

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

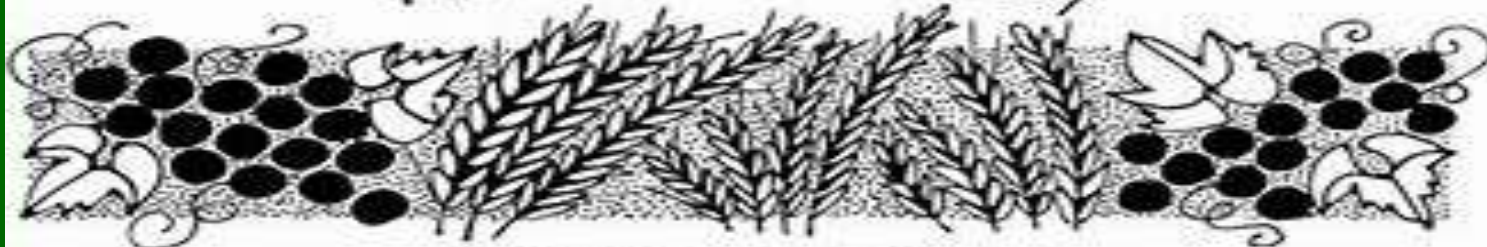
Tuesday thru Thursday

Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

Website: www.stjosephfrenchst.org

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

Fifteenth Sunday



Ordinary Time

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 16, 2023

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

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 15, 2023— July 23, 2023

Saturday, 07/15/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/16/2023	10:00 am	† Frances Zane Holland
Tuesday, 07/18/2023	12:10 pm	Jane Buxton
Wednesday, 07/19/2023	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 07/20/2023	12:10 pm	Caroline Banghart
Saturday, 07/22/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/23/2023	10:00 am	Participants of NBCC XIII and Tekakwitha Conference

PARISH STAFF

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

Introduction to the Liturgy

Today's Gospel begins with the words, "On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea." Many of us may wish to do the same thing on this midsummer day. We can imagine the feeling right now, leaving our home and finding a nice refreshing spot where we can relax. We can further imagine being part of the crowd that walked down to the seashore to listen to Jesus as He got into a boat and preached. May we take this opportunity today to take a break, to listen to the Lord, and to absorb His message for us.

Thank You!!! New Flooring Project

Last Sunday's celebration brought me great joy and I am so very grateful to my Saint Joseph's family for the warm expressions of love shared with me in the two years here at St. Joseph's as well as to the many friends and family members that attended Mass with us. Being a priest, fills me with such happiness and I consider it a blessing to serve my St. Joseph's family. **Thank You** for such a memorable day!

A very special **Thank You** to everyone who contributed toward our new flooring project thus far. The flooring project is a major undertaking, but one that is long overdue. We're grateful to God that we have raised the majority of the money needed, but we're still in need of additional donors who are able to support this project with a very generous donation.

Please consider making a generous contribution to our new flooring project in lieu of any personal gifts to me as I celebrate my 10th year in the priesthood. You may use the **White & Pink Special Offering Envelopes labeled Church Flooring** located in the pews, in the back of the Church, at the entrance and you may donate online via our website with your credit card.

Again, my heartfelt appreciation for your support and **Thank You** once again for celebrating my 10th anniversary and for your help in making the flooring project a reality!



Today we will host a **Family Game** event immediately following Mass in the fellowship hall. Bring your board games, card games, your favorite game and plan to enjoy an afternoon of fun with our parish family. Hotdogs, popcorn and beverages will be provided and you may bring your own snack to share.

Question of the Week

What kind of fruitful work am I able to do?
How can I change my behavior or attitude
so that I may bear fruit?

STEWARDSHIP

*Remember this —
you can't serve God and Money,
but you can serve God with money.*

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

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses. The collection from **July 9, 2023 was \$3,528**. 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!

Crab Feast

**St. Joseph Church
1012 N. French St., Wilm., DE**

**Sunday, August 6, 2023
12:00 pm —3:00 pm**

Crabs \$35

First Come, First Serve — No Take-out!

***Capacity is limited to 100
St. Joseph Parishioners, Immediate Family & Friends***

\$10/Adult

**Hot Dogs, Hot Sausage,
Corn, & Chips Only**

Children 10 & Under Eat Free!

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY

**Contact the Parish Office to reserve your seat.
Make checks payable to St. Joseph (Crab Feast)**



**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!

For Young Adults (18 to 35 years old)
July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration with
Praise & Worship Hymns and Silent time
Every last Tuesday of the month.

**Little Sisters of the Poor
185 Salem Church Road
Newark, DE 19713**

Questions or to verify future monthly dates - contact
us **Sr. Janet Mary 302-368-5886**
vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org
www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/news-events/

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 Email the parish office at parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2030- HEALTH MINISTRIES

People's relationships and interactions with family, friends, co-workers, and community members can have a major impact on their health and well-being. Healthy People 2030 focuses on helping people get the social support they need in the places where they are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age. Many people face challenges and dangers they can't control — like unsafe neighborhoods, discrimination, or trouble affording the things they need. This can have a negative impact on health and safety throughout life. Positive relationships at home, at work, and in the community can help reduce these negative impacts. But some people — like children whose parents are in jail and adolescents who are bullied — often don't get support from loved ones or others. Interventions to help people get the social and community support they need are critical for improving health and well-being. (Source: <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/>). Healthy Churches 2030 Initiative also known as the 2030 Roadmap is keenly focused on faith-based approaches to public health issues that support integrating cultural and science-based strategies within congregations throughout urban and rural communities. Contact cokparish@aol.com for more information under the subject of Health Ministries.

SARCOMA and BONE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Sarcomas are a rare group of cancers in which malignant cells form in the bones or soft tissues of the body. Bone and joint cancer is most frequently diagnosed among teenagers, while soft tissue cancers typically affect those 55 years or older. For more information on sarcoma in adults or in children and adolescent, please visit the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) website pages at (Source: <https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months>)

GROUP B STREP AWARENESS MONTH

Group B strep (GBS) bacteria commonly live in people's bodies and usually are not harmful. Babies can be exposed to GBS bacteria during delivery. How other people are exposed to these bacteria is not completely known. However, experts know that **pregnant women can pass the bacteria to their babies during delivery**. Group B strep (GBS) disease is often serious. Early diagnosis and treatment are very important. Learn about the signs and symptoms of GBS disease on this website: <https://www.cdc.gov/groupbstrep/about/diagnosis.html>)



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.