

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

January 28, 2019 Minutes

On Monday, January 28, at 6:30 PM at the MLK Catholic Student Center 20 members of the Parish Council of Ministries and interested parishioners began the meeting with a prayer and the reading and acceptance of the minutes of the October, 2018 meeting. Father Clark gave an update on the church renovation process. He expressed thanks to all the members of the church who worked so hard in the past few weeks to create a very beautiful worship space in the Activity Center and empty the church of all remaining items. The celebration of Mass in the Activity Center is going very well. 245 people attended Bishop Duca's Mass (1/27, 10:30 AM) and fit comfortably in the hall. It appears now that the hall will serve our purposes during the renovation time. There are a few minor adjustments to be made to accommodate PSR. We are in the process of interviewing the contractors who submitted a bid. As the bids ran higher than our budget, we have asked all the contractors to look for cost savings adjustments to their proposals. We plan to choose a contractor in the first week of February. Asbestos abatement will take place from February 4-8.

Father Clark asked that while we renovate our church building, we also ask God to renovate us! He will revive the three planning committees formed two years ago: Youth Formation, Adult Formation, and Communications and ask them to continue their work. He reviewed a list of possible activities that we can offer as a church. The activities included spiritual formation, life formation, social activities, ministries, and youth activities. Councilors highlighted the following activities as desirable for the parish: overnight and day retreats, trips to the civil rights museums in the South, book club, survival skills workshop, support groups for grief and loss, and a boys to men/girls to women group for youth. In addition, people suggested a widows group, young mothers group, interest groups for those who would like to learn crafts, needlepoint, and calligraphy. There was general support for exploring new ways to bring the parish together and give opportunities for members to get to know each other better. Father Clark will put together a survey to the congregation to look for activities and ministries that parishioners have interest in. There was a consensus that we should call together groups of parishioners for various support groups, e.g. grief and loss, cancer survival, health and well-being, etc.

Joyce M. Johnson provided door prizes which were won by Walterine Whitfield and Walter Ennis. Gloria DeRouen reported that 10 children made their First Confession on Saturday, January 26. One parishioner spoke movingly about her current challenge of chemotherapy with the return of cancer. All expressed support and prayers for her and thanked her for her sharing with us.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY



The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116, is accepting Scholarship Award Applications for 2019.

Applications are available in the entrance of the Church and in the Church Secretary's office located in the Ministry Building. Completed applications are due April 23, 2019. For additional information contact Barbara Dunbar at (225) 266-3354.

SAVE THE DATE! OUR LENTEN REVIVAL



Our Lenten Revival with Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Paul the Apostle Churches will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 11, 12, and 13. Bishop Ferd Cheri, the Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, will be our revival preacher. Make plans now to attend all three nights and bring a friend!

THE ANNUAL HENRY BELLAIRE MEMORIAL SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER

The members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta Iota Lambda Chapter Invite You To:

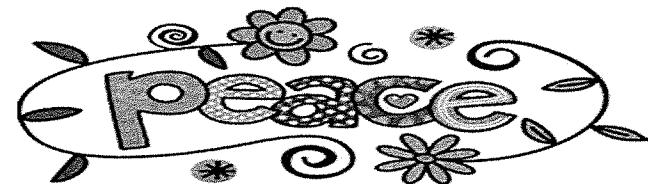
The Annual Henry Bellaire Memorial Senior Citizen Dinner
Greater King David Baptist Church
 222 Blount Road, Baton Rouge, La.
Saturday, February 23, 2019 -- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ARCHBISHOP LYKE CONFERENCE

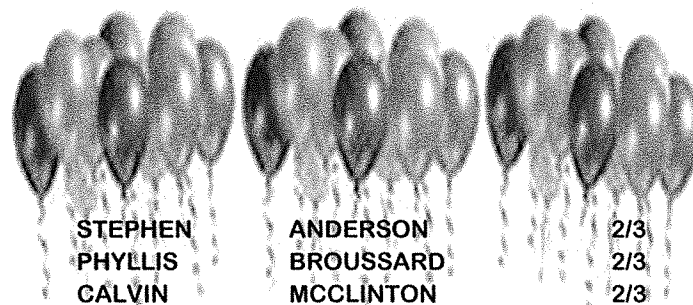
The annual Archbishop Lyke Conference will take place on July 2-6, 2019 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Details of the conference will be posted on the bulletin board. There will be an opportunity to travel to conference by a chartered bus.

THANK YOU, FROM MILLIE PRICE

To my sisters and brothers in Christ, as well as the children that hold a special place in my heart. I had such a lovely time in your great company. You made my day worth it with your presence. Immaculate Conception, I Love You. Thanks for making me smile. *Straight from the heart. Millie Price.*

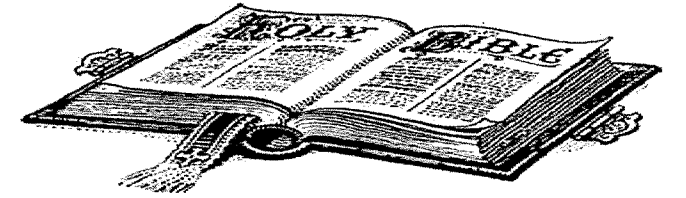


Happy Birthday



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	PHYLLIS	BROUSSARD	2/3
	CALVIN	MCCLINTON	2/3
	JENNIFER	MONTGOMERY	2/3
	SHERONDA	SOLOMON	2/3
	EVANGELYN	CLARK	2/4
	JANICE	DUPUY	2/4
	RICHARD	MATTHEW, JR.	2/4
	GLORIA	PATIN	2/4
	JANET	RAMI	2/4
	MARIE	BROWN	2/5
	ASHLEIGH	BUTLER	2/5
	KEVIN	DOMINGUE	2/5
	SEAN	DOMINGUE	2/5
	LANDEN	GREGORY	2/5
	CHRISTINA	HAYNES	2/5
	LATASHA	JACKSON	2/5
	AUDREY	MORRIS	2/5
	LOIS	SAMS	2/5
	EDWARD	SAMUEL	2/5
TAKIYAH	BEARD	2/6	
CANDICE	BELLARD	2/6	
JOYCE	COSEY	2/6	
CHARLOTTE	FINLEY	2/6	
GEORGE	FLOYD	2/6	
CARLA	JONES	2/6	
PAUL	LAVIGNE	2/6	
FREDERICK	LEVY	2/6	
MARY ANN	NORWOOD	2/6	
GERALD	THOMAS	2/6	
BELLA	CRAIG	2/7	
KORY	VAUGHN	2/7	
RUBEN	BROWN	2/8	
GLORIA	DYER	2/8	
ALICIA	FRANKLIN	2/8	
CAROLINE	HUTCHINSON	2/8	
VANTRINETTE	WILLIAMS	2/8	
DEIANIRA	BURRELL	2/9	
NAOMI	WINDER	2/9	
CHRISTOPHER	MCKNIGHT	2/9	
RICHARD	BYRD	2/9	
SADE	GRAY	2/9	
FRANCES	ROYAL	2/9	

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



Mass Readings February 3rd - February 10th Sunday

Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13
 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Monday

Heb. 11:32-40; Psalm 31
 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb. 12:1-4; Psalm 22
 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb. 12:4-7, 11-15; Psalm 103
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb. 12:18-19, 21-24; Psalm 48
 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Friday

Heb. 13:1-8; Psalm 27
 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb. 13:15-17, 20-21; Psalm 23
 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11
 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

BLESSING OF THROATS



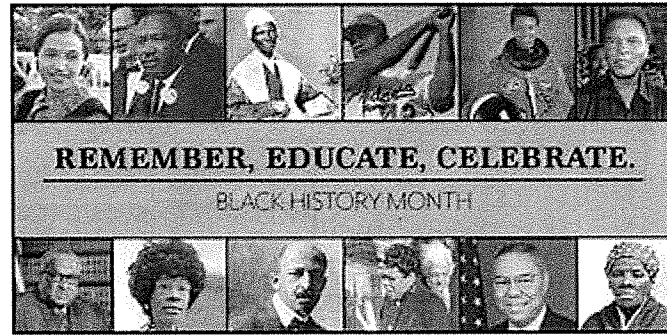
This weekend we will have the Blessing of Throats after each of the Masses. We traditionally bless throats with two blessed candles from the feast of the Purification of the Lord (Candlemas) on the feast of Saint Blaise (February 3). St. Blaise was a bishop in Armenia in the fourth century. He saved a child from choking on a fish bone and so he is the patron saint of ailments of the throat. This blessing is a prayer for deliverance of illnesses of the throat and for healing in general.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR LAST SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION



Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make Bishop Duca's visit and the blessing of our renovation project such a happy occasion. Thanks to the Beautification Committee, the Gospel Choir, the altar servers, those who prepared the reception, and all those who have made our worship space such a warm and inviting place. Thanks also to Felicia Gathe who took such beautiful photos of the day.

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.



Black History Month

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

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: Bea Leonard.....	355-5027
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder	428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....	775-7067
Lectors: Yvonne Jackson.....	362-0897
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

God Almighty, please help me to put everything into perspective. I want to be realistic but also optimistic. Please send me hope and give me strength of mind to make things right again. Amen.

