

Celebrating 164 Years

Last of the 4 part Series

From 1995 to 2014



With the growth of the parish and the many ministries within the parish, Monsignor George B. Moeller (pastor of St. Joseph's from 1995 to 2003) saw a need for a parish-center. Fr. Moeller started a five-year "Heritage-of-Hope" capital campaign and later "The Vision Unfolds" campaign to raise monies to construct a much needed parish-center complex. On September 15, 2002, the completed multi-purpose, two-story, twenty-eight thousand square-foot-building was dedicated by Archbishop William Cardinal Keeler. The new center includes a large hall with a modern kitchen facility on the first floor and five meeting rooms in the lower level. In the summer of 2003 the old school kitchen and dinning room were remodeled and converted into an additional third-grade and two pre-K classrooms. In the fall of 2003 after nine years as pastor of St. Joseph's, Monsignor Moeller was reassigned to a Senior Priest position at our neighboring St. Margaret's Parish in Bel Air.



Monsignor Kevin T. Schenning, our present pastor, came to St. Joseph's in January 2004. With a large debt remaining on the new parish-center and the 30 year-old church showing signs of needed repair, more hard work was needed to keep our parish community vibrant and a beautiful place of worship.

And so, in May 2005 a new roof was put on the church. The church bells were refurbished in March of 2006. Then, in the summer of 2006 the church ceiling was painted, new carpeting was installed in the church aisles and the Blessed Virgin Mary's statue was added in the south end of the church. In 2008 the Pieta statue was added in the north end of the church and in the Advent Season the tabernacle was moved to the sanctuary. In the fall of 2008 a memorial garden in honor of Monsignor James J. Cronin (our retired resident priest and mentor to Monsignor Schenning) was created in front of the rectory and a new statue of St. Joseph was mounted in the center of the garden. In March of 2009 the sanctuary was remodeled with hardwood flooring and new accent carpeting on the sanctuary steps. In the fall of 2009 with monies raised by the Sodality, new padding and repairs were made to the church kneelers. On January 10, 2010, a new crucifix was mounted above the altar and the new Holy Family statue and the Risen Christ statue were mounted above the south and north doorways with focused lighting.

In 2010 the "Churchscape" project (landscape and beautification) was completed with the planting of new trees and shrubs surrounding the church and at the rectory and school entrances. In 2011-2012 new doors were installed at all entrances to the church. In 2013 work was completed on the expansion of the Parish's cemetery. On June 30, 2013 the multi-million dollar debt remaining on the Parish Center was paid-off in-full.

As we look back these past 164 years we see the work that was accomplished through the hard and dedicated work of our Pastors and more over the great generosity of our hard-working parishioners. These people who wanted a church they could call their own were committed to making a dream a reality.

St. Joseph Parish now consists of more than 4,800 families in the congregation. Let us never forget our humble beginnings. We are a parish rich in a history that makes us proud, and we look forward to a bright future as we continue living God's word.

Pastors of St. Joseph Church

1850 – 1856	Rev. Gabriel Rumpler, C.Ss.R.	1892 – 1897	Rev. Charles Warren Currier
1856 – 1857	Rev. Henry Giesen, C.Ss.R.	1897 – 1900	Rev. George Herman Tragesser
1857 – 1858	Rev. Fridolin Luethe/Lueth, C.Ss.R.	1900 – 1905	Rev. Francis A.B. Wunnenberg
1858 – 1859	Rev. Dominic Kraus, C.Ss.R.	1905 – 1922	Rev. Charles L. Trinkaus
1859 – 1866	Rev. Peter G. Cronenberg, C.Ss.R.	1922 – 1934	Rev. Leo J. Otterbein
1866 – 1869	Rev. Francis A. Eberhardt, C.Ss.R.	1934 – 1942	Rev. Walter J. Hayes
1869 – 1871	Rev. Thaddeus Anwander, C.Ss.R.	1942 – 1967	Rev. J. Ambrose Quinn
1871 – 1876	Rev. Francis A. Eberhardt, C.Ss.R.	1967 – 1981	Rev. Raymond W. Gribbin
1876 – 1877	Rev. William Wingerter, C.Ss.R.	1982 – 1991	Rev. F. Dennis Tinder
1877 – 1883	Rev. Francis A. Miller	1991 – 1995	Rev. Richard E. Cramblitt
1883 – 1890	Rev. Charles Damer	1995 – 2003	Rev. George B. Moeller
1890 – 1892	Rev. J. Alphonse Frederick	2004 -	Rev. Kevin T. Schenning
1892 – 1892	Rev. Michael F. Foley		

Associate Pastors

(First Permanent Associate Pastor was assigned June, 1949)

Rev. Richard C. Mitchell	Rev. Stephen R. Sutton
Rev. George J. Buettner	Rev. Robert L. Hartnett
Rev. David Leary	Rev. Michael Parrish
Rev. Donald P. Croghan	Rev. Richard W. Woy
Rev. Charles K. Riepe	Rev. William F. Franken
Rev. Frederick T. Bowling	Rev. Joseph J. Cosgrove
Rev. William F. Dumps	Rev. John L. Lombardi
Rev. Richard W. Marx	Rev. John P. Cummingham
Rev. John C. Collopy	Rev. Paul C. Sparklin
Rev. Jeffrey W. Carlsen	Rev. Simon Obeng
Rev. G. Eugene Nickol	Rev. John A. Eckard
Rev. G. Michael Schleupner	Rev. Martin S. Nocchi
Rev. Julian R. Eibin	Rev. Mark S. Bialek
Rev. Charles F. Shenk	Rev. Roque Lim
	Rev. Louis A. Bianco