

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
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DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm
Friday, 10am - 1pm
Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday — 10:00 am Tuesday to Friday — 12:10 pm
Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm Holy days — As announced

**The Church is open for Prayer & Meditation Tuesday—Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:30 pm and by appointment.**

Notary Services
Available
Upon Request.
See Loretta Young

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.

All couples must attend either Pre-Cana Classes or make an Engaged Encounter.

BAPTISM:

Before a child is Baptized, the parents and Godparents must 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 Pastoral Center and complete a parish registration form.

CARE OF THE SICK AND

HOMEBOUND: The Pastor, Deacon, and special ministers of Holy Communion will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. The Pastor and Deacon make regular visits to local hospitals. **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.

January 21, 2018 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ▶ CCD — Every Sunday following mass in parish center
- ▶ Adult Study Group — Every Sunday following mass in Parish Center
- ▶ January 28 ~ KPCLA Meeting, in Parish Center, 12:15pm
- ▶ February 04 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting — 8:45 am
- ▶ February 10 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9am — Noon
- ▶ February 10 ~ Mardi Gras—sponsored by KPCLA, 7pm— midnight
\$30 per person/ 2 tickets for \$50
- ▶ February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday
- ▶ February 16 ~ Lent Fish Fry, 11am — 2pm
- ▶ February 26, 27, & 28 ~ Lenten Mission with Fr. John McVoy

Black History Activities

CCD Presentations Each Sunday in February at 10:00 AM in Church
February 04 ~ Movie "Having Our Say" The Delany Sisters "First One Hundred Years"
February 11 ~ Health Screenings sponsored by St. Joseph's Health Committee
Health Screenings by Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Tau Eta Chapter
February 18 ~ Presentation by Author Jeanne Nutter sponsored by KPC Ladies Auxiliary
February 25 ~ Soul Food Luncheon

Weekly Collections

The parish requires a weekly collection of \$4,901 to cover expenses.
Amounts below represent last week's collection and the collection for the same week in 2016.

January 21, 2018 — \$2,108

January 22, 2017 — \$2,397

Mass Intentions
January 27, 2018– February 4, 2018

Saturday, 01/27	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/28	10:00 AM	Paul Fahey Requested by Kathy Fahey
Monday, 01/29	10:00 AM	
Tuesday, 01/30	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 01/31	12:10 pm	
Thursday, 02/01	12:10 pm	
Friday, 02/02	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 02/03	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/04	10:00 AM	

PARISH STAFF	
Pastor:	Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
Deacon:	Robert J. Cousar
Parish Secretary:	Loretta L. Young
St. Vincent dePaul Society:	Fayette Jackson
Director Religious Education:	Mary Polk

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Below is a summary of the matters discussed during the January 17th Parish Council meeting.

Fellowship Hall Renovations Update
 Architect met with City of Wilmington Building Code officials to review plans for new rest rooms, kitchen renovations and access and egress from the fellowship hall. Meeting is intended to review plans with license and inspection officials to determine if city will require any additional changes prior to requesting bids from contractors.
 Architect has shared plans with one contractor so that we can get a feel for the required budget for the project.
 New hood proposals have already come in from two contractors: Wilmington contractor was \$12,000. Smyrna contractor came in at \$24,000. Architect suggests we handle this part of the construction separately from general contractors proposal to avoid markups.

Building Repairs

- Cracked concrete on front steps and wall have been repaired
- Bank of America will continue to do our snow removal. We have purchase a snow blower as back-up and Joe Owens has agreed to use the blower.
- Another steam leak in hall. WE have a section of piping that has had multiple leak and was repaired several times last year.
- Green door project: Carpenter who is a friend of the parish replaced hinges and we can now use the door.
- We currently have a few clogged gutters that require attention, contractors will be engaged to address.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

On the last two Sunday's we heard Jesus calling his first disciples. Over the next three Sunday's we will hear stories o Jesus healing the sick and afflicted. He is just beginning his public ministry but as he drives out demons and heals leers, his renown and his popularity increase quickly. In today's Gospel, Jesus drives out an unclean spirit. The people are astonished, not just at his actions, but also how he taught with such authority.

Fr. Paul

Question of the Week

What kind of "unclean spirits" afflicting some people do I encounter? Do I risk becoming unclean myself when encountering those who are afflicted? Can I overcome that risk?

Thank You!

A very special thanks to Glenda Townsend and the Prayer Brunch Committee for organizing another great ecumenical event. The fellowship hall was full, the message about the journey was encouraging and the food delicious! Again, thank you for your personal effort to make this year's event special.


Fr. Paul

Dear St. Joseph Church Family,

Thank you SO much for your support of our Native American Dinner that was held on Jan. 20th. Your prayers and generous donations assisted the N. A. Ministry in creating a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. You have assisted us so that we can continue our outreach programs and support of the National Tekakwitha Conference. We are very grateful for your caring and encouragement!

*Blessings to all,
 Gail and John Rando*

Parish Bus - January Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, January 7	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, January 14	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, January 21	Daniel Mims
Sunday, January 28	Vanel Fleury

Flu & Cold Season: Please take **precautionary measures** such as washing hands often and thoroughly. If you are under the weather take care not to share your misery at the sign of peace and at Holy Communion by sharing the Cup. We will all bless you for it.

St Vincent dePaul Society of St. Joseph Conference extends a sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Joseph's who have made contributions throughout 2017. We are grateful for your generosity.



St. Joseph's Mardi Gras

Party & Showcase

Saturday, February 10, 2018

7:00 pm til 12:00 Midnight

Tickets: \$30 each or 2 for \$50

**Parish Fellowship Hall
1012 French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**

Price Includes: Games, Music, Food Sampling of Gumbo, Jambalaya, Red Beans & Rice, Shrimp Etoufee
Lots of Nawlins style fun!

Sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

**Contacts: Anthea Bedminster at 302. 897.5320 or
anthbed@yahoo.com**

St. Joseph's Parish Office at 302.658.4535



Happy Birthday!

January

Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	30

February

Jean Brysson	01
Jessica Chaplin	01
Sam Donahue	02
Zoe Donahue	02
Seth Eckrich	02
John Polk, Jr.	02
Brenda Burns	04
Samia Hopson	04
Denise Scales	04
Daniel Caesar	05
Bernard Pearce	10
Sidney Abili	13
Joseph Persaud	14
Le'Verne Cecere	15
Brenda Daye	15
Marcus Small	15
Terrence Clark	16
George Winston	16
Lorraine Eckrich	16
Kaeman Saunders	18
Tyiesha Enwerem	19
Timothy Skidmore	19
L'Ause Dye	20
Jacqueline Loosararian	21
David May, III	21
Kathleen Hodges	23
Dianne Skidmore	22
Marlyn Rashad	23
Albert Scales, Sr.	23
Nicole Martin-Henry	24
Chanae Council	25
Martin Taylor	25
Brian Glynn	26
Kevin Daye	27
Daniel Mahler	27



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 secretary at parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org Please include your name, birth month, day and year.

Liturgy Schedule January 2018

Saturday, January 27, 5:00 p.m.
S. Bolden ~ Lector
Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 28, 10:00 am
Joaquin. Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
William Ray ~ Lector
Herb Sterling ~ Lector 2
Denise McIntyre ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Marie Cousar ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



February 2018

Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am
Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 4, 10:00 am
J. Wright ~ Altar Server
Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter
Stephen Thorpe, Lector 1
Geraldine Cochran, Lector 2
Stacey Lowery ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Denise Scales ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 10, 5:00 p.m.
Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Monday, February 11, 10:00 am
Roberto Rivera ~ Altar Server
Kyle Hopson ~ Greeter
Andrea Queen ~ Lector 1
Jasmine MacFarlane ~ Lector 2
Barbara Pulliam ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 17, 5:00 p.m.
Loretta Young ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, February 18, , 10:00 am
Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server
Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter
Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector
Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector 2
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Janice Jolly ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.
S. Bolden ~ Lector
Denise Scales ~ Eucharistic Minister

Parish Leadership

Parish Council is advisory to the pastor on matters of the church such as the mass schedule, improvements to the building, parish social life, etc. The Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and all parishioners are invited. **Parish Council does not meet in June, July, August or December. The next meeting is February 21, 2018.**

Fr. Paul Williams, President
 Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio
 Linda Abili Vincent Caesar
 Kathy Hodges Chantal Jackson Derrick Johnson
 Deirdre Robinson Damita MacFarlane
 Doris Matthews John Rando
 Cheryl Riviere Loretta Young

The **Finance Committee** is responsible for helping the pastor with creating and managing the budget and to ensure the parish is fiscally sound. Members are appointed by the pastor and meet quarterly. Current committee members are:

Deacon Bob Cousar, Chair
 Dana Crumety
 Judy Gallagher
 Herb Sterling
 Bertley Wharton

TRIP TO THE BATHROOM

Little people sometimes find it necessary to make a bathroom visit during mass to relieve boredom if nothing else. Fellowship hall and the bathrooms are unsupervised and accessible to outsiders. For the safety of our little ones, their grown-up should accompany them when they take a break. Nothing has happened and we want to be sure it doesn't.

Parking Lot

During the weekdays, the parking spaces are not available. In addition, please do not park in the pastors' or volunteer parking slots. These slots are available on Sunday, but never during the weekday. If you have a special request, please call the office. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We've been blessed to have the coffee and pastries donated on each Sunday of the month as indicated below.

- ◆ 1st Sunday - Ladies Sodality
- ◆ 2nd Sunday - Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 3rd Sunday -
- ◆ 4th Sunday - **Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges**



Thank You!
 Thank You!

THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of Saint Joseph's Parish we invite you to complete the Parish Registration form below and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will contact you.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church Parish Registration Form

Last Name: _____

Full Name: _____

Birthdate: (month, date, year) _____

Church of Baptism: _____

List all resident family members you wish to register at Saint Joseph's and the relationship of all.

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Home Telephone: _____



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LIFE AND NEWS



The Sodality honors the Blessed Mother

through prayer. These ladies faithfully pray the rosary each Sunday before mass and they pray continuously for the parish, the city and for individuals in need of the intercession of the Blessed Mother. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Denise

Scales on 302.368.9881.

JUNIOR SODALITY

The Jr. Sodality mission statement includes:

having a deeper appreciation and understanding of others by enriching values of respect, responsibility and sharing with the guidance and example of St. Joseph Senior Sodality. Making a difference by bringing joy, love and refreshments to brighten the lives of others including St. Joseph community and the shut-in, hosting a luncheon for those less fortunate, sharing in the ministries of the church and participating in the Angel Tree Adopt A Child

Program. ALL YOUNG LADIES, 6 TO 14, IN THE DIOCESE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT

Jean Toy, 302.658.2218,

Margaret Levesque, 302-656-0813, or Lorenza Hinds, 302-574-0057. FOR INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

Buy gift/ pre-paid cards for a good cause.

Please consider buying gift/ pre-paid cards for everyday items & gifts. Proceeds are used to support the mission of the Knights of Peter Claver, such as service to the Church, assistance to the needy and youth scholarship. Order forms are in the back of the church or online. For information, phone 302 598 0448; Email:

kpc.scrip@stjosephfrenchst.org

Web: http://kpc.stjosephfrenchst.org.KPC_ScripFundRaisingInfo.pdf

BAYLOR PRISON MINISTRY: Every Friday morning, parishioners and friends brighten the lives of women who are incarcerated. On the first and third Friday, Fr. Paul celebrates mass. For additional information, please contact Rose Henderson, 302-762-9044.

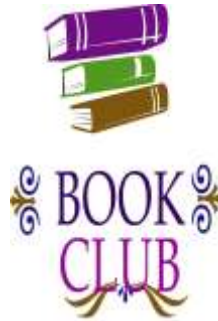
Stock the Pantry - Catholic Charities Non-Perishable Food Donations

A barrel for non-perishable foods is located in the vestibule of the church. Please help to replenish their food closets by contributing non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. To make a cash donation online, visit <https://www.cdw.org/ccdonation.html>.

Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies' Auxiliary is comprised of over 18,000 Catholic family members. We continue our expansion efforts welcoming all Catholics to join. Our purpose is to render service to God and His Holy Church. If you would like to join our organization please see Grand Knight Vincent Robinson or Grand Lady Brenda Burns.

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN Reporting Allegations of Child Abuse to Authorities

1. Division of Family Services at 1-800-292-9582
2. State Attorney General's Office 302-577-8310
3. Report to Fr. Paul, Deacon Cousar or Loretta Young
4. Report to Diocese: Vicar General 302-573-3118



St. Joseph's Book Club Meets in the Parish Center. Bring your book, a friend, snack, and your insights to this lively discussion. The next meeting is January 29, 2018 and the book for discussion is "One Thousand Gifts." Please see Geraldine Purnell for additional information.



ST. JOSEPH CHOIR

If you would like to help us celebrate the Mass and get extra credit, (because you know when you sing you are praying twice), please come and join the St. Joseph Choir. We rehearse and sing every Sunday, except 4th Sunday, in the Parish Center Conference Room at 9:15 AM. If you are interested, please see DeAnna Cardenas after Mass or call the Parish Center and leave a message. Thank you!

WILMINGTON DIOCESE GOSPEL CHOIR

WDGC sings at St. Joseph on the fourth Sunday and throughout the Diocese during the year. For information, call Brenda Burns at 302-322-6899.

YOUTH CHOIR

All youth of the parish are invited to join the newly formed choir! The Youth choir will rehearse on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following CCD. The choir will sing the meditation hymn on the 3rd Sunday beginning in February. For questions, please see Lorraine Eckrich or Vonda Wright.

Emergency contact == To contact the pastor after hours, call the parish number. The messages are checked every few hours, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. When the pastor is away, the parish secretary checks the phone frequently and will notify the pastor if there is a grave situation.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The journey of faith is a process that takes time. Please contact the pastor about taking steps leading to initiation as a Catholic Christian. If you know someone who needs special invitation, please inform the pastor. The whole church is built up when an adult embraces the faith. We need to embrace those called by Christ.

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE



This week's Gospel message speaks of Jesus' authority.

He commanded unclean spirits, and they fled at his command. Sin and temptation are real, and they can be a daily struggle. By walking with Christ and relenting to His authority we can overcome these sins, and fight off these temptations. Are you able to turn to Christ during times of temptation? Do you come to Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Embrace the power and authority of Christ. Know that through Him our sins are forgiven, and our temptations can be fought.

28 January 2018
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through Moses, the Lord promised to raise up additional prophets from among the people. Today, the Lord calls religious sisters and brothers as well as priests and deacons from among the people. Could He be calling you to serve in one of these exciting vocations? If you think so, please speak with your pastor or call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

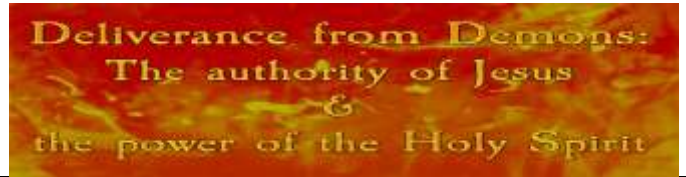


Catholic Charities is a member of the National Diaper Bank Network, providing diapers to families in need. Currently, our Diaper Bank serves over 200 families! To help support our Diaper Bank, please make a donation of diapers, baby wipes, or other baby hygiene items. Donations can be brought to any Catholic Charities location. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

If you know someone in need, have them call the Diaper Bank at Bayard House, 302-654-1184, to learn how to participate in the program.



Next Sunday, February 4th, Sister Ann David Strohming, Diocesan Delegate for Religious, will discuss the World Day for Consecrated Life. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.



Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Do not let obsessions distract you from being present to your beloved. How clean does the house really need to be? Hobbies are fun but can steal together time. Perfectionism can rob you of laughing together at your mistakes.

PARENTING POINTERS

You are not your children! Your success as a parent does not depend on their success. Resist the urge to take credit for your child's successes, lest you also take the blame for

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!
Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **There are 2 programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: February 16-18, and April 13-15.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Adia Bracy	Donald Evans	Serafim Bairos	Nellie Lawrence	Rose Henderson
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman
Leta Johnson	Delores Tuller	Lee Newman	James Thomas	Donna Scott May
Tanya Wilson	Mark Gallagher	Leonard J. Young, Jr.	Barbara Stacey	Gordon Sanders
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Jane McDonald	Giuseppina Fazzino	Arlene Watson
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	Mary Joan Thompson	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	London Louise Simmonds	Vivian Priest	John Polk
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson	Christian Coleman

February is Stock the Pantry Month for Catholic Charities

Participate in Catholic Charities semi-annual "Stock the Pantry" project throughout the month of February! One in five families often must choose between making a rent or utility payment and buying food. In a single month, Catholic Charities distributes approximately 15,000 pounds of food throughout the Diocese!

You can support our most vulnerable neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Drop off items like canned meats, soups, fruits, and vegetables; boxes of pasta, cereal, baking mixes; jars of peanut butter and jelly; coffee, tea, and powdered milk at any Catholic Charities location. Catholic Charities will also accept gift cards to local grocery stores or cash donations. You can find the nearest Catholic Charities service center at www.cdow.org/charities, or call 302-655-9624. Those in need of food assistance should call the nearest Catholic Charities location.

Annual Mission Breakfast of Champions

Sponsored by the Delaware State Council of the Knights of Columbus to recognize the sacrifices by our young people for mission work.

The Breakfast of Champions will be held at St. Helena's Church, Wilmington, DE on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

The event will begin with Mass at 10A.M. in the Church with Bishop Malooly presiding followed by the breakfast in the Church Hall at which the annual awards will be presented.

A reply form is attached for you to indicate the members of your school or religious program who will attend. Please reply by Friday, February 23. You may also telephone

Job Opportunities — City of Wilmington

General Laborer I — 2 vacancies

Salary \$27,589 — \$33,412

Sanitation Worker (Chucker)

Salary \$34,733 - \$42,107

Details for each position is posted on the bulletin board in the parish center. You may also visit www.WilmingtonDE.gov or call Department of Human Resources a 302.576.2460

Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, February 18th 3 (3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) for their annual Cooks for a Cause at Feby's Fishery, 3701 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE. Bring family and friends and enjoy a fabulous meal. A percentage of the evening's proceeds will be donated to help the Little Sisters care for the needy elderly in our community. Local parish priests will serve as special "wait staff" throughout the evening. The event also includes a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. Reservations preferred: call 302/998-9501. For further information visit www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org

PART-TIME ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

Responsibilities include:

- Enters invoices into accounting system
- Processes check requests, garnishments and tax payments
- Process check requests one day a week for each company
- Prepare journal entries
- Handle petty cash and postage fund
- Maintain files of paid invoices
- Reviews accounts payable aged report monthly
- Act as a notary public
- Act as telephone relief for receptionist as needed
- Performs miscellaneous clerical and finance office functions

Qualifications

- Associates Degree in accounting or comparable degree from a recognized business program
 - One or more years of experience in general bookkeeping. A combination of experience and training which provides the equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities may be substituted
 - Knowledge of the fundamentals of computerized accounting software
- Knowledge of the use of modern office equipment
For more information see our posting at <https://jobs.delawareonline.com> or apply at jobs@cdow.org.