

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

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>

Fourth Sunday of *Easter*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am
Tuesday thru Thursday — 12:10 pm

April 26, 2026

CCD in Parish Center Following Sunday Mass

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- April 26 - Native American Mass & Kateri Circle Lunch & Mohawk Auction
- May 2 - St. Joseph on the Brandywine, 9am Andre Noel Wreath Laying Ceremony
- May 4 - St. Joseph's Book Club, 6:30pm
The First Ladies by Marie Benedict & Victoria C. Murray
- May 6 - Bible Study Resumes, 6pm Supper, 6:30pm Study Begins, Parish Center
- May 9 - Mother's Day Luncheon & Pocketbook Bingo, 12pm - 4pm
- May 10 - Mother's Day, Mother's Day Novena Begins
- May 10 - First Holy Communion

Detail Inside

Mass Intentions April 25, 2026 – May 3, 2026

Saturday, 04/25/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 04/26/2026	10:00 am	† Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by SJFS
Tuesday, 04/28/2026	12:10 pm	William D. Reynolds, Sr. Requested by Loretta L. Young
Wednesday, 04/29/2026	12:10 pm	† Glycedo R. "JR" Willis Requested by Leigh Ann Flickinger
Thursday, 04/30/2026	12:10 pm	† DeAnna Cardenas Requested by SJFS
Saturday, 05/2/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/3/2026	10:00 am	† Daniel Phillip Johns Requested by SJFS

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

Today we hear Jesus make a wonderful promise to us and all those who follow Him. He promises that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." This is why He came, He tells the crowds. Since we know now that Jesus came to bring salvation to the world, we realize He was speaking of eternal life with God as the more abundant life we can have. Let us listen for the call of the Good Shepherd so we might follow Him to the verdant pastures of abundance.

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.



Kateri

CIRCLE



Mohawk Auction - April 26, 2026

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Kateri Circle Luncheon, Mohawk Auction, and Raffle immediately following Mass in the fellowship hall.

Meal: Vegetarian Chili, Cornbread, Salad, Water. Meal tix \$7/pp; under 5 is free

Adult Auction Tables \$5 and \$10

Children's Table \$1

Raffle Tix 3/\$5

Volunteers welcome for set-up & clean-up; see Gail Rando,

Blessed Mother Sodality

Mother's Day

Raffle

Mothers Day Gift Basket

3 Chances to Win for \$10

- \$50 Spa Gift Card
- Silk Pajamas
- 2 Satin Pillow Cases
- Godiva Chocolates
- 2 Bottles of Wine (red & White)
- Strawberries and whipped cream
- Assorted candles, soaps and lotions

See any Sodality Member for Tickets

Drawing on Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10th

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER
LADIES AUXILIARY, COURT 383
PRESENTS...

Mother's Day LUNCHEON

Le Déjeuner Blanc

SATURDAY **MAY 9** 12-4PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1012 N. French St.
Wilmington, DE 19801

Ticket cost is \$50

JOIN US IN MOTHER'S DAY WHITE
FOR AN AFTERNOON OF...

- DELICIOUS LUNCHEON
- HANDBAG BINGO
- DOOR PRIZES
- SIGNATURE BEVERAGE
- FEATURING SERENA JOY!
- FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

For Tickets Contact:

Dana Crumety 302-463-0290

Michelle Hinson 302-752-8158

Question of the Week

How can I live my life more abundantly? What specific things can I do this week to increase the love and mercy in my life?



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.

Last weekend collections

April 18th & 19th - \$3,451

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!



Headstone of Andre Noel

St Mary's Cemetery in
Hockessin

Inscription

"A practiced Catholic,
native of Port au Prince in St
Domingo he departed this
life on the 20th of Jan 1822
Aged 48 years May his soul
rest in peace Amen."

The Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph Church on the Brandywine invite us to join them on **Saturday, May 2nd at 9am for a wreath laying ceremony to honor Mr. Andre Noel, an African American Catholic who was instrumental in helping the Catholic church get its start in Delaware during the very early days of the Catholic church in America. At 9am we'll enjoy refreshments and a history presentation about Mr. Noel, at 10am we'll travel to the cemetery for the wreath laying.** Six French soldiers who are also buried at the cemetery are being honored also. Mr. Noel was an honored and accomplished member of St. Mary's Church, the cradle of Catholicism in Delaware.

Inasmuch as St. Joseph's is the cradle of African American Catholicism in the Diocese of Wilmington, please join Father Glenn along with the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver as we support this endeavor that honors Mr. Andre Noel.

April/May 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 April. We hope that you will continue supporting these important ministries and acts of charity.

- **April 25/26 - Mother's Day Novena**
- **May 2/3—Building & Maintenance and St. Vincent dePaul**
- **May 14—Ascension of the Lord**
- **May 31 - Peter's Pence**



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.



April Birthdays!

Juanita Harmon	02
Robert McDevitt	05
Carolyn Wing	06
Michelle Plummer	09
Beverly White	10
Helena Crumety	13
Skylar Taylor	14
Lonnie Ashe	15
Earl White	15
Toni-Ann Cunningham	16
Jata Wright	16
Vincent Robinson	19
Ava Simone Wycliff	19
Vincent Caesar	21
Patricia Robbins	21
Marissa Ledesma	24
Eric Pitts	24
Alicia Fontnette	25
Samuel Robert Scott	25
Andrew Loosararian	26
Judith Taylor	26
Kharan Bracy	27
Ramsey Lowery	28
Julianna McGill	29
Fr. Glenn Evers	29
Zanyiah Hammond	30
Camille Nieves	30

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@sjfrenchst.org. Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA,
CHORALE AND
SCHOLA CANTORUM**
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MAY 2, 2026 • 8 P.M.
WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART, MASS IN C MINOR
DAN FORREST, REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING
ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH
809 S. BROOM ST., WILMINGTON, DE
FOR TICKETS VISIT: UDEL.EDU/0014538



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 — April



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, April 5	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, April 12	Judd Williams
Sun, April 19	Judd Williams
Sun, April 26	Judd Williams

God Bless Our Bus Drivers!

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