



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, February 12, 2023



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (Livestream)

1:30 p.m.—Ghanaian Community (*1st and 2nd Sunday each month*)

2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (*3rd and 4th Sunday each month*)

6:00 p.m.—French speaking Community (*1st Sunday each month*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment—(773) 624-5375

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Pastor

Father Bob Kelly, SVD

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Parish Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, February 12

- OCIA - after 9 a.m. Mass
| Parish Hall Room
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. Mass
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation - 1:30 p.m. | Tolton Center

Tuesday, February 14

- Phone-in Bible Study - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

- Holy Angel's School Mass - 10 a.m. | Gym

Thursday, February 16

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. to noon
| Tolton Center

Saturday, February 18

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m. | Parish
- First Communion - 3 p.m. | Parish Hall

Sunday, February 19

- Adoration - after 9 a.m. Mass | Chapel
- First Communion - 10 a.m. | Tolton Center
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday, February 12 - SIXTH SUNDAY ORD TIME

*Sir 15:15-20/ Ps 119:1-2. 4-5.17-18. 33-34 (1b)/
1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37*

Monday, February 13 - Ordinary Weekday

*Gn 4:1-15. 25/ Ps 50:1 and 8. 16bc-17. 20-21/
Mk 8:11-13*

Tuesday, February 14 - Cyril and Methodius, bps

*Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5. 10/ Ps 29:1a and 2. 3ac-4. 3b and
9c-10/ Mk 8:14-21*

Wednesday, February 15 - Ordinary Weekday

*Gn 8:6-13. 20-22/ Ps 116:12-13. 14-15. 18-19 /
Mk 8:22-26*

Thursday, February 16 - Ordinary Weekday

*Gn 9:1-13/ Ps 102:16-18. 19-21. 29 and 22-23/
Mk 8:27-33*

Friday, February 17 - Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, rs

Gn 11:1-9/ Ps 33:10-11. 12-13. 14-15/ Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 18 - BVM

Heb 11:1-7/ Ps 145:2-3. 4-5. 10-11/ Mk 9:2-13

Ministry List for Next Weekend

Saturday 4 p.m. - February 18

- Lectors: Dr. Dorothy Williams
Theresa Rhea

Sunday 9 a.m. - February 19

- Lectors: Norman Walton
Sr. Janet Ryan
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sr. Joanne Delehanty
Shirley McKinney

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - February 19

- Lectors: Shawnece Wilson
Greg Chappell
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Shawnece Wilson
Stephanie Inis

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 11

- 4 p.m. Vigil Mass +Mr. William Conn, Jr.
Requested: Marge and Michael Gleason

Sunday, February 12

- 9 a.m. Mass +Antioniette Panozzo
Requested: Marge and Michael Gleason
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family

Monday, February 13

- David Johnson & Theresa Rhea

Tuesday, February 14

- Shirley Sargent & Marjorie P. Coombs

Wednesday, February 15

- 8 a.m. Mass - Theresa Dishman
- 10 a.m. Mass - Velma J. Hill

Thursday, February 16

- Euphrasia Mutinda

Friday, February 17

- Alonzo Studstill

Saturday, February 18

- 4 p.m. Vigil Mass - OLA Church Family

Sunday, February 19

- 9 a.m. Mass - Andy Aphour
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Monica Broderick

For those who would like to remember a loved one (living or deceased), a special occasion or a specific concern, Masses can be offered for those intentions. Please submit a Mass Intention request by calling the Parish Office.



FEBRUARY 12
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Ida
Wells-Barett



W.E.B
DuBois



Henry
Moscowitz



Mary
White Ovington



Oswald
Garrison Villiard



William
English Walling

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Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Ivan Lazcano
Dcn. Merv Johnson
Dcn. Manie Manuel, SVD

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Ladell Johnson

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Eileen Foggie

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Jackson Lucas

Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage
Simlon Reed



Our African-American Candidates for Sainthood



Saintly Servant: The life and legacy Pierre Toussaint

By Tina Carter

Two of the six African Americans on the Road to Sainthood did not belong to the clergy or religious order. One was a layman who answered the call to serve God and God's people in his everyday life. He did this despite being formerly enslaved. For Pierre Toussaint, it was his selfless humility, love of God, and love for humanity that gave him the strength to serve those who considered them less than full people.

***"I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others."* - Pierre Toussaint**

Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery in the French colony of Saint Domingue (Haiti) around June 27, 1766. Pierre's master, Jean Berard encouraged Pierre to read and write, a practice that was frowned upon during that time. As the Haitian slaves strengthen and later revolted, Jean, his wife, and some of the slaves moved to New York City in the newly formed country of the United States.

Pierre learned the art of hairdressing and soon developed a good reputation among the New York elites in that field. When his master died, he continued to support Berard's widow with his earnings as a hairdresser. At the death of Madame Berard, Pierre was given his freedom in 1807. He was also able to save enough money to purchase his sister's freedom. As a free man at the age of forty-one, Pierre married Juliette.

Pierre and Juliette's charitable work included helping Haitian refugees find jobs, caring for orphans, opening a school to teach black children a trade, and helping to raise funds to build Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Mulberry Street. When the plague struck New York, Pierre personally cared for the victims. When Pierre's sister, Rosalie, died leaving an orphaned young daughter, Euphemia, Pierre, and Juliette welcomed her into their home. Pierre Toussaint, a great man of faith who used his time, talents, and treasures to help others, died at the age of 87 in New York City in 1853.

In 1968, Cardinal Cooke introduced Pierre's cause for canonization at the Vatican. In December 1989, Cardinal O'Connor had the remains of Pierre Toussaint transferred from Lower Manhattan to St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan where he is buried as the only lay person, alongside the former Cardinal-Archbishops of New York City and on December 17, 1997, Pope John Paul II declared Pierre Toussaint, Venerable. **Continued on page 6**



Celebrating Black History Month



February 4-5, 2023

Libations - Honoring Our Ancestors
United Day of Prayer for African-American and African Families

February 11-12, 2023

Celebrating Organizations that Further Black Excellence in Our Community

11:30 a.m. Mass - African American Heritage Mass
Bishop Joseph N. Perry - Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Mass of Thea Bowman
Dr. Aaron Matthews, Composer
Reception to Follow Celebration

February 18-19, 2023

Deacon Mel Tardy - Homilist for the 11:30 a.m. Mass
Liturgical Dance featuring Stefani Hicks
Presentation by Youth of the Church - Part One

February 25-26, 2023

Libations - Honoring Our Ancestors
Father Stephan Brown, SVD - Priest Celebrant for All Weekend Masses
Presentation by Youth of the Church - Part Two



Please Welcome Dr. Aaron Matthews



Dr. Aaron Matthews

We are excited to welcome Dr. Aaron Matthews to our Church Community.

Dr. Aaron Matthews earned a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance from Morehouse College, a Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy from Georgia State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Pedagogy from the University of South Carolina. He has served on the music faculty of Allen University, Viterbo University, Xavier University of Louisiana, and Alverno College.

Dr. Matthews serves as the Music Director of St. Charles Parish and School in Hartland, Wisconsin. Dr. Matthews was overjoyed to have returned to St. Charles in June 2022, having first served there from 2015 to 2019.

setting, Dr. Matthews writes, "Sr. Thea's faith-filled presence, singing, and teaching has inspired my journey as a liturgical musician and educator. This Mass setting is dedicated to her memory, legacy, and her cause for canonization."

We thank Dr. Matthews for his presence here this weekend at our African-American Heritage Mass on February 12, 2023.

Sources: <https://parish.stcharleshartland.com/bio/dr-aaron-matthews>
<https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/mass-for-sister-thea-bowman-print-g10332>



Candidate for Sainthood: Julia Greeley

By Tina Carter

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The second layperson on the path toward sainthood is Julia Greeley. She did not allow her circumstances or limitations to stop her from serving God and God's people to the best of her ability. It was despite the ugliness and darkness of racism and inequality that the light of Christ within her shone the brightest. We celebrate and honor this humble woman of strong faith as her life and legacy continue to shine and guide the way for us today.

"It is truly wondrous when one looks at this simple, humble woman – a laywoman who is known because of her deep faith in Christ."

- Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila



Born between 1833-1848 Julia Greeley was born enslaved in Hannibal, Missouri. Her right eye was permanently injured as a child due to a beating. In 1865, Julia, like millions of other enslaved African Americans, became free. She continued to work for the family who enslaved her, and they eventually moved to Denver, Colorado in 1879. While in Denver, Julia was baptized into the Catholic Church on June 26, 1880, at Sacred Heart Church and became especially devoted to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Holy Eucharist, receiving Holy Communion daily. In 1901, Greeley joined the Secular Franciscans and remained an active member for the rest of her life.

Julia began to do labor work for several wealthy white families. With this money she made, she gave it away to people who needed it. Julia would pull a red wagon through the streets of Denver in the cover of the night to bring food, coal, and clothing to needy families. She made her rounds in darkness so as not to embarrass white families ashamed to accept charity from a poor, black woman. Julia even gave her burial plot to a man who was going to be buried in the pauper's field.

It was only after her death in 1918 that many of the families that she helped realized that it came from Julia. She was officially named "Denver's Angel of Charity". She was laid in repose in Loyola Chapel in Denver and later buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Her cause for canonization was opened by Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila in 2016 and her body was moved to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.



PREACHER FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2023 at the 11:30 Mass

Deacon Melvin R. Tardy, Jr.

Deacon Mel Tardy earned a BA in Studio Art in 1986 and an MBA in International Finance in 1990 at the University of Notre Dame, where he serves as an Associate Advising Professor in the College of Arts & Letters.

Ordained a permanent deacon in May 2011, Tardy serves the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend at St. Augustine Parish; as chair of the Black Catholic Advisory Board; and as a member of the Deacon Admissions and Scrutiny Board.

Deacon Tardy also serves as president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and on the boards of the National Black Catholic Congress, the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons and the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics & Liturgics at Notre Dame.

Further service includes the Mission Integration Committee for the University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne, IN; the Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network of the Lumen Christi Institute in Chicago; and, the African American Vocations Committee of the National Religious Vocations Conference.

He and his wife Annie are active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Tolton Ambassadors of Indiana, and Youth & Young Adult Ministry at their home parish.



Deacon Melvin Tardy

PRIEST CELEBRANT FOR FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023



Fr. Stephan Brown, SVD

Father Stephan Brown, SVD

Rev. Stephan Brown, S.V.D., M. Div., was born in, Cleveland Ohio. He now resides in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. He is a priest of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), order. He attended Divine Word College; the only undergraduate Roman Catholic seminary in the United States, dedicated to educating men and women for missionary service.

Fr. Brown speaks a number of languages, including Spanish & Portuguese. He has spent several years in the mission field. The people of Brazil hold a special place in his heart as he spent much time there working with the poor and marginalized.

Fr. Brown is alive in the Spirit. He has conducted many retreats and evangelization conferences in Dioceses and Archdioceses across the US sharing his passion & strong commitment to our faith.

He is a long time member of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. He is a board member and consultant for the African American/Hispanic Relations for the Diocese of St. Petersburg.



Please Remember Those on Our Sick and Shut-In List in your Prayers

Ophelia Adams
Curtis Albright
Dorla Allen
Patrice Anderson
Jessie Andrews
James Barker
Donald Barner
Louise Bates
Myra Baugh
David Berry
Mary Berry
Helen Brooms
Christine Brown
Barbara McGee-Berry
Arthur Brooks
Patricia Brown
Roscoe Burns
Michael Burt
Dean Brazier
James Brazier
Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr
Russell Carter
Lillian Cherry
Michael A. Clark
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Willie B. Clay
Catherine Crosby
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Tyrone Fuller
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Rosemary Gardner
Frederick Gibson
Florence Glenn
Andre D. Golden
Mable Gray

Bettie Green
Eleanor Griffin
Barbara Golden
Anna Marie Hampton
Exie Haralson
Catherine Harper
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson
Jim Henkel
Kelly Robin Hill
Rita Holland
Sandra Houston
Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries
George James
Janet James
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Susan Larry McKeever
Denise Lawson
Annette Lee
Gloria Leonard
Monica Lewers
Lugenia Lewis
John Littleton
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Carolyn McQuarter
Anastacia Mebane
Judy Michaelis
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore
Jeff Moore
Michael Moore

Euphrasia Mutinda
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Jean Porter
Louise Ray
Clara Reisner
Tyna Rule
Phyllis Shackelford
Alfrances Sharpe
Beverly Sims
Shirley Simmons
Emma Stewart
Margaret Stewart
Alonzo Studstill
Janice Taylor
Alice Thompson
Cynthia Thompson
Renee Trotter
Audrey Tuggle
Joanne Wallace
Joyce Wallace
Tandra Watson
Rachel Watson
Cassiette West-Williams
Doris Whitaker
Eryn Whitaker
Rita White
Yvonne Whitenier
Arlene G. Williams
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Naiya Williams
Michael Williams
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