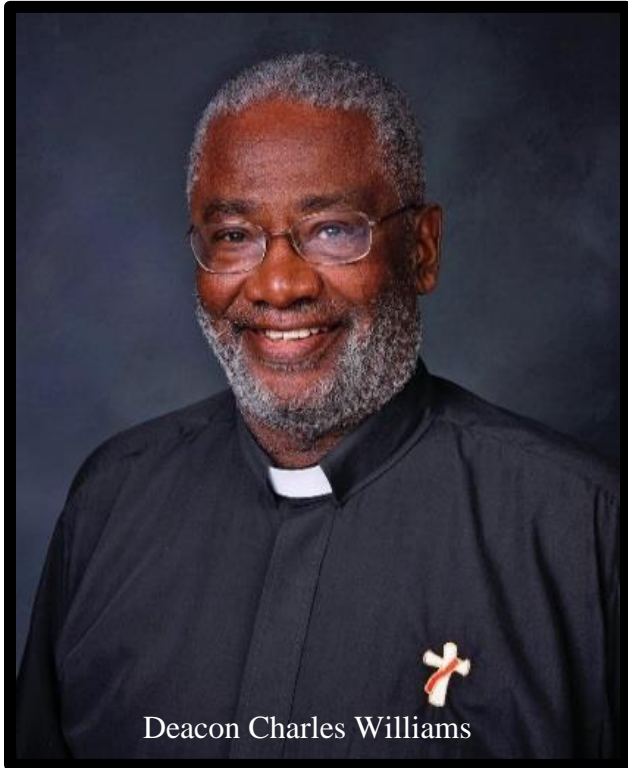


Youth Ministry Mission Statement:

To develop and strengthen our youth in the following areas: Spiritual, Cultural, Education, Service and Social.



Deacon Charles Williams

Congratulations

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Youth Ministry
Welcomes

Deacon Charles Williams

Bishop Barry Knestout is pleased to announce that Deacon Charles Williams has accepted the position of interim Director, office for Black Catholics effective December 1, 2018. One of the "gifts" according to Deacon Charles Williams, he brings to the Directorship is the "lived experience of being an African American Catholic in the Diocese of Richmond".

Please include Deacon Charles Williams into your daily prayers as he carries out the Historic Mission of this Office.



Spotlight's on



Kevyn Sears is a faithful and dedicated disciple at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. He is a very pleasant and soft-spoken young man with a winning smile. You can always count on Kevyn to greet you at the 9am Mass. Kevyn currently serves in the following ministries, youth ministry and usher. He is a proud member of the junior division of the Knights of Peter Claver. Kevyn is a junior at Indian River High School in Chesapeake, Virginia. He enjoys playing the violin and is an active member of Indian River marching band and chorus. The Next Time You See Kevyn Please Say **Hello**.

Our Youth Today

ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD: LEADERS OF AFRICAN DESCENT



VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT 1766-1853

Venerable Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti. Philanthropist & Founder of many Catholic charitable works. As a slave, Venerable Pierre Toussaint was brought from Haiti to New York and apprenticed under a popular hairstylist in the city. He eventually became the most sought after hairdresser of high society women. Upon the death of his master, he gained his freedom and was very successful as one of the country's first black entrepreneurs. He became quite wealthy, but instead of spending lavishly on himself, he supported the Church and the poor. He and his wife sheltered orphans, refugees and other street people in their home. He founded one of New York's first orphanages and raised money for the city's first cathedral. Even during yellow fever epidemics, Toussaint would risk his life to help others by nursing the sick and praying with the dying.



MOTHER MARY ELIZABETH LANGE 1784-1882

Mother Mary Lange was the foundress and first Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (1829-1832), the first congregation of African American women religious in the history of the Catholic Church. On July 2, 1829, Elizabeth and three other women professed their vows and became the Oblate Sisters of Providence. This congregation would educate and evangelize African Americans. They educated youth and provided a home for orphans. Slaves who had been freed were educated and at times admitted into the congregation. They nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832, sheltered the elderly, and even served as domestics at St. Mary's Seminary. She was born Elizabeth Lange, a native of the Caribbean, believed to be Cuban born of Haitian descent. By 1813 Providence directed her to Baltimore, Maryland where a large community of French speaking Catholics from Haiti was established. Mother Mary Lange practiced faith to an extraordinary degree. In fact, it was her deep faith which enabled her to persevere against all odds, in close union with Jesus, she lived through disappointment and opposition until God called her home in 1882 at the St. Frances Convent in Baltimore, Maryland.



FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON (1854 – 1897)

Fr. Augustus Tolton was the first Roman Catholic priest in the United States publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton studied formally in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday at the Cathedral Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Fr. Tolton led the development and construction of St. Monica's Catholic Church as a black 'National Parish Church', completed in 1893. Tolton's success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy. "Good Father Gus," as he was called by many, was known for his eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice and his talent for playing the accordion. He is the subject of the 1973 biography from Slave to Priest by Sister Caroline Hemesath

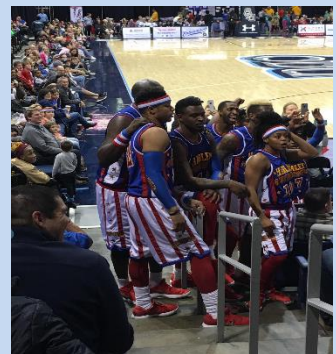


JULIA GREELEY (1833 – 1848 -1918)

Julia Greeley was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848. Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880, and was an outstanding supporter of all that the parish had to offer. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918. As part of the Cause for Canonization, Julia's mortal remains were transferred to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017

Looking Back at 2018

- ✦ 5th Annual Design a Valentine Card
 - ✦ Diocesan Youth Conference NYC
 - ✦ Harlem Globetrotter
 - ✦ Kujenga Retreat
 - ✦ Station of the Cross
 - ✦ Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
 - ✦ Teen Social Event, Bowling
 - ✦ Regional Youth Event
 - ✦ Teen Car Wash Event
 - ✦ Halloween Pumpkin Designing
- ✦ Middle School Day at Adventure Park
 - ✦ Middle School Rally
- ✦ 4th Annual Adopt a Christmas tree at Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital
 - ✦ Annual Youth Christmas Ball



Quarterly Youth Birthdays

| JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
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| Kayla Brown Riley Church John Coleman Noah Cunningham Jasmine Goodwyn Jackson Mayner Aubrey Michalsia Iris Ramsey Peter Rudmin Isaac Warren Samya Dumas George Catten Timiah Branch Amy Gooding | Grant Gill Aiyra Hewitt Sergine Mombrum Melissa Russell Lailah Stallworth Amina Ramos Santiago Ramos | Arthur Gardner Chole Jackson Ken Lewis Jade Michalsia Ikemefuna Onyirimba Grace Rudmin Johanna Toukene Morjaan Bruce Alexa Henderson Janine Effah |
| OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
| Samantha Cook Joshua Drummond Sarai Jackson Jonathan Lee Ashon Maull Ella Pretlow David Yohe Noah Warren Alyssa Parker Kamryn Yohe | Ava Maria Crump Kevyn Sears Morgan Ward Jameson Minson Preston Shortt | Brycen Jones Blake Kinard Jahaad Murphy Qloue Powell Mason Thomas Alivia White Marcus Allen Zoey Church |

YOUTH MINISTRY 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

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| World Youth Day Pilgrimage Panama | January 19 th - 29 th |
| Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) 2019 | February 8 th - 10 th |
| Elementary & Middle School Students design Valentine's Day Cards Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital | February 13 th |
| Youth Stations of the Cross | March 8 th |
| Lent Day of Service | TBA |
| Regional Youth Event | April TBA |
| Youth Ministry Career Day Workshop | April TBA |

Are The Adults of Tomorrow