

# St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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Upon Request  
See Loretta Young

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](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)

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

## 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.**

Happy Mother's Day

### 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.

## May 14, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

- ▶ CCD Every Sunday following Mass
- ▶ May 14 ~ Mother's Day
- ▶ May 14 ~ First Holy Communion
- ▶ May 17 ~ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- ▶ May 20 ~ KPCLA Monthly Meeting, 10am
- ▶ May 23 ~ Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
- ▶ May 28 ~ Make Your Own Strawberry Shortcake Sunday, \$5 Benefits Junior Sodality
- ▶ June 06 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9-11am
- ▶ June 07 ~ Sodality's Monthly Meeting, 8:45 am
- ▶ **June 10 ~ Parish Fund Raiser, Designer Bag Bingo. June 10, 2017 Tickets \$30, only 150 tickets — reserve today! See Damita MacFarlane, Marie Cousar, Sandra Donahue, Adrienne Hopson, or Denise Scales for tickets.**
- ▶ June 18 ~ Caribbean Liturgy and Luncheon. See DeAnna Cardenas
- ▶ June 18 ~ Father's Day
- ▶ June 25 ~ Confirmation with Bishop Malooly

### Street Closing Due to Races

Sunday, May 14 — Delaware Marathon  
Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 — Grand Prix Bicycle Race

### Welcome to New Parishioners

Naomi Jean Lumpkin  
Nancy Sheard  
Wanda Johnson  
Charmaine Doyle



### 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

May 7, 2017 - \$3,919      May 8, 2016 - \$3,735

Thank you for your generosity!!!

**Mass Intentions**  
**May 06, 2017 — May 14, 2017**

Saturday, 05/13	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/14	10:00 AM	<b>Happy Mother's Day</b>
Monday, 05/15	NO MASS	—————
Tuesday, 05/16	12:10 PM	
Wednesday, 05/17	12:10 PM	
Thursday, 05/18	12:10 PM	
Friday, 05/19	12:10 PM	
Saturday, 05/20	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 05/21	10:00 AM	



**Introduction to the Liturgy**

As our Easter season progresses, we find ourselves focusing less on the early church and more on what we are to do now. Jesus gives us a roadmap in today's Gospel if we are willing to listen to him. As we gather for our celebration today, let us give thanks for Jesus our guide and pray for the faith to follow as he asks.

Fr. Paul

*First Holy Communion*

*Congratulations to the following young people as they receive the precious body and blood of Christ.*

Eduardo Barranco  
 Andres Garcia  
 Kevin Garcia  
 Ramaj Shianne Gray

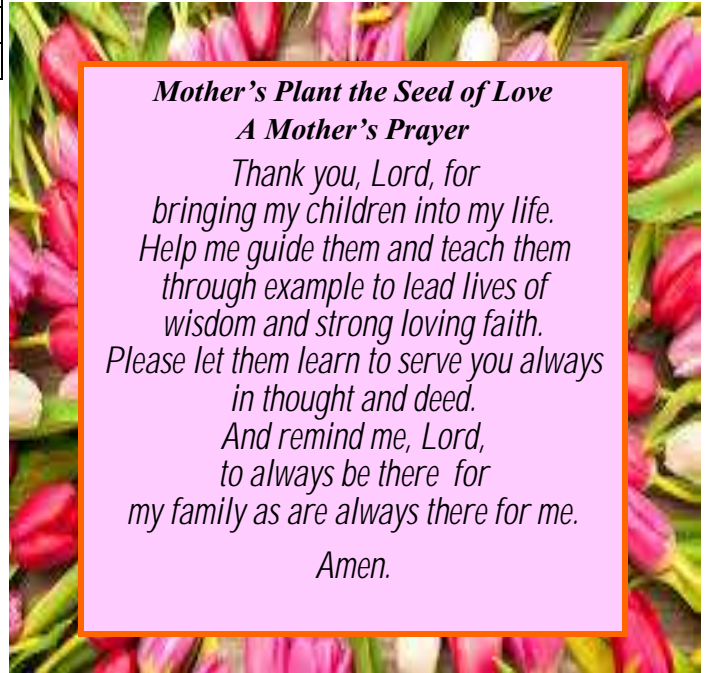


Andrew Cole Loosararian  
 Timothy Armen Loosararian  
 Tyler Stephen Loosararian  
 Aaliyah Veronica Walker

*We pray that you will forever be as joyful as you are today when receiving the Holy Eucharist. The parish is most proud of each of you and pray for God's blessings always!*

**PARISH STAFF**

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



***Mother's Plant the Seed of Love  
 A Mother's Prayer***

*Thank you, Lord, for bringing my children into my life. Help me guide them and teach them through example to lead lives of wisdom and strong loving faith. Please let them learn to serve you always in thought and deed. And remind me, Lord, to always be there for my family as are always there for me.*

*Amen.*

**Question of the Week**

Drawing on the strength of today's word and Eucharist, how can I offer creativity and understanding as a path toward resolution?

**Race Weekends**

**May 14, Mother's Day — Delaware Marathon  
 May 19 & 20 — Grand Prix Bicycle Race**

Please allow extra time for your travel into Mass. If you are traveling on I-95, a good idea might be to exit at Martin Luther King Boulevard and travel east on Fourth Street and make left onto Walnut Street. Walnut Street is usually has at least one lane open.



**Parish Bus - May Schedule**

DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, May 07	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, May 14	Clifton Rashad
Sunday, May 21	Vanel Fluery
Sunday, May 28	Vanel Fluery

God Bless Our Bus Drivers! We are grateful to our bus drivers who make personal sacrifices each week to transport our parishioners to and from mass each Sunday. Your crowns will be heavy!



B.Y.O.  
Food &  
Beverage

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
invites you to attend its

# Designer Bag Bingo

Door  
Prizes &  
\$0/\$0!

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 1:00 pm (Doors open at Noon)

St. Joseph Fellowship Hall, 1012 French Street, Wilmington, DE

Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door (18+ only)

### Ticket Sellers:

Marie Cousar - 302.388.7469	Adrienne Hopson - 302.290.1713
Sandra Donahue - 646.522.6614	Damita MacFarlane - 610.806.2359
Denise Scales - 302.250.3644	

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For additional information, call church office at 302.658.4535

## CARIBBEAN MASS & A TASTE OF THE ISLANDS

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1012 FRENCH STREET  
WILMINGTON, DE 19801

Join us as we celebrate Heritage Month  
with a Caribbean themed Mass

on

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Then join us in our Fellowship Hall  
for a taste of food favorites,  
prepared by our parishioners  
from the islands.



SAVE THE DATE

Divided By Water



Together By Culture



WITH "ATIBA" ON  
THE STEEL DRUM

SPONSORED BY THE SODALITY OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF  
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ON FRENCH ST.

# Happy Birthday!

## May

Lavon Robinson	01
Kamille Watkins	04
Thomas Lacroix	05
William Cavin, Jr.	06
Thomas Gallagher	06
Vincent John Thomas Robinson	06
Mary Mintz	07
Michele Scott-Costa	08
Christopher Willis	08
Pat Rafter	09
Sean Willis	09
Roger Bacon	09
Irence White	10
Julian Cecere	11
Roberto Rivera, III	11
Ann Elder	12
Frank Costa	14
Stefani Cousar	15
Quincey Lowery	15
Noah Turner	15
Jed Donohue	16
Jerah Wright	17
John Wharton	18
Devon Costa	19
Brendan Hill	19
Brysen Hill	19
Cholly Anderson	20
John Carney	20
Marie Cousar	20
Travis Goode	20
Rose Comegys	21
Haven Flagg	21
Samantha Jolly	21
Massassi Odou	21
Julia Vaughan	21
Iyke Enwerem	22
Geraldine Reybold	22
Vanessa Crumety	24
William Yah	25
Denise Buckner	27
Justice Johnson	27
Cathlyn Cantelmi	28
James Henderson	28
Joseph Skidmore	28
Charles Tarver	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 secretary at [parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org)*

## Liturgy Schedule ~ May 2017

### **Saturday, May 6, 5:00 pm**

Herb Sterling ~ Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Sunday, May 7, 10:00 am**

Xavier Wycliff ~ Altar Server

Sheris Owens ~ Greeter

Andrea Queen ~ 1st Lector

Lisa Mims ~ 2nd Lector

Lorraine Eckrich ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Delores Spencer ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister



### **Saturday, May 13, 5:00 p.m.**

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector

Stephen Thorpe ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Sunday, May 14, 2017**

Roberto Rivera, Altar Server

Kyle Hopson, Greeter

Geraldine Cochran, Lector 1

Stephen Thorpe, Lector 2

Denise Scales, Eucharistic Minister

Janice Jolly, Eucharistic Minister

### **Saturday, May 20, 5:00 p.m.**

Loretta Young ~ Lector

Gwen Cavin ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Sunday, May 21, 5:00 pm**

Kali Watkins ~ Altar Server

Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter

Gail Rando ~ Lector

Stephanie Bolden ~ Lector 2

John Rando ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Barbara Pulliam ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

### **Saturday, May 27, 5:00 p.m.**

Stephen Thorpe ~ Lector

DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

### **Sunday, May 28, 10:00 am**

Joaquin Ledesma ~ Altar Server

Deidre Ann Robinson ~ Greeter

Herb Sterling ~ 1st Lector

William Ray ~ 2nd Lector

Debbie Sterling ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister

Denise McIntyre ~ 2nd 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. **No Meeting in April. Next meeting is May 17, 2017.** The members are:

Fr. Paul Williams, President	
Deacon Cousar, Ex Officio	
Linda Abili	Sheila Cavin
Vincent Caesar	Kathy Hodges
Chantal Jackson	Derrick Johnson
Deirdre Robinson	Damita MacFarlane
Doris Matthews	John Rando
Laura Wharton	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. Next meeting is May 16, 2017.

Current committee members are:

Deacon Bob Cousar, Chair  
Dana Crumety  
Judy Gallagher  
Herb Sterling

## 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 - Krispy Kreme donuts hosted by Kathy Hodges
- ◆ 4th Sunday - Loretta & Leonard Young



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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



# 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](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>.

**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 in June and the book for discussion is *The 12 Tribes of Hatie by Ayana Mathis*. Please see Geraldine Purnell for additional information..



**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

**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.



## **The St. Joseph Choir is Recruiting**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE



This week's gospel message from John provides us with the hopeful reminder, that through Christ we are saved. Our faith in Jesus has saved us and ensured us a place in His kingdom. Christ not only provides us a fulfilling sense of hope, for what is awaiting us in the hereafter, He also gives instructions as we travel to the place He has prepared. Reassuring us that He will be with the Father, Jesus sends us out to do great things in his name. This truth should instill in us a stoic faith that motivates us to do His work. Are we living like we believe the truth Christ revealed? He has called us to great things. What great things has He called you to do? Don't let fear hold you back; Jesus has reassured us that through Him these things can be done. Go out and do these things in Christ's name.



### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Thrift Center can turn the household goods you no longer use into a welcome addition for a household in need. We need your clean and useable furniture, appliances, beds, mattresses, and household goods. Do you have any items to donate? Any Catholic Charities location will gladly accept your donation. Have large items? Call us at 302-764-2717 to schedule a home pickup. Thrift Center hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't forget - all donations are tax-deductible.

Catholic Charities is now accepting donations of cars and other motor vehicles to support its programs benefiting the most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities will accept all vehicle donations regardless of condition or registration status, arrange for vehicle pickup, if necessary, and provide the donor with an IRS tax receipt for their records.

For additional information about the vehicle donation program, or to make arrangements for donation, please call 844-940-GIVE [844-940-4483] or visit Catholic Charities website at [www.ccwilm.org/charities](http://www.ccwilm.org/charities).

## Good News! Good News!

You are invited to listen to the Catholic Forum podcast. A new podcast is posted every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications) or search "Catholic Forum" on iTunes or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Alex Handy will discuss the recent delegation from Saints Peter & Paul Church in Easton, Maryland, to San Marcos, Guatemala. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcast links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

### Vocations

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's first reading tells of the calling of Stephen and six others to serve the early Church as deacons. God still calls deacons to serve the needs of the Body of Christ by preaching, baptizing, officiating at marriages and by giving witness through lives consecrated to God. If you think you might have a calling to some form of religious ministry, let's talk. Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdown.org/vocations!](http://www.cdown.org/vocations!)

### Office for Marriage and Family Life

by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

#### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

**Mother's Day** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15: 13) In addition to Jesus, who has given their life for you? Perhaps it is your mother, or someone who has been like a mother to you. As a spouse, be mindful of laying down your life each day for your beloved.

#### PARENTING POINTERS

Generally, a mother's love for her child is assumed and hopefully reciprocated. Yes, show love for your mother (or someone who has been like a loving mother to you) this weekend. Identify and share an act of sacrifice made on your behalf by your mother. What a gift!

## 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	Alice Harris
Ronald Toy	Joanna Warren	Adele & Fred Reed	Kendra Denhardt	Jessica Fullman	James Henderson
Leta Johnson	Frances Reed	Octavia Manlove	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	
Barbara Willis	Doris Gallagher	Terry McDonald	Jemison Asante	Jolene Tyson	
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	Mary Joan Thompson	Vivian Priest	Delores Tuller	
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	London Louise Simmonds	John Thompson	Charlie Anderson	

City of Wilmington, Mayor Michael S. Purzycki  
Department of Parks & Recreation, Director Kevin F. Kelley, Sr.  
- P R O M O T I O N -

# 2017 Senior Health & Fitness Day

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Christina Park**  
4th & Church Streets  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801



**“Take One More Step for Health”**  
Food; Refreshments; Entertainment

*Largest Community Center Participation will be acknowledged.  
Bring all of your family and friends!*

## Senior Walk

**“Keep it moving in 2017”**

**1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Prize Winners!**

For more information, please contact Shawn R. Baker or Carolyn Peak at (302) 576-3810  
*If raining by 7:00 a.m. on day of the event, please go to the  
William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center,  
501 N. Madison Street, (302) 571-4266.*

### ORACLE National Summer Institute for Youth

**To you Well Women Witness!** We all thought that our encounter with Jesus @ the Well was the bomb! Well! Think of your child or grandchild having 17 days of an experience like our WWW. Why not? The child you love and sacrifice for deserves it! Every summer since 1996, we hold our ORACLE Nat'l Summer Institute for Youth. It's a summer youth program held here in DC with me (Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin) and Msgr. Raymond East and a host of professionals. The dates are Sat., June 17th to July 4th. Our point is to grab our children for Christ; shift the atmosphere; break the chains, and empower them for leadership in the Church as disciples for Christ.

### WWW Mystagogia

**A Pentecost Mystagogia** is a powerful teaching done by Sr. Oralisa Martin and Msgr. Raymond East on the Holy Spirit. The theme is: **“Love Worth Waiting For in the Upper Room.”** The upcoming Mystagogia is on **Thursday, June 1st at 7:00pm** at ORACLE: 6101 New Hampshire Ave., NE, DC 20011. **Men are also invited.** Enjoy the flavor of New Orleans Cuisine with Dinner! Register now! Contact Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin: [ormartin@oraclereligious.org](mailto:ormartin@oraclereligious.org) or (202) 528-8633. **Deadline: May 28th**

### Gift of Days: Spirituality & Aging Retreat

June 6-8 (mid-week)

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat (intended for those 55+) will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. This retreat will consist of input, quiet personal time, prayer rituals, Mass and small group sharing.

**Cost:** \$125 per person (includes program, lodging & meals)

**Sign up online at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609.884.3829 for more information**

June 22nd, 10th Annual Swing Fore Little Sisters Gold Charity Outing at Deerfield Golf Club in Newark, DE with a 12:00 noon shotgun start.

Proceeds from our 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing will go toward replacement of hospital beds in our nursing care units. Please visit our website [www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org) or contact our Development Office at 302.368.5886.

### Save Energy with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has a new program available for individuals who may be struggling with energy costs. As the Energize Delaware Community Energy Center in New Castle County, Catholic Charities can provide households with free energy education, budget counseling, and program referrals. At your appointment, your energy counselor will review your utility bills and discuss ways to reduce your energy usage. **They'll also determine what assistance programs are available to help you keep the power on and get back on track.** To schedule an appointment, contact Catholic Charities Main Office at 302-655-9624, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.