

St. Joseph's Church



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THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE

Summer Office Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday thru Thursday

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME

Happy Father's Day!!!

If you would like to register with the parish, please access the registration form located on our website www.stjosephfrenchst.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 Deacon Cousar prior to Mass.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents and Godparents are asked to participate in a Pre-Baptismal program. Please call the Pastoral Center 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: This ministry is restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **However, please notify the Parish Office if any parishioner is ill or hospitalized.**

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

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.

June 18, 2023



- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- June 18 - Happy Father's Day
- June 19 - Book Club, 7pm "Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd
- June 21 - Juneteenth Celebration, 6:30pm with refreshments
sponsored by the Ministry for Black Catholics
- June 25 - Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation Sunday
- July 09 - Father Glenn's 10th Anniversary Celebration
- July 16 - St. Joseph Game Day
- August 06 - Crab Feast, 12-3pm
- September 10 - Parish Picnic, 12-4pm, Fox Point State Park

June 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 June. We hope that you will continue supporting these important ministries and acts of charity.

- **June 4 - Seminarian Formation & Priests' Retirement Fund**
- **June 4 - Building Fund**
- **June 11 - St. Vincent dePaul**
- **June 25 - Peter's Pence Collection**

When making on-line donations, please use the drop down menu and select the special collection for which your gift is designated. We're grateful for your generosity and support of our ministries and aid to others. To contribute please log on to www.stjosephfrenchst.org; click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

Mass Intentions June 17, 2023— June 25, 2023

Saturday, 06/17/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/18/2023	10:00 am	All Fathers of St. Joseph Church Requested by the Parish
Tuesday, 06/20/2023	12:10 pm	Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Loretta Young
Wednesday, 06/21/2023	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 06/22/2023	12:10 pm	Elise Cronin
Saturday, 06/24/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 06/25/2023	10:00 am	† Fr. Paul M. Williams, OFM Requested by The Cousars

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers, V.C.
Deacon:	Robert J. Cousar
Admin. Assistant	Loretta L. Young
Receptionist:	Lavon Robinson
Coord. Religious Education:	Vacant
Dir. Music Ministry:	Brenda Burns
Bookkeeper:	Maegan Cobb

Introduction to the Liturgy

From today to the end of November, we celebrate a nearly unbroken string of Sundays in Ordinary Time. However, let this not be a sign that nothing special happens until Advent begins. Ordinary Time is merely the period outside the climactic seasons of Christmas and Easter and the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. It is a time to explore the earthly life and ministry of Jesus between His birth and His death and to grow as a Christian disciple. Today we hear Jesus tell His disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Let us listen prayerfully so we may discern how He is calling us to be those laborers today.

**Fathers, we bless
you in the name
of the Lord.**

You are the spiritual leaders in your home. May you set a godly example in all that you say and do, that others might see Christ in you. May all that you put your hands to prosper as you honor the Lord with your life. May your family truly experience the depths of God's love through you. And may you be blessed beyond measure.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Sacraments of Initiation Sunday, June 25, 2023

Congratulations to our youth as they make the final preparations to receive their Sacraments of Initiation by Bishop William Koenig on Sunday, June 25th during the 10:00 am Mass.

Ava Morgan & Daniel Ekah
Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Jaylen Herman
First Communion

Anthony Ekah & John Ekah, Jr.
First Communion & Confirmation

Mikael Watts
Confirmation

Dakota Levy - August 13, 2023
First Communion

It will be a very happy day for these students, their families and for the parish.



Wedding Anniversary Blessings



Contact the parish office to schedule or inform Father Evers or Deacon Cousar prior to Mass if you would like to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing at Mass.

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **June 4, 2023 was \$5,183.** In addition, we estimate \$500 from on-line contributions. 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!



Meets in the Parish Center and via Zoom.
Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The next meeting is **June 19, 2023 at 7:00pm.**

The book for discussion is **"The Invention of Wings"** by Sue Monk Kidd. See Geraldine Cochran for additional detail.

Father Glenn's 10th Anniversary Ordination to the Priesthood

On Sunday, July 9th we will celebrate Father Glenn's 10th Anniversary of Ordination as a priest with Mass and a luncheon in the fellowship hall. Father Glenn was ordained on June 8, 2013 and we've been blessed to call him pastor for nearly two years.

Several parishioners have asked "What type of gift is most appropriate to give Father Glenn?" Personal gifts are always appreciated, but Father believes that everything comes from God and that we must give back to God.

Father has taken on several BIG projects such as replacing the damaged St. Joseph's statue. We're hopeful that our new St. Joseph's statue will be delivered within the next few months.

The most recent project he would like us to accomplish is to replace the carpet in the church with new marble flooring. We've learned that the flooring project also requires the removal of asbestos tiles. The good news - Father has secured private donations to cover the majority of the flooring expense, but additional funds are still needed. By the grace of God, we're hopeful to start and complete the flooring project by the end of summer.

To honor Father Glenn for his 10th Anniversary, please consider making a generous contribution to our new flooring project. You may use the **White & Pink Special Offering Envelopes labeled Church Flooring** located in the pews to make your 10th Anniversary Gift in honor of Father Glenn.

STEWARDSHIP

Our offerings are our gifts to God in thankfulness for what we have already received. It should therefore be an exciting and major part of our worship.

Kateri Circle Father's Day Gift Bucket Raffle

Tickets 3 for \$5

Bucket Includes:

- Tools •
- Cologne •
- Assorted Body Wash •
- Beverages •
- Snacks •
- \$100 Gift Card •
- and more!!!**

See any Kateri Circle Member for tickets.



Sunday Morning Fellowship



We've been blessed to have a portion of the costs for donuts donated on each Sunday for sometime now. Below lists the donors for the month of June.

- ◆ June 4 - Blessed Mother Sodality
- ◆ June 11 - The Watts Family
- ◆ June 18 - The Bolden Family
- ◆ June 25 - The Murillo-Hypolite Family

Please note that our **Sunday Fellowship Ministry will recess for the months of July and August** and will resume in September. We're most grateful to all who support this ministry.

Thank you for your generosity!

Question of the Week

How am I called to be a laborer for the harvest? What concrete thing can I do this week to carry out Jesus' mission?

Parish Bus - June

DATE	DRIVER
Sun, June 4	Tony Miller
Sun, June 11	Judd Williams
Sun, June 18	Tony Miller
Sun June 25	Yolanda Mohammed

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN, AND THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

Gerry Reybold	Jean Toy	Guissepina Fazzone	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	Angela Pulliam Banks
Ben Pearce	John Madison	Ron Toy	Mercedes Zahralbin	Deidre Rogers
Carolyn & Charles Wing	Avril Madison	Mary Bossack	Julianna McGill	
August Hazeur	Donna Scott May	Mary Polk	Mavis Woolley	
Judy Gallagher	Meghan & Eric Pitts	Roxanne Wallace	Regis Majcher	

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.



June

Jaeda Johnson	03
Richard Levy	04
Donna May	04
Judy Gallagher	04
Stacey Lowery	05
Darren Cruz	07
Joshua Cruz	07
Jerrod MacFarlane	07
Loretta Young	07
Bernadette Winston	08
Mimose Fleury	09
Pamela Fletcher	12
James Thomas	12
Danielle Simmonds	13
Deidre Ann Robinson	17
Earl MacFarlane	17
Nicholas Willis	18
Khalia Blackwell	20
Taryn Blackwell	20
Anthony Ekah	20
Gavin McClain	20
Jenny Lynn Traynor	22
Antonia Clark	23
Charles Wing	23
Monique Mirabeau	25
Giavanna Cecere	26
London Louise Simmonds	26
Aletta Sterling	27

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



PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

National Men's Health Week, June 10-16, which concludes with Father's Day, is a good time to focus on how men can take care of their own physical and mental health for themselves and for the well-being of their families. That means eating right, being active, and getting health insurance to ensure their families' security and peace of mind. A father's love and full involvement in his children's lives is crucial to their health, well-being, and development. Fathers influence the physical well-being of their children in a number of ways -- by being engaged in their lives, supporting a mother's health, or by ensuring that children get the preventive services, such as vaccinations and well-baby checkups, they need to stay healthy. Fathers make a difference. To all the dads out there -- and all the family and community members working to help them succeed as parents -- thank you for helping our children thrive, and for helping to ensure a brighter future for us all. Please take care of yourselves for us. Happy Father's Day

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

Myasthenia gravis is rare and non-contagious. In MG, the body's immune system attacks the connection between the neurons and the muscle fiber, which limits the ability of the brain to control muscle movement. The degree of muscle weakness can vary from person to person, and day to day. Due to the high number of misdiagnoses, the precise number of people with MG is unknown, but MG is estimated to affect approximately 100,000 Americans. There are effective treatments for most, but not all with MG. There is currently no cure. Download the latest [MGFA MG Awareness Month Toolkit](#) for fun and creative ideas to raise awareness and provide support for those living with myasthenia gravis. (Source: <https://myasthenia.org/Turn-Into-Action-MG-Awareness-Month>)

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

June is National Safety Month, and it's time to get serious about promoting safety in the home, workplace, and community. The observance was created by the National Safety Council (NSC) in 1996 to raise awareness about the importance of safety. This year's theme is "Safety at Home". From identifying potential hazards in your home to practicing safe driving habits while out on the road, there are many ways we can all make a difference when it comes to keeping ourselves and those around us safe. Let's make June a month that encourages everyone to take action and prioritize safety! Review these resources for each of the four weeks of emphasis of National Safety Month 2023 and share them with members of your congregation or organization. Visit <https://grainger.com/Know-How/safety>

WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY – JUNE 19

June 19th was officially designated as World Sickle Cell Awareness Day. The international awareness day is observed annually with the goal to increase public knowledge and an understanding of sickle cell disease, and the challenges experienced by patients and their families and caregivers. Shine the Light is a national awareness campaign to celebrate World Sickle Cell Day. We invite you to join with friends, family, neighbors and others in your community, as people around the nation and across the globe host and hold local gatherings to shine the light on sickle cell disease. Together, we must and will find a universal cure for sickle cell disease! (Source: www.sicklecelldisease.org/get-involved/events)