **Special Gift to St. Vincent dePaul Society**
- **Donate Canned Goods for Catholic Charities**

**Mass Intentions**  
**March 21, 2026 – March 29, 2026**

Saturday, 03/21/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/22/2026	10:00 am	†Deacon Patrick Frye Requested by Kateri Circle
Tuesday, 03/24/2026	12:10 pm	†Louis Ortman Requested by SJFS
Wednesday, 03/25/2026	12:10 pm	† Joseph Marro Requested by Dennis Kirlin
Thursday, 03/26/2026	12:10 pm	† Hattie Coleman Requested by Loretta Young
Friday, 03/27/26	12:10 pm	†Glycedo "JR" Willis, Jr. Requested by
Saturday, 03/28/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 03/29/2026	10:00 am	† Wm. Blain Altman Requested by Laura Altman

**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor:	Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers, V.C.
Deacons:	Robert J. Cousar Phillip Gonzalez
Admin. Coordinator	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**

As we approach Holy Week and the final days of Lent, we hear the well-known story of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, whom Jesus raises from the dead. John's account of this miracle is one of the most dramatic accounts in any of the Gospels, save Jesus' own Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We can only imagine the emotions coursing through Martha and Mary and their loved ones when Jesus stands at the tomb and dramatically cries: "Lazarus, come out!" On this final Scrutiny Sunday, may we hear Jesus calling out to us as well, to come out of our tombs of sin and death and embrace new life in the resurrection.

**77TH ANNUAL  
 PALM SUNDAY  
 BREAKFAST**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
**MARCH 29, 2026**

**\$12 per person**  
 \$5 for children under 12 years old

Menu:

Omelets, Chicken n' Waffles, Grits,  
 Bacon, Breakfast Casseroles, Biscuits,  
 Fresh Fruit, Assorted Juice & Coffee



For tickets see Michele Hinson, Dana Crumety or Denise McIntyre  
 St. Joseph's Fellowship Hall  
 1012 French Street ~ Wilmington, DE  
 302.658.4535  
 Wilmington, Delaware

**PREPARE  
 YOUR HEART  
 FOR EASTER**

**RECONCILIATION  
 MONDAY**

**March 30th | 3-8 pm**

Our fifth annual Reconciliation Monday penance event will take place on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 until 8 p.m. Once again this year, every church in the diocese will have opportunities for confession during these extended hours. So if it is more convenient for you to go to another church, feel free to do so. Please invite those friends and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit [cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday](http://cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday) for more information. The priest throughout the Diocese look forward to welcoming everyone who wishes to prepare their heart for Easter.

# 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

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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)



# Easter Flower Fund

Your support of the altar flower fund in memory/in honor of a special person is appreciated. A special envelope is included in the box sets and additional Easter flower envelopes are located in the pews. Please consider contributing as this will help offset the cost incurred by the parish. May God bless you for your generosity to the parish!

## Question of the Week

What sins are keeping me entombed, isolated from God's love and from others? What can I do to free myself from my tomb?

## Sunday Fellowship Sponsored by




### Earl & Damita MacFarlane

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 March 14th & 15th totaled \$2,183.**

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!




## 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 – March



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

**God Bless Our Bus Drivers!**

## April 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.

- April 3—Holy Land, Good Friday Offering
- April 4/5 - Building & Maintenance and St. Vincent dePaul
- April 4/5 - Catholic Relief Services and Latin America
- April 4/5 - Easter
- April 25/26 - Mother's Day Novena



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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**Fr. John Klevence,**  
Pastor - St. Ann's Bethany Beach  
**Reconciliation Monday & Preparing Your Heart for Easter**

**MARCH 25, 2026 @ NOON**  
**RELEVANT RADIO 640**  
**MARCH 28, 2026 @ 1:30PM**

**PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER**  
**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**  
**March 30th | 3-8 pm**

relevant 640AM radio YouTube  
Podcasts Spotify iHeart music

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