



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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June 18, 2023 | Father's Day



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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8AM-4 PM
Memorial Day-Labor Day, Office Closes at 4pm on Fridays
Evening Hours MON & WED: 4PM-7PM
Sunday 9AM-1:30PM
Closed 12PM-1PM Weekdays

School

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484-593-4352
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

5pm: Justin McCarthy

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

6am: Parishioners

7:30am: Anthony & Nicholas
DiRocco

9am: Al Viscusi & Jules
Ciesielka

10:30am: Christine Bernecker

12pm: Suzanne L. Ade

4pm: Angelo Stefanelli

MONDAY, JUNE 19

7am: Marie Jacques

9am: Theresa Talucci,
64th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7am: Maryanne Johnson

9am: Kevin Merlo, Living

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7am: Jamie Szalwinski

9am: Janet H. Polto

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7am: Deborah Garvey

9am: James F. Mento, Sr.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

7am: Mark King

9am: David Gallagher

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

8am: Lena & Joe DeMucci

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

5pm: Justin McCarthy

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

6am: Parishioners

7:30am: Nicholas DiRocco

9am: Anthony Coritz

10:30am: Joseph Corbi

12pm: Rosalie Benson

4pm: Deceased Members of
the Rambo Family

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

BAPTISM

Parents of babies to be baptized are asked to please register for Pre-Jordan, a baptism preparation program. You can find the class dates and register either online via our website: stjosephrc.org/baptism

MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible after their engagement and to enroll in a marriage-prep program at least 6 months prior to the wedding. For more information, visit stjosephrc.org/matrimony

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 330PM-430PM

Wednesdays: 630AM, 830AM, 630PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Any sick or hospitalized parishioner who is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick should contact the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available 24/7 in the Holy Family Center.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday—Friday at 630AM in Church.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary: Recited before the 9AM Mass daily.

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Every Tuesday after the 9AM Mass.

Novena to Saint Joseph: Every Wednesday after the 9AM Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Thursday after the 9AM Mass.

Litany to the Sacred Heart: First Friday of the month after the 9AM Mass.

First Saturday Devotions: The First Saturday of each month at 830AM

PRAYER LIST

Every three months we will remove names from the military and sick list. This is to help ensure that our lists are always up to date. Please call the parish office to add or remove names.

...those who are serving our country:

Brandon W. A'Hara, SSGT Steve Anderson, Pvt. Daniel Barron, Petty Officer Katesiree Cannon Boson, Caytie Castells, PV2 Francesca Chindemi, Ensign Morgan S. Dankanich, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, CPL Daniel A. DiLuigi, Capt. Mark Edwards, Pvt. Corinne Riley Estrella, Sargent Ian Fay, James Heisler, Nathan J. Horton, Christopher L. Hume, USN Victoria Jones, Zachary Kish, Peter Kurtz, Lt. Col. Paul Lang, Krzysztof Malarz, Capt. Andrew C. Oddo, Pvt. Vincent Romano, Cpt. Joseph W. Rule, 1st Lt. Eric F. Satterthwaite, Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Scalia, Cmdr. Christopher Schwarz, Jr., Corporal Jeremy Solnosky, SaR. Max Spatola, LT Sean Sweeney and Aaron Thieroff, Captain Kyle Wagner and Sgt. Stephen Yori

...those who are sick:

William Allan, Lidia Arasin, Sally Aruis, Charles Authier, Daniel Barron, Deb Blazejewski, Baby Botero, Kevin Boylan, Donna Buckalew, Kim Buttner, Mary Ann Cardelli, Bernadette Constant, Tony D'Angelo, Mason Ellingsworth, Helen Fiorillo, Joan Garber, Waldtraut Gauss, Craig Glantz, William Gilland, Toby Graveno, Carrie Grosso, Dana Hathaway, Liam Hawk, Christina Hoffmann, Danielle Horack, David Horack, Roseanna Isabella, Baby Kai, Jimmy Kane, Matthew Keenan, Aidan Kelly, Rosie Kuchar, John Keenan, Jim Lisney, Chris Litwinko, Barbara Luminella, Mike Lyons, Kellie Martin, Taylor Martin, McBeth Family, Mary McDonald, James Mento, Jr., Bill and Rosemarie McReynolds, Richard Miller, Deborah Nejman, Katie Nejman, Michele Pate, Jeannette Petrella, John Pontzer, Gina Ofner, William O'Neill, De Anna Ousey, Chris Osner, Nancy Pacquet, Brenda Pezone, Larry Polinsky, Charlie Rivas, Dee Roache, Dave Robey, Anna Reverman, Robin Reichert, Stephen, Ed Shultz, Justin Smith, Robin Smith, Phyllis Suleski, Donald Sundstrom, Bob Tiedemann, Noah Thomas, Agnes Timothy, Barbara Wayne and Patricia Wishing.

WE REMEMBER

The Sanctuary Candle burns
in loving memory of:

Michael & Herbert Hartmann & Eileen Hartmann Gilbert

Please remember in your prayers all those
who have died, especially:

Rose Ann Manetta

WEEKLY LETTER

June 18, 2023

Dear Friends,

“Father, each year we recall the dedication of this church to your service. Let our worship always be sincere and help us to find your saving love in this church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. - Amen.”

Happy 10th Anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful Church building. I can remember coming to the dedication all those years ago and being in awe of the beauty of this Church and the feeling of community that was so present for that Mass and is still present in our community. I never thought at that time that I would have the opportunity to be Pastor of this wonderful community. It is a pleasure to celebrate 10 years of faith and commitment, love, and the presence of Jesus in our lives and in our Church. As we move into our second decade we ask our patron, Saint Joseph, to watch over this family of faith and to make of our efforts all that the Lord wants them to be. May we always, and everywhere be Saint Joseph Church!

It is almost Festival Week, one of the happiest times of the year for our parish family. I invite each one of you to come to the Festival for a day or the whole week, invite family and friends, enjoy the time together and have fun. This parish event is such a great time of fun and enjoyment and a chance for others outside of our parish to see just how wonderful Saint Joseph Parish and its parishioners are. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the festival and especially welcome youth volunteers. Come and be a part of this great parish event and enjoy a week of excitement and wonder as we gather for the Saint Joseph Community Festival, see you there.

I am very thankful to everyone who helps to make Saint Joseph Parish a family of faith and place where Jesus can be seen and known by what we do, all that we say, and how we live. I find joy each day as a member of this family, and I am grateful to all of you for all you do to help make us Saint Joseph Parish for today, for tomorrow, for always.

*Peace,
Fr. Steve Leva*



A Father's Day Prayer

St. Joseph,

Guardian of the Redeemer,

kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you.

You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.

They look to you because they know
you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone.

Teach them to find Jesus near them
and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Amen.

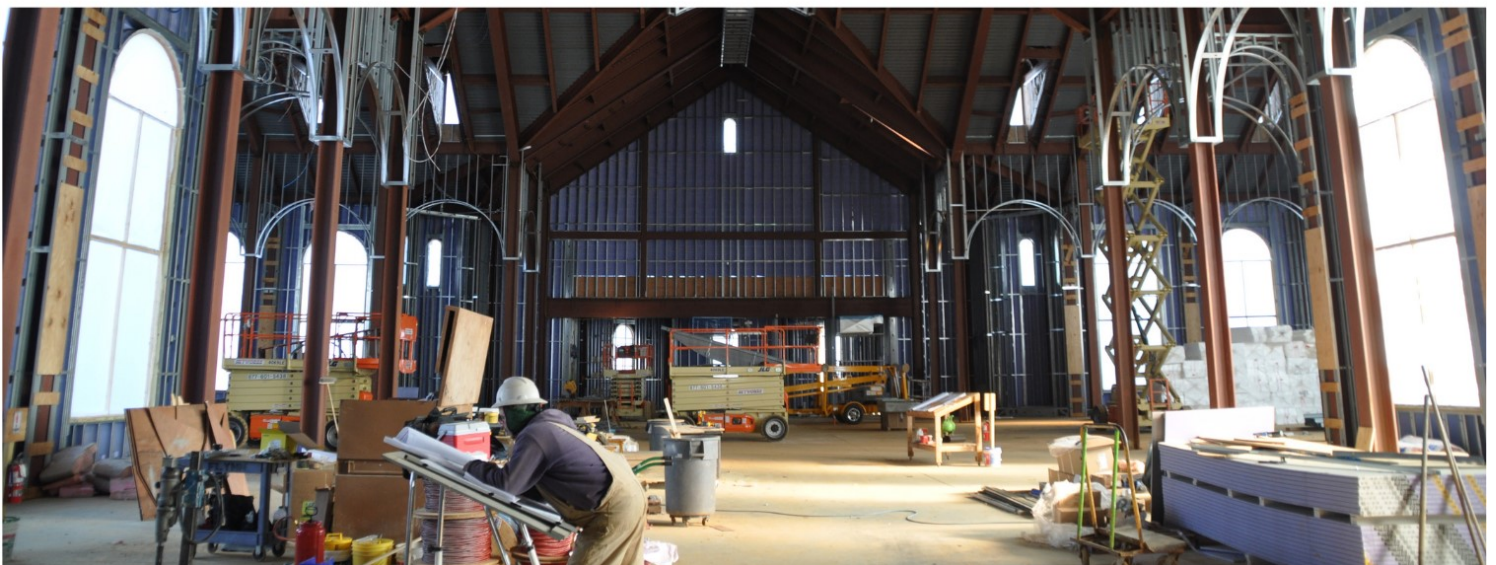


A DECADE OF FAITH: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN OUR NEW CHURCH

This summer, we will mark 10 years since the dedication of our magnificent church! Many remember with great fondness the beautiful liturgy presided over by Archbishop Chaput on June 15, 2013. During the celebration, the church and the altar were sprinkled with holy water, anointed with sacred oil and honored with incense, and Holy Mass was celebrated for the first time.

Since the earliest days of the church, it has been the custom to remember the anniversary of a church's dedication day every year—sort of the “birthday” of the parish church. On the weekend of June 17 and 18, we will observe the Tenth Anniversary of the dedication of our church with special prayers and readings at every Mass. Following the 5:00p.m. Mass on June 17, all are welcome to celebrate together at a parish barbeque outside the school cafeteria.

Remember to pray on that day for all the members of our parish are, as Saint Peter and Saint Paul tell us, the “living stones built into a spiritual house, a temple sacred in the Lord where the Spirit of God dwells.”







Carnival Rides

Funnel Cake

French Fries

Beer Garden

Live Music

FIREWORKS FRIDAY

BINGO NIGHTLY

ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Tues, June 20

Sat, June 24

Tickets On Sale Now!

Pre-sale discounts available through June 19th.

Visit: <https://stjoesfestival.com/tickets>



Volunteers Still Needed!

Without volunteers, the parish festival would not be possible. Volunteers are still needed for all positions - opportunities for everyone ages 13 & up!

Learn more here:

<https://stjoesfestival.com/volunteers>

Our Festival Sponsors

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THE KARLOVITZ FAMILY ~ MARYANN LEWIS ~ GEORGE & ELEANOR MATTHIAS
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR DREXEL NEUMANN ACADEMY

It is time to collect schools supplies again for our sister school, Drexel Neumann Academy (DNA) in Chester, PA. They will soon be beginning their 17th year of service to the children of Chester. DNA offers students a safe environment to learn and a challenging curriculum, which will prepare them not only for their academic future, but also for life. DNA is giving the children of Chester the opportunity to be models of peacemaking in a violent environment and the educational foundation for a bright and successful future.

As a parish, St. Joseph has helped DNA in their mission by providing needed books and supplies for their students for the past seven years. On July 1st, tags will be available in the narthex with items on their wish list. Please choose a tag and bring the item/items by July 16th to the narthex. If you have any questions please call Peg or Tim Cassidy at 610-873-1641, or email at ptcassidy1980@gmail.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at St. Joseph's Education Center Gym. The need for blood is constant. Appointments only. For more info or to schedule an appointment call Dana Gryger at 610-269-4613 or you may schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org. Enter Sponsor Code St Joes Dtown.

YOUTH GROUP S'MORES INFO NIGHT

Wednesday, June 21 from 6-8pm

Want to learn more about the St. Joe's Youth Group program? Bring your friends and meet at the Parish Festival! We'll be roasting s'mores at the Nest (located behind parish office) from 6-8pm. We can't wait to meet you!

Middle School Group: 6th-8th Grade
High School Group: 9-12th Grade



IHM COMPANIONS IN PRAYER

IHM Companions in Prayer will meet Monday, June 19, 2023 at 1:00pm to 2:15 pm in the St. John Neumann room in St. Joseph Church. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Sr. Francis Helen, IHM at ihmcompanions@gmail.com or 610-674-2160 ext.1925

SATURDAY MAMA MEETUP

Join us on the third Saturday of each month for some Mama time! Littles are welcome! Most littles that have attended are 5 and under but there is no limit.

During the school year, we meet in The Nest from 9:30-11am. However from May though September, we will meet at Bell Tavern Park as long as weather permits.

Please contact Christine Davis as needed at (302)668-5185. Or, check out our St. Joe's Mom Facebook group for updates at www.tinyurl.com/MamaMeetup





HOPE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

HOPE is a transportation ministry which provides rides to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, the pharmacy and other necessary errands. Rides require a minimum of 48 hours notice and can be requested a week in advance. For more information, please contact Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631.

For the week of June 19

Janine Lill at 610-269-3055

Janet Schramm at 484-631-8875

For the week of June 26

Meredith DiPietro at 267-481-3873

Diane Sweeney at 484-678-2738

CRAYON RECYCLING DRIVE

Why recycle crayons? Crayons are a petroleum product that take many years to biodegrade. More than 500,000 pounds of crayons are discarded every year in the U.S. alone! Just think for a moment, "How many dumpsters does that fill?"

Cub Scout Pack 2 is recycling unwanted, rejected, broken crayons into new crayons through a partnership with Crazy Crayons and the National Crayon Recycling Program. This keeps thousands of pounds of waxy sludge out of landfills and puts fun, uniquely shaped crayons back into the creative hands of children!

Help us go green in all colors by donating your used crayons in the boxes located in the Katharine Drexel Room between 1-30 June.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

REGULAR COLLECTIONS (CASH, CHECK & ONLINE)

June 11 \$55,541

ANNUAL TO DATE (FISCAL YEAR START JULY 1)

2022-23 \$2,137,796

MONTHLY POOR BOX GOOD WORKS

Weekly Total \$233

thank you

WOMEN OF HOPE CASSEROLE SCHEDULE

Group 3- Chicken Mushroom Casserole

Group 4- Old Fashioned Beef Stew

Requested Items:

Single size blankets/sheets/comforters
Towels, washclothes, sport bras,
deodorant, yoga pants and t-shirts

Please leave items in the Loaves and
Fishes closet in the designated basket.