

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

June Bacon-Bercey



June Bacon-Bercey was a pioneer in the field of meteorology, becoming the first Black woman to earn a degree in the science in the '50s. She was also an internationally recognized expert in aviation and weather, and is the first woman and African-American woman to win the American Meteorological Society's "seal of approval" honor for television weather broadcasting.

Bacon-Bercey was born on October 23, 1932, and raised in Wichita, Kan. The future weatherwoman earned her undergraduate degree in 1954 from the University of Kansas and her master's degree from UCLA. As an engineer, she worked for several organizations on the federal level including the National Weather Service and the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

Bacon-Bercey became a television broadcaster in Buffalo, N.Y., and worked in the role throughout the '70s. Her work as a broadcaster drew attention as she was one of the few Black weather broadcasters of the era. In 1979, she became a top official for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Among Bacon-Bercey's numerous contributions to science and society is a meteorology lab she helped establish at Jackson State University. She also created an annual scholarship via the American Geophysical Union. NASA has also recognized Bacon-Bercey as a Minority Pioneer for Achievement in Atmospheric Sciences.

A story that has followed Bacon-Bercey is how she funded the aforementioned scholarship. Bacon-Bercey was a contestant on *The \$128,000 Question*, winning the top prize. According to reports, she gifted the money because she understood the challenges facing women interested in her career path who needed financial assistance. She has been honored by Howard University for her scientific contributions and in her later years, she even became a substitute teacher in California's San Mateo County Schools system. Bacon-Bercey died at the age of 90 on July 3, 2019 in hospice care in California.

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
Ministry to the Sick: Gene Decuir.....	229-6076
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

Enter and bless my family, Lord, so that its circle will be where quarrels are made up and relationships mature, where failures are forgiven and new direction found. Amen





BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism and First Holy Communion of Chase Navarre-Brown at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, August 1. We celebrate the First Holy Communion of Jeneta and Somadina Dike at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, August 2.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

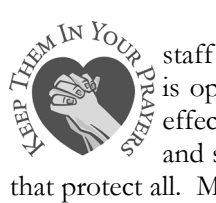
Congratulations to our youth who were confirmed by Bishop Duca on Thursday, July 30. We thank God for Megan Abraham, Morgan Abraham, Anthony Bradford, Layla Johnson, LeAnn Morrison, Dajon Trudell, Jai Washington, Kristian Williams, and Naomi Winder. May the Holy Spirit fill them with grace to know Jesus more deeply, to love him more intensely, and to follow him more closely.

We thank the parents of the confirmandi and their sponsors for walking with them through this year of preparation. Many thanks to all who helped to make our Confirmation celebration so beautiful: *Gloria DeRouen, Lori Gregory, Reginald Berry, Kevin Walker, Nina Gray, Leola Dauphine, and Rogers Jackson.*



PRAYERS FOR THE OPENING OF SCHOOL

As the beginning of the school year approaches we lift up in prayer all students, teachers, staff and administrators. We pray that during this extraordinary year that all will be safe. School is opening up in many formats. We pray that each format will provide students with a safe and effective way of learning. We pray for those who will make decisions about openings and closings and styles of learning. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit to make wise and prudent decisions that protect all. May we be guided by science and public health policy and not finances and politics.



RUN-OFF ELECTIONS ON AUGUST 15

Be sure to vote in the run-off elections on Saturday, August 15. Early voting is taking place now from July 25-August 8 (except Sundays) from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. You can also vote by mail in ballot if you requested one. It is more important than ever to vote this year! Vote for August 15 to get in practice for November 3!



ICCC YOUTH DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS

The Digital Citizenship (DC) workshop series for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (ICCC) parish youth is sponsored by the ICCC Social Justice Ministry. Digital Citizenship is a teacher led on-line platform that engages students in various on-line lessons focused on internet safety, responsibility, and etiquette.

Youth participants will be able to: 9th-12th

- Articulate why it's important to consider the perspectives of others on and offline
- Appreciate the motivations and feelings of all parties involved in an incident of online cruelty
- Draw conclusions about how to respond when someone is the target of online cruelty.

Workshops will be offered for **only** ICCC youth (9th-12th), on **Saturday August 8th and 22nd from 10:00-11:30am.** Workshops will be taught by parishioner Aubrey Jones, ICARE Prevention Specialist. Each youth will need to have an individual registration form. **Registration runs July 13-28th.**

Registration Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMMNy09dw2128rihWnywXYfFnschBBRu-q1WhOb_1lhRFTOA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Questions: iccsjm1@gmail.com



Happy Birthday

NATALIE	CLARK	8/2
NITA ANN	CLARK	8/2
DENISE	SANDERS	8/2
KENRIC	BOUDREAUX	8/3
JONI	DEROUEN	8/3
ANITRA	CARTER	8/3
JORDYN	HOWARD	8/3
MMAKU	UNAEZE	8/3
KIERA	BENOIT	8/4
THERESA	HAYNES	8/4
DAVID	HULBERT	8/4
CHANDLER	LEBLANCE	8/4
LAKENYA	JOHNSON	8/5
KEI'ANNA	HOUSTON	8/5
LEANN	MORRISON	8/5
MARY ALISON	OLIVE	8/5
CRYSTAL	SAMPSON	8/5
AYANNA	ABADIE	8/6
DANIEL	DECUIR	8/6
DEVYNN	FLEURY	8/6
REGINALD	ABRAHAM	8/7
JO ANN	MARX	8/7
SHIRLEY	READO	8/7
TORIE	THOMAS	8/7
CHELSEA	CARMEN	8/8
ERICA	CARRIERE	8/8
TRINITY	MARTIN	8/8
DONTREA	MCCRAY	8/8
AUGUSTINE	MOORE	8/8
DYLAN	SMITH	8/8
AMBER	THIERRY	8/8
DWAYNE	WILLIAMS	8/8

ASSUMPTION OF MARY ON AUGUST 15

We celebrate the Assumption of Mary on Saturday, August 15. Mass will be celebrated on the Vigil, Friday, August 14, at 7:00 PM and on Saturday at 9:00 AM. The 7:00 PM Vigil Mass will be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube at (Immaculate Conception BR). Due to the corona virus pandemic, this feast is not a day of obligation this year.



Mass Readings

August 2nd- August 9th

Sunday

Is 55:1-3; Psalm 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matt 14:13-21

Monday

Jer 28:1-17; Psalm 119

Gospel: Matt 14:22-36

Tuesday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Psalm 102

Gospel: Matt 14:22-36

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31

Gospel: Matt 15:21-28

Thursday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matt 17:1-9

Friday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Deuteronomy 32

Gospel: Matt 16:24-28

Saturday

Hab 1:12--2:4; Psalm 9

Gospel: Matt 17:14-20

Sunday

I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85; Rom 9:1-5

Gospel: Matt 14:22-33

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

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF SAINT IGNATIUS



In September, Father Clark will again offer the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in a retreat in the real world format. Retreatants will commit to praying for at least 15 minutes each day on the theme of the week, meeting via Zoom (with camera) every two weeks with other retreatants to share about their prayer. This retreat helps you to increase your ability to pray with Scripture, deepen your relationship with Jesus in prayer, and find focus and direction in your life. Please let Father Clark know if you are interested or would like more information.