

**Youth Ministry Mission Statement:**

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

**Newsletter Youth 14**

**June 2018**

***Message From Your Youth Minister***

*Greetings and Congratulation to My Young Disciples & Parents*

***The Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration  
On Wednesday May 30, 2018 / 7:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament  
Catholic Church  
His Excellency, Bishop Barry C. Knestout / Presider***

*Members of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate  
Conception was present to witness and celebrate the Sacrament of  
Confirmation.*

**Confirmandi**

***Nedeia Bangoura, Kavonzo Beamon, Emily Mills, Elizabeth  
O'Shea, Fiona O'Shea, Anthony Parker, Kevyn Sears and  
Joshua Valmond***



*Ricardo D. Givens*

***Spotlight's on***



Jonathan Lee is a 9 year old member of the Basilica of St. Mary and a 4th grade student at St. Patrick Catholic School. His strongest qualities are his love for his family, his drive for perfection, and his ability to speak his mind. At the Basilica, you will typically find him at the 9am Mass, serving as a Youth Usher, part of the Youth Ministry, and a Junior Knight of Peter Claver. Jonathan has consistently maintained an A average in school. His favorite subject is History, but he also enjoys participating in Science fairs and computer challenges. Outside of church and school, Jonathan participates in both basketball and baseball, playing on two travel teams in the Tidewater area. His favorite basketball player is Lebron James, and Jonathan tries to remember his quote "Don't be afraid of failure, this is the way to succeed".

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**NEXT  
WORLD YOUTH DAY  
2019  
PANAMA**

**LUMINOUS RADIO**

*Our Youth Today*

## Looking Back at the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2018

- + 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- + Festival of Ministry
- + Reality Store





## Timeline of Black Catholic History

### ✚ 1829: Oblate Sisters of Providence

A handful of women from Baltimore's Haitian refugee colony begin to educate local children in their homes. With the support of the archbishop, in 1829 they create the Oblate Sisters of Providence. The first superior is Elizabeth Lange, born in Cuba of Haitian parents.

A later archbishop dismisses the need for an order of black religious, but the sisters find new advocates among the Redemptorists and in Saint John Neumann, then archbishop of Philadelphia. Their ministry spreads to Philadelphia and New Orleans.

### ✚ 1842: Sisters of the Holy Family

Founded by Henriette Delille and Juliette Gaudin in New Orleans, the Sisters of the Holy Family become the second religious order for black women. Biracial and of African descent, the founders are free people of color, at that time a separate class and culture above the slaves. The order ministers to poor blacks, educating and tending the sick.

This follows an earlier attempt by Frenchwoman Marie Aliquot to start the Sisters of the Presentation, soon dissolved for violating Louisiana's segregation laws because the white Aliquot sought black women to join her. Aliquot is not allowed to join the new Sisters of the Holy Family because she is white.

During an outbreak of yellow fever, the nuns heroically nurse the sick and are thus granted public recognition. However, they are not allowed to wear their habit in public until 1872.

### ✚ 1766-1853: Pierre Toussaint

Arriving in New York from Haiti in 1787 with his owner, Jean B<sup>a</sup>rard, Pierre Toussaint is apprenticed to a New York hairdresser. He becomes a friend to the city's aristocracy by dressing the hair of wealthy women.

When B<sup>a</sup>rard dies penniless, Toussaint financially supports B<sup>a</sup>rard's wife, nursing her through emotional and physical ailments. She grants him his freedom in 1807. His stable income allows him to buy freedom for his sister and his future wife, and to be generous with many individuals and charities, including an orphanage and school for black children. He cares for the ill when yellow fever sweeps the city and opens his home to homeless youth, teaching them violin and paying for their schooling.

A case for his beatification has since been opened in Rome. He would be the first black American saint.

### ✚ 1909: Knights of Peter Claver

KPC was founded in 1909 by Josephite Father Conrad Rebeshner who served as pastor. The seven charter members were Josephite priest: Father Conrad Rebeshner, Father Samuel Kelly, Father Joseph Van Baast, and Father John Dorsey, and laymen: Gilbert Faustina, Francis Xavier Collins, Francis Trenier. The Order is named after St. Peter Claver, a jesuit priest from Spain.

## *Quarterly Youth Birthdays*

### **JANUARY**

Jaylen Maull  
Miquel Padila  
Anthony Parker  
Rachel Russell  
Amari Whittaker  
Nicholas Drummond

### **FEBRUARY**

Isabel Padila  
Nkyla Lewis  
Emily Mills  
Chigeme Onyirimba  
Gregory Smith III

### **MARCH**

Janiya Maull  
Andrea Perry  
Olivia Toukene  
Jean-Claude Toukene

### **APRIL**

Mariah Crawford  
Kyndall Dixon  
Bradford Johnson-Colebank  
Briell Michalsia  
Anise Seller  
Orion Smith  
Miles Thomas

### **MAY**

Zaire Gaynor  
Jordan Hall  
Annabelle Hayford  
Konye Howard  
Caleb Monel  
Lance Norman  
Paris Norman  
Nandi Perry  
Paige Summer  
Angela Ward  
Keagan White  
JaKay Brown

### **JUNE**

Joseph Bracey  
JaNae Brown  
Bajenlilly Bruce  
Ashton Clark  
KamRom Dixon  
Michael Espree  
Zachary Ettah  
Eva Mompremier  
Terra Newbern

# **YOUTH MINISTRY 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS**

Reality Store Simulation	June 9
Diocesan Work Camp, Wise County, VA	June 23 - 29
Bush Garden	June TBA
Middle School Day Camp, St. Pius X	July 16 - 20
Norfolk Tides Baseball Game	July 24
Middle School Day at Adventure Park Day at the Aquarium	August TBA
Back to School Drive	August TBA

*Are The Adults of Tomorrow*