

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>



*Hospitality Sunday...
The Lord's Hospitality to Us!*

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

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 - Thursday — 12:10 pm*

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

July 2, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- 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
- August 13 - First Communion
- 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

July 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.

- **July 1/2 - Building Fund**
- **July 8/9 - St. Vincent dePaul**
- **July 16 - Support the Church in Eastern Europe**

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 July 1, 2023— July 9, 2023

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
Tuesday, 07/04/2023	No Mass	Happy July 4th!
Wednesday, 07/05/2023	12:10 pm	Silvia Diaz & Family
Thursday, 07/06/2023	12:10 pm	† Daniel Edward & Nancy Lester
Saturday, 07/08/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/09/2023	10:00 am	For Fr. Chris Coffley, Fr. Brian Lewis & Fr. Glenn Evers

PARISH STAFF

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

Introduction to the Liturgy

The Holy Spirit draws us to this holy place each week to join together as a faith community to celebrate the Eucharist. Eucharistia literally means "thanksgiving" and we are forever thankful to God for sending the Son, who gives us His Body and Blood to nourish us, to redeem us, and to give us eternal life. May the Lord's acceptance of His cross give us the courage to carry our own crosses, to empathize with others carrying their own crosses, and inspire us to help those whose crosses are too heavy to carry themselves.

Welcome Deacon Gonzalez!!!

This weekend we welcome **Deacon Phillip Gonzalez and his wife Marilyn** to our parish family. Deacon Gonzalez was officially assigned to the parish 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 worshiping, praying and sharing time of fellowship with Deacon Gonzalez and his wife.

*Wishing you a Sparkling
4th of July
filled with thanks,
honor and lots of fun!*



Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **June 25, 2023 was \$3,901**. 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 and New Flooring Project

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



Sunday Morning Fellowship



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 is God asking me to sacrifice my will today? Whom can I help carry their cross in an act of Christian solidarity?

Parish Bus - July



DATE	DRIVER
Sun, July 2	Yolanda Mohammed
Sun, July 9	Tony Miller
Sun, July 16	Judd Williams
Sun, July 23	Tony Miller
Sun, July 30	Tony Miller

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, July 8th, tune-in to hear an interview with Maria V. Gallagher, author of the new book, "Mercy's Power: Inspiration to Serve the Gospel of Life." 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/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

STEWARDSHIP

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have

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.

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.



Xavier Twyman	01
Michael Charles Simmonds, Jr.	02
Sheila Cavin	03
Bowman Thomas Flynn	03
Mavis Woolley	03
Marcela Y. Hill	07
Johnny A. McClain, Jr.	07
Roberto Rivera, Jr.	07
William Harmon, II	09
Fayette Jackson	09
John Rando	10
Elmslie Wharton	10
Lavern Rae Robinson	11
Melissa Thorpe	11
Carmen Twyman	14
Vincent M. Robinson	14
Joshua Stephen Thorpe	15
Dawn Jolly	16
Patricia Owens	16
Bryce Twyman	16
Vonda Wright	16
Gwen Cavin	17
Mary Joan Thompson	19
Antoinette Hauteville	21
Lauren Mahler	21
Kayla C. Willis	23
Mary L. Bossack	23
Jeffrey Flynn	24
Jasmine MacFarlane	24
Meghan Pitts	24
Glenda Townsend	24
Phyllis Woolley-Mobley	24
Avery Bordley	26
Derrick Porter`	26
William Willis, Sr.	26
Laura Wharton	27
Lesly Watts	29
Marc	
Woolley	29
Linda Chatman	31
Vernon Taylor	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

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH

Leave Fireworks to the Experts. Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal, but they are not safe. www.nsc.org/.../summer-safety/fireworks

UV SAFETY MONTH

Studies show that long-term exposure to bright sunlight may increase the risk of cataracts and growths on the eye, including cancer. UV rays reflected off sand and water can cause eyes to sunburn, potentially resulting in temporary blindness in just a few hours. The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) reminds the public of the importance of shielding eyes from the sun's harmful rays with 100% UV-blocking sunglasses and broad-brimmed hats. For more information, contact: <https://www.aao.org/>

NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, healthy and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation, and to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — that maintain our country's local, state and community parks. Improving the health of all communities through parks, recreation and conservation.



DATE: JULY 15TH, 2023

TIME: 9:00AM-1:00PM

**107 E 14TH ST.,
WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

2ND FLOOR

[\$25 PER TABLE - 15 TABLES PROVIDED]

REGISTRATION + PAYMENT DEADLINE:

JULY 10TH, 2023

VENDORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN CHANGE, BAGS, AND CLEANUP

PLEASE CONTACT MARIAN BURT:

StPats@stpatrickscenter.org FOR MORE INFO!

