

St. Joseph's Church

THE CRADLE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM IN DELAWARE



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PASTOR
Rev. Paul M. Williams, OFM
pw4ofm@aol.com

DEACON
Deacon Robert J. Cousar

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm
Friday, 10am - 1pm
Parish Secretary: parishsecretary@stjosephfrenchst.org
Bulletin News: stjosephsbulletin@yahoo.com
Website: 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.

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 27 ~ Black History Brunch, 11:00 am—1pm
\$16 Adults, \$5.00 Kids Ages 5-12, Kids under 5 free
- ▶ 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 Program

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
February 18 ~ Presentation by Author Jeanne Nutter sponsored by KPC Ladies Auxillary
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 14, 2018 — \$3,227

January 15, 2017 — \$2,397

Mass Intentions
January 20, 2017– January 28, 2017

Saturday, 01/20	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/21	10:00 AM	
Monday, 01/22	10:00 AM	
Tuesday, 01/23	12:10 pm	
Wednesday, 01/24	12:10 pm	
Thursday, 01/25	12:10 pm	
Friday, 01/26	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 01/27	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 01/28	10:00 AM	Paul Fahey Requested by Kathy Fahey

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

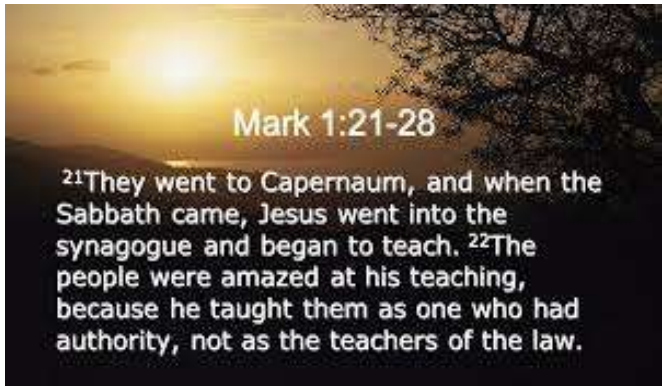
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Mark tells the story of the calling of the first disciples in today's Gospel. Jesus asks them to follow, to be sure, but he also tells them that they will become "fishers of men," that they will be asked to share the Good News with others. As we gather today let us think about how we share our faith with others through what we say and what we do.

Fr. Paul

Question of the Week

How do I live my life as a disciple of Jesus?
 Do I share the good news through my words and actions?



Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.



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 Etouffee
 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

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



St. Joseph Catholic Church

12th Annual Black History Month

2018 Prayer Brunch

**“Look How Far We’ve Come,
but look at the journey ahead.”**

Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 4-15



Speaker:

Rev. Justin Powell

Bethel AME Church

St. Joseph's Church

Fellowship Hall 1012 French Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

Saturday, January 27, 2018

11:00 am.-1:00 p.m.

Tickets:

Adults \$16.00

\$5:00 Kids (5-12)

For tickets contact: Dr. Glenda Townsend, Chair Black History Month

302-478-5246

Happy Birthday!

January

Francis Crumety	01
Thomasina Joseph	01
Arielle Mobley	03
John Thompson	05
LeRoy Wiles	05
Chanel Scott	07
Fred Ashe	08
Phyllis Chambers-Mobley	08
Marie Rivera	08
Jeannette Sammons	08
Albert Fletcher	09
Douglas Loosarian	09
Denise McIntyre	09
Deborah Robinson	09
Andres Barranco	10
Jacquar White	10
C. Owen Cardenas	13
Laura Chaplin	14
Margaret Clifford	14
Sheris Owens	14
Tauqeer Rashad, Jr.	14
Chantal David Towles	14
Andrew Parlock	17
Nicole Long	10
Margareth Hoey	20
Mikayla Purnell	20
Anne Taylor	20
Herbert Bracy	21
James Francia	21
Yvonne Bracy	22
Kyle Hopson	22
Josephine Mahler	22
Howard Robbins	22
Aaliyah Herman	23
Damita MacFarlane	23
Ryan Turnier	23
Megan Frances Thorpe	24
Tiara Goode	25
Ruth Lewis	27
Elizabeth McGeever	27
Linwood Manning	29
Paul Fahey	30
Yolanda Mohammed	30



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

Monday, January 1, 2018—10:00 am

Gail Rando ~ Lector
Pat Rafter ~ Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 6, —10:00 am

Herb Sterling ~ Lector
Debbie Sterling ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 7, 10:00 am

Ava Wycliff, Altar Server
Sheris Owens, Greeter
Geraldine Cochran, Lector 1
Stephen Thorpe, Lector 2
Barbara Pulliam, 1st Eucharistic Minister
Delores Spencer, 2nd Eucharistic Minister



Saturday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Young ~ Lector
DeAnna Cardenas ~ Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, January 14, 10:00 am

J. Wright ~ Altar Server
Andrienne Hopson ~ Greeter
Lisa Mims ~ Lector
Judy Gallagher ~ Lector 2
Jed Donahue ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Lorraine Eckrich ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, January 20, 5:00 p.m.

Vernon Taylor ~ Lector
Loretta Young ~ Eucharistic Minister

Monday, January 21, 10:00 am

Roberto Rivera & Ramaj Gray ~ Altar Server
Fayetta Jackson ~ Greeter
Andrea Queen ~ Lector
Kevin O'Connell ~ Lector 2
Pat Rafter ~ 1st Eucharistic Minister
Stacey Lowery ~ 2nd Eucharistic Minister

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

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 January 17, 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: _____

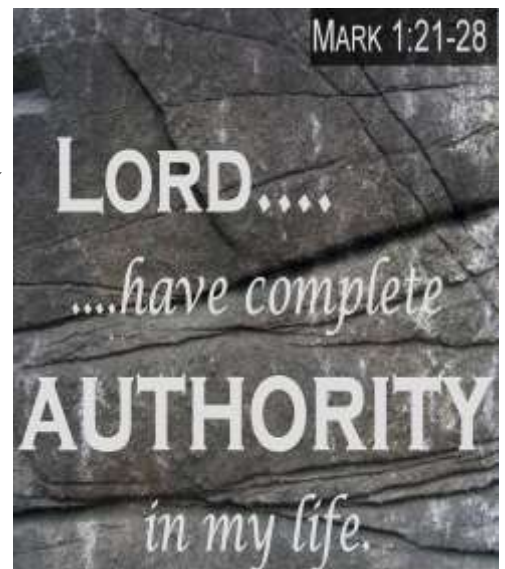
List all resident family members you wish to register at Saint Joseph's and the relationship of all.

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.

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 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.

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE



Mark's message this week reminds us that, like the disciples, we are called to follow Christ and spread his message. Simon and Andrew dropped everything they were doing to follow Jesus. Leaving their responsibilities, and their own father, must have taken a great amount of courage. As followers of Christ we are often asked to make tough choices. When called to make a change in your life, how do you answer? Do you have the courage to leave behind what Christ requests, so you can become a better disciple? Like the disciples we may be asked to step outside our comfort zone, but like the disciples when you rely on Christ, you accomplish great things.

21 January 2018 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah did not answer God's call quickly; he wasn't interested in the mission God had for him. Sometimes the attraction of various career opportunities keeps us from being interested in hearing and responding to God's call. Is the Lord calling you to priesthood or to religious life? What could be more satisfying or fulfilling than taking on a mission from God? 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.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 28th, Ms. Jennifer Briemann from the Maryland Catholic Conference, and Fr. Leonard Klein, Director of Pro Life Activities for the Diocese of Wilmington, will discuss physician assisted suicide. 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

A common complaint among couples is, "You're not listening to me." When is listening hard for you? If you're busy or tired, ask for a better time. Is there a conversation you've been avoiding?

PARENTING POINTERS

Talk with your child about the value of life no matter how young or how old. Perhaps donate baby items to a center.

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.

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.



**COME CELEBRATE WITH US:
"JOURNEY WITH THE BEAR"
INVITES YOU TO A
NATIVE DINNER AND DANCE**

WHEN: JANUARY 20, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
WHERE: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON HALL
COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON 13 AND OLDER
 Free for kids 12 and under

**SPECIAL SPEAKER: NATOSHA NORWOOD CARMINE, CHIEF
OF THE NANTICOKE INDIAN TRIBE OF DELAWARE**

DANCES PERFORMED BY:



- LENAPE
- AZTEC
- SENECA
- MUNSEE
- NANTICOKE



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW SPACE IS LIMITED
CONTACT: SHARON WARD 302-545-3383 OR SEAS OFFICE**



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