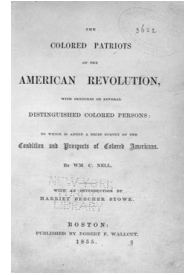
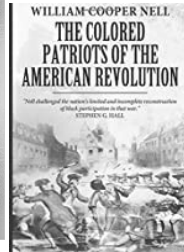
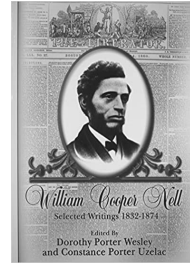


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



William Cooper Nell - Abolitionist, Author, and Historian

Nell's home in Boston, Mass.

William Cooper Nell was an abolitionist, author, and historian who wrote a notable work highlighting the achievements of Black people in the American Revolution. Nell was born December 16, 1816 in Boston, Massachusetts, and his father was a prominent figure in the anti-slavery movement.

An excellent student, Nell won honors for his academic marks but was denied access to a dinner to celebrate with his other classmates due to his race. This motivated him to take a job as a waiter to attend the dinner, and to also make it his life's mission to combat segregation and racism on several levels.

Inspired by abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, Nell began working in the anti-slavery movement and was mentored by Garrison before working for *The Liberator* newspaper. Using the platform to advance his anti-slavery activism, Nell wrote several stories for the paper and other outlets while also spearheading a movement to assist fugitive slaves from the South to navigate freedom in the North.

Among his early acts of civil rights service, Nell fought and successfully achieved the desegregation of Boston's public school system. However, his shining jewel is considered his 1855 work, *The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution* which he wrote in response to the Massachusetts state legislature's failure to erect a statue in honor of **Crispus Attucks**, the first casualty of the Boston Massacre.

The work examined the lives and achievements of all the Black people Nell could find that had some manner of involvement in the American Revolution, which makes him a Black history pioneer. According to some sources noted historian Carter G. Woodson considered Nell the first Black historian. He is also known as the first Black federal employee as well.

Nell passed in 1874 at the age of 57.

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, help me get my focus back on you. I know I need to stop dwelling on my hurts and frustrations. Help me to be more faithful in prayer and put my hope in you. May the Holy Spirit guide and comfort and strengthen me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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is not believing that God can
it is knowing that He will.

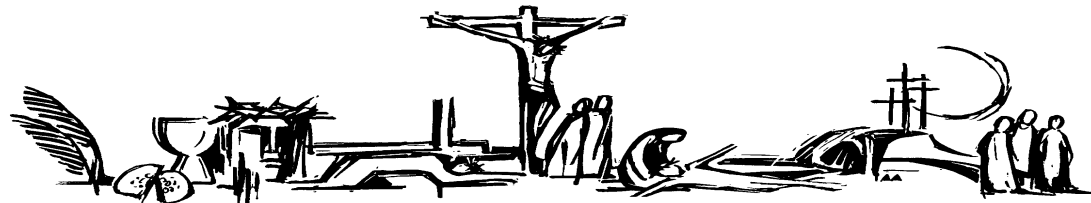


Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

MR. LEROY POYDRAS' 100TH BIRTHDAY



Drive by, honk and wave! It's a parade celebrating Mr. Leroy J. Poydras' 100th Birthday. Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 2:21 PM at 1317 Bayberry Avenue, 70807. Line up at Progress Elementary School at 1:45 PM. Questions? Call K. London (225) 364-6714. Please remain in your vehicles. Baskets will be available for tokens of love.



LENT 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 17: Mass at 7:30 AM (church); 12:10 PM (parking lot); 5:00 PM Prayer Service (church), and 7:00 PM (church). Ashes distributed at all services.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (less at each meal and nothing between meals); we abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays at 6:00 PM in the church and via live stream

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS): Wednesdays, March 17 and 24: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 PM

SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING: Gather a group of church members/friends and have a group via Zoom or via Conference Call. Contact Fr. Clark for suggestions.

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 7:00 PM via Zoom

PRAYER PARTNERS: Send a message/text/email to Fr. Clark by February 12 to get a Prayer Partner.

ROSARY NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS: Fr. Josh Johnson, Director of Vocation for BR, asks that we make a Rosary Novena during Lent. He is providing meditations on the lives of saints for each day of Lent to be followed by praying the Rosary. Choose some days to fast (less at each meal and no eating between meals) for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REGISTRATION

Redemptorist/St. Gerard Elementary: Deadline for registration: March 1, 2021. Pre-K -8th grade. Financial Assistance available. For more info email: registration@resbr.org Visit website at http://rsgbr.org Follow on Facebook @Redemptoriststgerardelementary

Sacred Heart of Jesus School: 90 years tradition; 10:1 student/teacher ratio; 27 clubs and athletic teams; conveniently located between mid-city and downtown; 50% Faculty and Staff Alumni connections; 1:1 technology; 100% accepted their first choice high school; Accelerated Reader, Star Reading and Star Math Programs. In person and virtual learning options. Call 225-383-7481 www.sacredhartbr.com

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Every year, the Bishop makes an appeal for funding of various projects in the diocese. This year with all that is going on, I did not publicize the appeal. You may have received literature about it in the mail. I am placing envelopes in the foyer to ask for your support. Bishop Duca has highlighted campus ministry as a priority of the year, the MLK Catholic Student Center received approximately \$14,000 from the fund. If you are able to contribute, please do so.



Happy Birthday



Table of birthday names and dates: BELLA KORY RUBEN CAROLINE VANTRINETTE DEIANIRA NAOMI CHRISTOPHER RICHARD SADE FRANCES KATRECE ALBERT CATHERINE TROYLAN DMARVION RODERICK PEARL WILLIAM FRANKIE ANN MATTHEW MARLON CHRISTINA TERRIN LENORA EVELLA BRIAN LAMAR CRAIG VAUGHN BROWN HUTCHINSON WILLIAMS BURRELL WINDER MCKNIGHT BYRD GRAY ROYAL ALBERT BELLANGER, III BRADFORD BREAU FINLEY WELLS ANDREWS BROWN EAGLIN LEWIS RICHARDSON RICHARDSON SAMPEY ALLEN QUIETT JINKENS SMITH

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

UPCOMING MASSES

Sunday, February 21 at 5:00 PM: Family/Youth Zoom Mass
Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 AM: Parking Lot Mass

FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord looks for us where we are, he loves us as we are, and he patiently walks by our side. With his word, he wants to change us, to invite us to love fuller lives and to put out into the deep together with him.

LORD, PLEASE...

Correct me when I'm wrong. Guide me when I'm lost. Strengthen me when I'm weak and give me a push when I start to give up. Jesus, I need you every moment of the day.



Mass Reading

February 7th - February 14th
Sunday
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
Monday
Gn 1:1-19; Psalm 104
Gospel: Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday
Gn 1:20--2:4a; Psalm 8
Gospel: Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Psalm 104
Gospel: Mark 7:14-23
Thursday
Gn 2:18-25; Psalm 128
Gospel: Mark 7:24-30
Friday
Gn 3:1-8; Psalm 32
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
Saturday
Gn 3:9-24; Psalm 90
Gospel: Mark 8:1-10
Sunday
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32; 1 Cor 10:31--11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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

