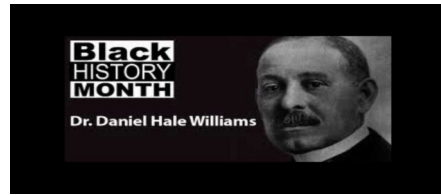
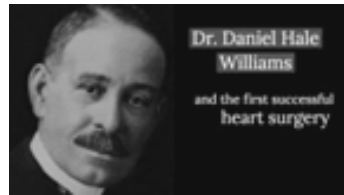




THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Daniel Hale Williams



African American cardiologist who performed the first documented, successful pericardium surgery in the world

Daniel Hale Williams, (born January 18, 1858, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania). He was an American physician and founder of Provident Hospital in Chicago, credited with the first successful heart surgery.

Williams graduated from Chicago Medical College in 1883. He served as surgeon for the South Side Dispensary (1884–92) and physician for the Protestant Orphan Asylum (1884–93). In response to the lack of opportunity for African Americans in the medical professions, he founded (1891) the country's first interracial hospital, Provident. In addition to offering medical care to African American patients, Provident provided training for African American interns and ran the first school for African American nurses in the United States. Williams was a surgeon at Provident (1892–93, 1898–1912) and surgeon in chief of Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C. (1894–98), where he established another school for African American nurses.

It was at Provident Hospital that Williams performed daring heart surgery on July 10, 1893. Although contemporary medical opinion disapproved of surgical treatment of heart wounds, Williams opened the patient's thoracic cavity without aid of blood transfusions or modern anesthetics and antibiotics. During the surgery he examined the heart, sutured a wound of the pericardium (the sac surrounding the heart), and closed the chest. The patient lived at least 20 years following the surgery. Williams's procedure is cited as the first recorded repair of the pericardium; some sources, however, cite a similar operation performed by H.C. Dalton of St. Louis in 1891.

Williams later served on the staffs of Cook County Hospital (1903–09) and St. Luke's Hospital (1912–31), both in Chicago. From 1899 he was professor of clinical surgery at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and was a member of the Illinois State Board of Health (1889–91). He published several articles on surgery in medical journals. Williams became the only African American charter member of the American College of Surgeons in 1913. Williams died August 4, 1931 in Idlewild, Michigan.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.

BAPTISMS: To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.

FUNERAL: Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements for the Mass of Christian Burial.

VISITING THE SICK: If you or a family member are sick or in the hospital, please call the parish so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated in the parish before hospitalization. Please call also to arrange for a Eucharistic minister to bring Communion to the sick. If you would like to request prayers for someone who is sick, please call the parish so that the name may be placed in the bulletin.

MARRIAGES: Preparation must begin at least six months prior to the wedding. **Please** make arrangements with the parish before scheduling the reception.

ANNULMENTS/CONVALIDATION: Please arrange a meeting with the Pastor to begin the process of celebrating your marriage in the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

RCIA: Adults who desire to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact the RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) team. Preparation usually begins in September and Baptism or Reception is celebrated at the next Easter Vigil.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor who will evaluate the request with the Financial Advisory Committee.

To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....	778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder	428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....	775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers:	774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.	362-0907
Traditional Choir: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, the wind rustling the leaves reminds me of angel wings all around me. Thank you for such a reminder. Help me stay mindful that the work of angels goes on all the time all around me whether I am aware or not, and that life is even more than I see. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED



Congratulations to Taylor Addison, Eric Farmer, Calvin McClinton III, Ambre Porter, Cree Rogers, Anneise Thomas, and Marissa Walker who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 8 with Bishop Duca. May the Holy Spirit lead them and guide them with its seven gifts throughout their life. We thank to the Confirmation team: Gloria DeRouen, Lori Gregory, Kevin Walker and Reginald Berry. We thank the parents and sponsors of the newly confirmed for their support and encouragement throughout the year. We commend this Confirmation class for their perseverance and faithfulness in preparing for the sacrament via Zoom in this unusual year.

WELCOME, MR. AND MRS KELLERMAN



We welcome Deacon Chris' parents, Scott and Marion Kellerman, who are joining us for the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend. Please pray for Deacon Chris as the date of his ordination to the priesthood approaches. He will be ordained a priest on June 12 at Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans by Archbishop Gregory Aymond.



Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY, APRIL 12

Bible Study resumes on Monday, April 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. We read, reflect, pray and discuss the readings of the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join. Let Father Clark know if you would like to attend and he will send you a Zoom invitation.

NEXT PARKING LOT MASS ON APRIL 25



Our next parking lot Mass will be on Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 AM, weather permitting. Our parking lot Masses may be one thing that we remember as a distinctive feature of our pandemic adjustments.

FAMILY AND YOUTH ZOOM MASS ON APRIL 18



Our next Family and Youth Zoom Mass will be on Sunday, April 18 at 5:00 PM via Zoom. If any young person would like to read a reading, offer one of the petitions or a prayer of thanksgiving, please let Father Clark know.

BLOOD DONATION

BLOOD DRIVE IN SCOTLANDVILLE: FOUR CHURCHES: ONE PURPOSE

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 3, 4, and 5, Allen Chapel AME Church, Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Immaculate Conception Church, and Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will host a blood drive at the Immaculate Conception Church Activity Center. There is a serious blood shortage in South Louisiana. Let's all do something about it! Donating blood is giving the gift of life! Give a pint of blood to honor your mother, living or deceased in the week before Mothers' Day. Let's give the gift of life!

Happy Birthday



Table of birthdays with names and dates (e.g., MARY BRYAN 4/11, BELLANGER BÉRTEAUX 4/11, etc.)

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

WILFRED B. RICARD BRANCH 116 JUNIOR DIVISION OF THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER



Any male, age 7 through 17 and has made their 1st Communion or studying to do so, who is interested in becoming a member of Wilfred B. Ricard Branch 116 Junior Division of the Knights of Peter Claver, please contact: Patrick Gerald Berzat (225-276-4674 or pgberzat@aol.com.) Also, you can contact Rogers Jackson at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for an application or more information.

WILFRED B. RICARD COUNCIL 116



Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 11th annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a MALE APPLICANT from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked in the rear of the church, by contacting the parish secretary, or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com Thanks, Aubrey Jones, Chairman.

Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, at 504.810.3555 or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com.



Mass Readings April 11th - April 18th Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Monday Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2 Gospel: John 3:1-8

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93 Gospel: John 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34 Gospel: John 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34 Gospel: John 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27 Gospel: John 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33 Gospel: John 6:16-21

Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5a Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Forms for new parishioners or changes are located in the vestibule of the

