

# 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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)

**Website:** [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org)

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

## Sixteenth Sunday



## Ordinary Time

**If you would like to register with the parish, please access the registration form located on our website [www.stjosephfrenchst.org](http://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 23, 2023

- Rosary Prayer ~ Mondays @ 12:15 pm via Conference  
Call 1-716-427-1572, access code 178602
- 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 July. 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](http://www.stjosephfrenchst.org); click **Online Giving**, complete the form or simply scan our QR code with your cellphone.

## Mass Intentions July 22, 2023— July 30, 2023

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
Tuesday, 07/25/2023	12:10 pm	Kathy Weaver
Wednesday, 07/26/2023	12:10 pm	Gino Rafael Chickadel
Thursday, 07/27/2023	12:10 pm	Bishop William Koenig
Saturday, 07/29/2023	5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 07/30/2023	10:00 am	Peter John Orlik, Jr.

### 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


Two years ago, Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July. The Pope spoke of grandparents providing a younger generation a link to generations who have passed away. We are called to value and heed the wisdom and experience of our elderly. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a tiny mustard seed that over time grows to be a huge bush. Today's elderly were all once tiny mustard seeds themselves. With the Lord's blessings, they have persevered and thrived and continue to help realize the kingdom of heaven in this world.

### Thank You!!! New Flooring Project

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!



### Question of the Week

What substantial service can I provide this week to someone who is elderly, whether a member of my family or not?

## STEWARDSHIP

Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.



### 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!**

### 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 16, 2023 was \$3,042.** 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)**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

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

If you would like to be added to our sick and shut-in list, please send email to [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto: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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)*

### PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

#### **WORLD HEPATITIS AWARENESS DAY – JULY 28**

Viral hepatitis — a group of infectious diseases known as hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, hepatitis D, and hepatitis E — affects millions of people worldwide, causing both acute (short-term) and chronic (long-term) liver disease. Viral hepatitis causes more than one million deaths each year. While deaths from tuberculosis and HIV have been declining, deaths from hepatitis are increasing. Check out the World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA) website to help make sure the world knows that Hepatitis Can't Wait. The WHA has customizable campaign resource in a variety of languages, and ideas for ways you and your organization can get involved. (Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/awareness/worldhepday.html>)

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION?**

**MHA Chats** – Men's Wellness Groups - Join us for a discussion about the free Men's Wellness groups that are offered by MHA. We will talk about how this group benefits men, some common barriers and misconceptions about how wellness groups function and the importance of connecting with supports around our mental health. Wednesday, July 26, 2023. 10 am – 11am Est. Held virtually, for free, on Zoom. To register, contact Jason Coleman, Community Educator at (302) 654-6833 or register online at [www.mhainde.org](http://www.mhainde.org)

**Teen Mental Health Book Club** – Read and discuss books with mental health themes and de-stressing activities. July 26 and August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4 pm. Visit the online website for titles.

#### **DELAWARE STATE FAIR 2023 – JULY 20-29th!**

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, The Food Bank of Delaware is hosting "Food Lion Feeds", a Hunger Relief Day at the Delaware State Fair. Bring 5 Food Lion brand canned or boxed goods to receive one free admission. Visit the Delaware State Fair website for more exciting news and events taking place. Learn about the origins of the State Fair and its development. Today, Kent and Sussex County Fair is now known as the Delaware State Fair and boasts an attendance of over 307,000. As it exists today, the nearly 300 acre fairground encompasses several businesses including The Centre Ice Rink and the Harrington Raceway and Casino. Despite the awesome trend of bringing dynamic entertainers and a thrilling carnival, the Fair maintains its roots in agriculture.

**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**  
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### **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.