

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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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.



February 18, 2018

- ▶ CCD — Every Sunday following mass in parish center
- ▶ Adult Study Group — Will resume on Sunday, March 4, 2018
- ▶ Lenten Fish Fry, 11am — 2pm Every Friday During Lent
- ▶ February 24 ~ Junior Sodality Meeting, 12-1:30 pm
- ▶ February 25 ~ KPCLA Meeting, in Parish Center, 12:15pm
- ▶ February 26, 27, & 28 ~ Lenten Mission with Fr. John McVoy
- ▶ March 04 ~ Ladies Sodality Meeting — 8:45 am
- ▶ March 10 ~ KPC Monthly Meeting, 9am — Noon

Black History Activities

CCD Presentations Each Sunday in February at 10:00 AM in Church
February 18 ~ Presentation by Author Jeanne Nutter sponsored by KPC Ladies Auxilliary
February 25 ~ Soul Food Luncheon sponsored by Black History Committee

"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis



Mass Intentions

February 17, 2018– February 24, 2018

Saturday, 02/17	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/18	10:00 AM	† Minnie Lee Newman Requested by KPCLA
Monday, 02/19	—	No Mass
Tuesday, 02/20	12:10 pm	
Ash Wednesday, 02/21	12:10 pm	
Thursday, 02/22	12:10 pm	
Friday, 02/23	12:10 pm	
Saturday, 02/24	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 02/25	10:00 AM	† Elizabeth Ponder Requested by Deacon Bob & Marie Cousar

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

Question of the Week

What can I do to live up to my covenant with God during this season of Lent?

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

A few days ago we may have been told, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” as ashes were placed on our foreheads. We hear these words again in today’s Gospel. Lent is an appropriate occasion to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God, and place our trust in the One who has power over sin and death. As we begin the first week of Lent, let us take these words to heart.

Fr. Paul

JOURNEY
in Lent



Make Lent
40 DAYS
OF AWESOME

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, Vonda Wright or
Danielle Simmonds.



2017 Tax statements have been mailed. Please email or call the parish office and speak with Loretta Young if you have any questions.

All ladies in the diocese, age 6 and up, who are curious about the group, "ladies of the Blessed Mother", are invited to attend a discussion on our mission and activities.

Please RSVP to Jean 658-2218 or
Margaret 656-0813.
Refreshments are provided.

Parish Bus - February Schedule



DATE	DRIVER
Sunday, February 4	Yolanda Mohammed
Sunday, February 11	Vanel Fleury
Sunday, February 18	Daniel Mims
Sunday, February 25	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.

Lenten Fish Fry

Order Form

Call: 302.656.5562

DATE:

Name:

Pickup Time: NOW OR _____

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sandwich (\$6)	_____	_____
Dinner (\$10) (With 2 sides & Beverage)	_____	_____

Dinner #1 Dinner #2 Dinner #3

- Green Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Collard Greens
- Mac & Cheese
- Potato Salad

Extra Sides (\$2) - Specify _____

Extra Beverage (\$1) _____

Donation (\$) _____

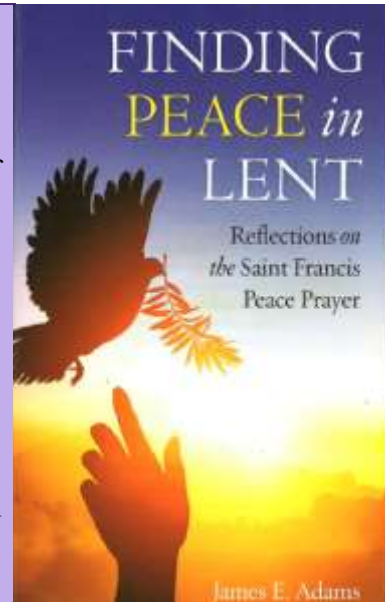
Total \$ Due _____

Paid _____ (Initials)

Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver—Council 383
St. Joseph's Catholic Church ~ 1012 French St., Wilm., DE

Lenten Reflection Booklets

This year's book of reflection is titled Finding Peace in Lent. It offers reflections on the Saint Francis Peace Prayer. Be sure to pick up a booklet and prepare to revive your personal prayer and commitment to living the gospel.



Fast and abstinence

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All Catholics who are fourteen or older are obliged to abstain from meat on those days. Those who are eighteen, but not yet sixty are obliged to fast on Good Friday. Fasting is eating only at mealtime and then not as much as usual, just enough to get by. Common sense applies; eat what you need to be healthy. And be mindful of those who are hungry.

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

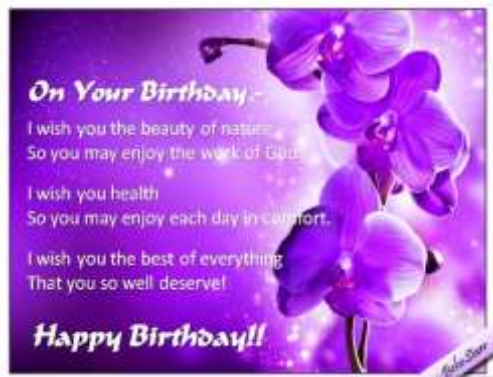
Pastoral Visits

If you or a family member are ill at home or have been hospitalized and would like Fr. Paul to visit, we encourage you to call the parish office. Please do not pass the information among friends and assume that the pastor will get the message. Often times, friends get busy and forget to call the office on your behalf. The best and sure way to communicate your family need for a pastoral visit is to call or email the parish office.

Happy Birthday!

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 Loosarian	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
Mattu Pennoh	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

Liturgy Schedule

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
Fayette 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

Sunday, February 25, 10:00 am

Joaquin. Ledesma ~ Altar Server
Marrissa Ledesma ~ Greeter
Herb Sterling ~ Lector
William Ray ~ Lector 2
Denise Scales ~ 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. **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: _____

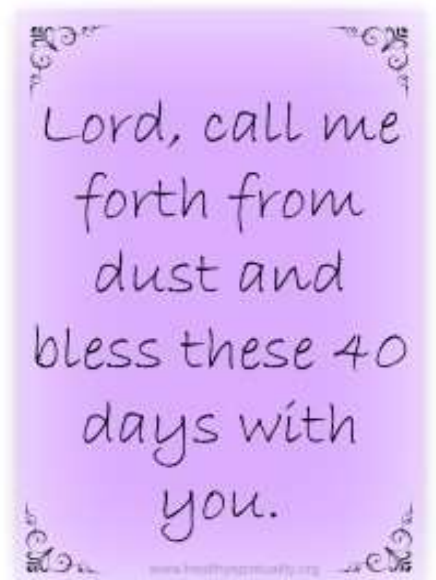
List all resident family members you wish to register at Saint Joseph's and the relationship of all.

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 books are:

Long Way Gone, by Ishmael Beah meeting date is **Monday, March 19, 7:00PM**

Orphan Train, by Christina Baker Kline, meeting date is **Monday, May 21, 7:00PM**

Please see Geraldine Cochran 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.

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



It is the first Sunday in Lent and the Gospel message reminds us today that we should, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Jesus’ gospel message is one of love and forgiveness, and believing in this message, one should be drawn to repent. Like Jesus, we too are tempted. However, unlike Christ we often fall to these temptations. What temptations do you struggle with? Do you find yourself falling to the same temptations and struggling with the same sins? As these sins and temptations are drawn to your mind, bring them to God. Embrace the truth of forgiveness, and repent, by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Help kick off a year to remember!
Diocesan 150th anniversary
to begin March 3rd.**

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington’s Sesquicentennial Kick-off Mass on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Sixth and West Streets in Wilmington. Gather and pray with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

**18 February 2018
1st Sunday in Lent**

In today’s first reading, the healing ministry of the priest is revealed in the Old Testament. In the New Covenant, priests heal in a variety of ways, most notably through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Is God calling you to serve His Church as a priest? 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!



Next Sunday, February 25th, Father Joseph McQuaide, Chancellor for the Diocese of Wilmington, will give us a preview of the Diocesan 150th anniversary year-long celebration that begins on March 3, 2018. 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

Rolling your eyes, a scowl, ignoring a request by walking away can speak louder than a yell. Check out any belittling mannerisms you may have that hurts your spouse.

PARENTING POINTERS

February is Black History month but sensitivity to people of a race different from your own is bigger than just one color. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.



Answer Bishop Malooly’s Invitation to *Walk His Way*

Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the ninth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus’ entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Luke Spehar at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don’t miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch).

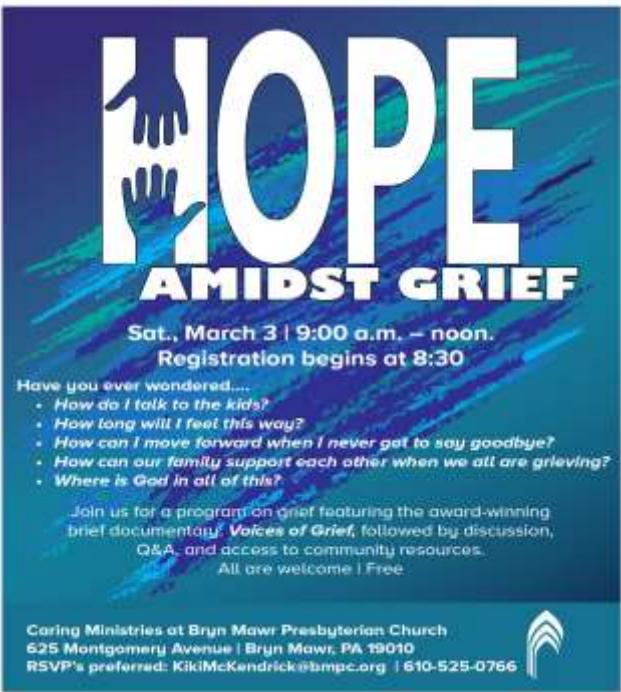
For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org.

Registration deadline is March 15, 2018.

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	Arlene Watson
Jeffrey Britton	Tony Dash	Jane McDonald	Giuseppina Fazzino	Jolene Tyson
James Henderson	Doris Gallagher	Mary Joan Thompson	Jemison Asante	John Polk
Ethel Barrett	Gerry Reybold	London Louise Simmonds	Vivian Priest	Christian Coleman
Sean Willis	Jean Toy	Charlie Anderson	John Thompson	



HOPE AMIDST GRIEF

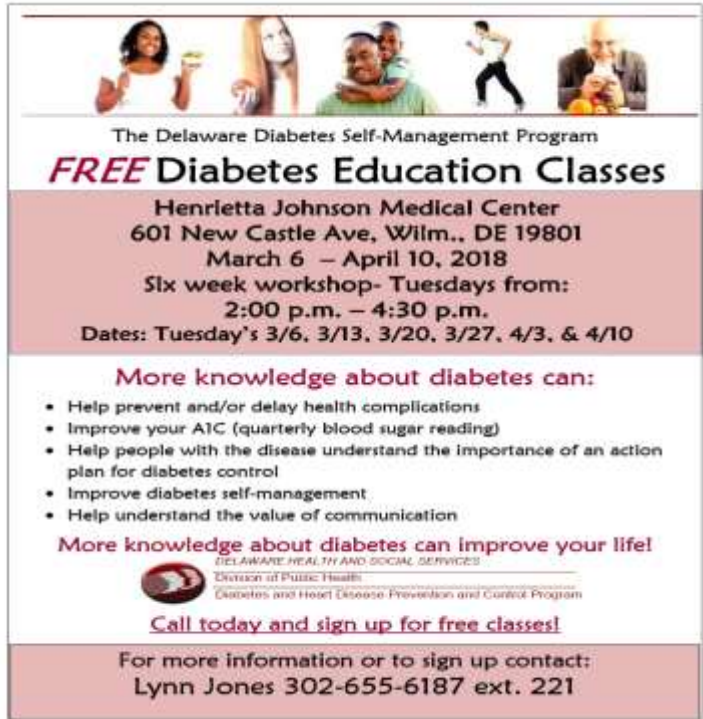
Sat., March 3 | 9:00 a.m. – noon.
Registration begins at 8:30

Have you ever wondered....

- How do I talk to the kids?
- How long will I feel this way?
- How can I move forward when I never get to say goodbye?
- How can our family support each other when we all are grieving?
- Where is God in all of this?

Join us for a program on grief featuring the award-winning brief documentary, *Voices of Grief*, followed by discussion, Q&A, and access to community resources. All are welcome | Free

Caring Ministries at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue | Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
RSVP's preferred: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org | 610-525-0766



The Delaware Diabetes Self-Management Program
FREE Diabetes Education Classes

Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
601 New Castle Ave, Wilm., DE 19801
March 6 – April 10, 2018
Six week workshop- Tuesdays from:
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Dates: Tuesday's 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, & 4/10

More knowledge about diabetes can:

- Help prevent and/or delay health complications
- Improve your A1C (quarterly blood sugar reading)
- Help people with the disease understand the importance of an action plan for diabetes control
- Improve diabetes self-management
- Help understand the value of communication

More knowledge about diabetes can improve your life!

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Public Health
Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention and Control Program

Call today and sign up for free classes!

For more information or to sign up contact:
Lynn Jones 302-655-6187 ext. 221



WWW: Well Women Witness Women's Retreat

March 10, 2018
8:00AM to 4:30PM

- Retreat is based on the Samaritan woman at the Well
- Bring your 'Jar' filled with stuff, and leave it at the Well
- Need a man? Come meet a good Gentleman, and let Him love you
- Stuck? Be thou released - from guilt, blame, grief & shame
- Spend a day with other women bonding, laughing, singing & praying
- Breakfast and lunch served

You are invited to a life-giving experience with renewal.
Retreat Director
Sr./Dr. Oralisia Martin

TESTIMONIES: "It was so Spirit-filled"; "Dr. Oralisia is so anointed". "Every woman should come; I have never experienced anything like this before!"

Come bring a friend or two or your whole ministry
Centro Maria
650 Jackson St. NE, Washington, DC 20017
Register: http://events.eventzilla.net/widget_event?eventId=2136945283

Cost: Early Bird ~ \$65 until Feb. 14th
\$70 until Feb. 28th; \$75 late reg. until March 5th \$80 ~ Walk-Ins
Contact: ORACLE Religious Assn @ 202-528-8633
<https://www.facebook.com/@wellwomenwitness>

A Sunday Well spent brings a week of Content.