

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

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

YouTube Channel: St Josephs Downtown Wilmington
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJoseph'sDowntownWilmington>



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 25, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- June 25 - Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation Sunday
- July 01/02 - Welcome Deacon Phillip Gonzalez
- July 09 - Father Glenn's 10th Anniversary Celebration
- July 16 - St. Joseph's Game Day
- August 06 - Crab Feast, 12-3pm
- September 10 - Knights of Peter Claver Turn-Out
- September 10 - Parish Picnic, 12-4pm, Fox Point State Park

No Weekday Mass on Tuesday, July 4th

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 24, 2023— July 2, 2023

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
Tuesday, 06/27/2023	12:10 pm	Leonard J. Young, Jr. Requested by Loretta Young
Wednesday, 06/28/2023	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 06/29/2023	12:10 pm	Anthony "Buck" Paulman
Saturday, 07/01/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/02/2023	10:00 am	† Clifton Coleman, Sr. Requested by Leonard & Loretta Young

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

Liturgy of the Word

Today we celebrate the Liturgy of Confirmation. We're blessed and thankful that we also celebrate the two additional Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism and the Eucharist. These three are the foundation of our Christian life. In the first reading we hear that if we believe, our eyes will be opened and our hearts enlightened. In the reading from Acts of the Apostles we hear of how the Apostles received instructions to go into the world, preach the whole gospel bringing people to the faith so that we will know and love Him; and in the Gospel, Jesus asks us to keep His commandments as an expression of our love for Him.

As the Sacraments of Initiation are conferred on our young people we pray that their faith and their relationship with the Lord continues to grow. And, like the Apostles, we pray that the parish will be an example of how to share the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ and to honor the Commandments as an expression of our love and faith in Jesus.

Sacraments of Initiation Sunday, June 25, 2023

**Congratulations to our youth as they receive
Sacraments of Initiation by Bishop William Koenig**

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 is a very happy day for our students, their families and for the parish.



Welcome Deacon Gonzales!!!

On July 1st & 2nd we welcome **Deacon Phillip Gonzalez and his wife Marilyn** to our parish family. Deacon Gonzalez, who was officially assigned to us by Bishop Koenig on June 28th. We extend a warm St. Joseph's welcome to Deacon Gonzalez and Marilyn. We are thrilled to have them join us and look forward to worshipping, praying and sharing time of fellowship with Deacon Gonzalez and his wife.

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **June 18, 2023 was \$2,258**. 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!

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, in the back of the Church and entrance to make your 10th Anniversary Gift in honor of Father Glenn.

Since Father Glenn recognizes that all that we have comes from God, he always wants to give all that he has back to God. Therefore, please consider making a donation toward the flooring project.



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

With eyes of faith, how do I share the Good News of the Gospel?



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, July 1st, tune-in to hear an interview with Deacon Matthew Newsome, author of the new book, "The Devout Life: A Modern Guide to Practical Holiness with St. Francis de Sales." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).



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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Examples are few of anyone
ruined by giving.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

MIGRAINE and HEADACHE AWARENESS MONTH

The headache, migraine and cluster communities work together for our diseases to be recognized. A disease awareness month plays a vital role to raise public knowledge, address stigma and build a stronger community of patient advocates. This website is a central hub about MHAM and the activities planned for the month — geared toward those living with headache diseases, their caregivers and the general public. Join us in advocating and spreading awareness at: <https://www.migraineheadacheawarenessmonth.org>

HELEN KELLER DEAF BLIND AWAENESS WEEK JUNE 25-JULY

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Our mission is to enable individuals who are blind, deafblind, have low vision or combined low vision and hearing loss to live, work, and thrive in their community of choice. The awareness week aims to promote a better understanding of the challenges faced by DeafBlind individuals and to celebrate their unique abilities and contributions to society. During this week, various organizations and Advocates host events and activities to increase public awareness and promote inclusivity and accessibility for DeafBlind individuals. During DeafBlind Awareness Week, we encourage you to raise awareness for inclusivity in the community and workplace by sharing our [campaign graphic](#) on social media. Use the hashtag #DBAW, and tag @helenkellerservices.

WORLD VITILIGO DAY – JUNE 25

June 25th encourages us all to reflect on equality for people with a different skin tone – or lack of it. No wonder that World Vitiligo Day theme of 2020 was 'SELF: Awareness, Love, Respect, Care.' As the world grappled with a global pandemic, World Vitiligo Day has moved online. June 25th is a day of celebration of our lives and our community. Over the years, its purpose has broadened from simply raising awareness of vitiligo to include recognition of the bullying, social neglect, psychological trauma and disability of nearly 100 million of people affected by vitiligo. We want June 25th to be recognized by the United Nations as World Vitiligo Day. You can help us by signing our petition to the UN Secretary-General — read it online and make sure you go to www.25June.org and add your name to the 500,000+ who have already signed. (Source: <https://vrfoundation.org>)