

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>

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASS SCHEDULE

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

May 3, 2026

CCD in Parish Center Following Sunday Mass

- Rosary Prayer - Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference Call 1-716-427-1572, code 178602
- 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 Conf. Rm.
- May 9 - Mother's Day Luncheon & Pocketbook Bingo, 12pm - 4pm
- May 9 - Transitional Diaconate Ordination - Mr. James Kimmel @ Holy Cross, Dover, DE
- May 10 - Mother's Day, Mother's Day Novena Begins
- May 10 - First Holy Communion
- May 16/17 - Little Sisters of the Poor Visit & Presentation
- May 30 - Mass of Christian Burial - Daniel Phillip Johns - Brother of Deacon Phil Visitation @ 10am, Mass @ 11am

Detail Inside

Mass Intentions
May 2, 2026 – May 10, 2026

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
Tuesday, 05/5/2026	12:10 pm	† Requested by Kevin Bolinski Requested by D. Kirlin
Wednesday, 05/6/2026	12:10 pm	† Paula Williams Requested by d. Kirlin
Thursday, 05/7/2026	12:10 pm	† Michael & Pam Boyd Requested by SJFS
Saturday, 05/9/2026	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/10/2026	10:00 am	† Mother's Day Novena — #1

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

On the night before He died, Jesus assured His disciples that "in my Father's house there are many dwelling places. . . . I am going to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Jesus knew that their faith would be severely tested and their hope would be dashed in the coming days. Our faith and hope waver as well. May the Words of our Lord in today's Gospel reassure us through our doubts and despair about our future. God's house has a place for each of us.

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.

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

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. Last weekend collections

April 25th & 26th - \$4,061

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!

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

Mother's Day LUNCHEON

Le Déjeuner Blanc

SATURDAY **MAY** 9 12-4 PM

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

What can I do this week to know Jesus better, to serve those who are overlooked, and to prepare my spiritual home?



Sunday Fellowship
Sponsored by



Adrienne & Robert Hopson

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

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

Megan Pitts	Jean Toy	Guissepina Fazzone	Mavis Woolley	Barbara Pulliam
Glenda Townsend	Nicole Raye Shaw	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahrabin	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.



Lavon Robinson	01
Thomas Gallagher	06
Vincent John Robinson	06
Christopher Willis	08
Pat Rafter	09
William Willis	09
Iren'e White	10
Julian Cecere	11
Mazie Rando	12
Stefani Cousar	15
Quincey Lowery	15
Jed Donohue	16
Deacon Phillip Gonzalez	16
Jerah Wright	17
John Wharton	18
John Carney	20
Marie Cousar	20
Haven Flagg	21
Samantha Jolly	21
Vanessa Crumety	24
Hayford, George	25
Justice Johnson	27
Cheryl Adams	29
Aliyah Robbins	30
Mikael Ryan Watts	30
Charles Tarver	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 parish secretary at office@SJFSchurch.org Please include your name, month, day and year of birth.

Put Prevention Into Practice

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mental health impacts everyone in our communities. Your experience, your journey, and your voice can help break stigma, build understanding, and create hope and healing for others. Stigma grows in silence. Healing begins in community. This Mental Health Awareness Month share your story to help break the silence. Be the reason someone realizes they don't have to face this alone.

Submit a story or a video on the National Alliance on Mental Illness website. **Your Story Can Spark Healing.** (Source: <https://www.nami.org/mental-health-awareness-month>)

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK – MAY 3 – 9

Each year, during the first full week of May, the National Federation of Families takes the lead in celebrating the mental health of children and youth. This year, the Children's Mental Health Action Week (CMHAW) theme is **Beyond the Screen: Education, Prevention, Connection.** During CMHAW and throughout Mental Health Month in May, we will explore the relationship between technology, family life, and the mental health of our children and youth. . Mark your calendars for May 3rd-9th for CMHAW and plan to join us as we look beyond the screen. (Source: (<https://www.ffcmh.org/actionweek>))

WORLD MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH DAY – MAY 6

Women of every culture, age, income level and race can develop perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. Symptoms can appear any time during pregnancy and the first 12 months after childbirth. There are effective and well-researched treatment options available to help women recover. Increasing awareness will drive social change with a goal toward improving the quality of care for women experiencing all types of PMADs (Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorder), reducing the stigma of maternal mental illness. We are encouraging mental health professionals, friends and relatives of new moms to **ask her how she's really feeling** and encourage her to seek help. (Source: <https://wmmhday.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.

Parish Bus – May



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, May 3	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, May 10	Judd Williams
Sun, May 17	Judd Williams
Sun, May 24	Judd Williams
Sun, May 31	Judd Williams

God Bless Our Bus Drivers!

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.