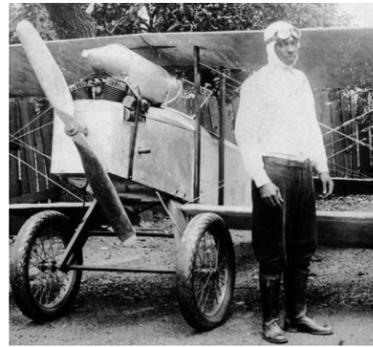


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



Lonnie Carmon



Lonnie Carmon, 1926,
Columbus, Ohio's First Black Aviator



Ohio, often referred to as the birthplace of aviation, has battled with North Carolina over that distinction for many years. But there's no debate that pioneering aviator **Lonnie Carmon** was the first African-American to fly in Central Ohio in an aircraft he built from scratch. According to accounts from Carmon's family and several historical societies, Carmon's historic flight took place in 1926. What makes Carmon's achievement all the more impressive is that he built his plane using piles of material he obtained from his recycling business.

A so-called "junk man," people handed over their unwanted goods to Carmon who refurbished and resold them at his Columbus home. As told by his granddaughter Yvette Davis, Carmon came across a motorcycle engine and began crafting his plane around it. Without any prior training or blueprints, the naturally gifted Carmon built a fully functional aircraft.

Carmon stored his plane at a farm in the nearby Black community of Urbancrest, south of Columbus. Every weekend, he would take his plane out and fly over his town, thrilling the residents and his family. Eventually, Carmon was able to purchase a single engine Piper Club aircraft.

Despite his obvious skills, the nearby Port Columbus Authority declined to give him a job. Carmon would still pack his family up on weekends to watch planes take off from the airfield. Carmon's knack for building aircraft and mechanics would be passed on to one of his sons, who worked four decades for the Curtiss-Wright manufacturing company.

In 2004, Carmon was recognized by the Columbus Regional Airport Authority for the 75th anniversary of Port Columbus International Airport. The annual report featured a photo of Carmon alongside his aircraft.

More recognition of Carmon's achievements came in 2010 when former Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy and the Ohio Historical Society honored him. That same year, Carmon was honored by his granddaughter and the Columbus community at the Ohio Historical Center with a Citation of Achievement from Mayor Michael Coleman.

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

Lord, thank you for standing beside me through my life, and for holding me tight in my darkest hours. I know that your true love and abiding strength will carry me through the storms ahead, just as they have guided me through the tribulations of the past. I pledge my faith and love to you forever Lord and lift you up in gratitude for your glory and mercy. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES MINUTES

January 25, 2022

Twelve parishioners participated in the meeting. After an opening prayer and the approval of the October minutes, Father Clark asked the councilors to reflect with him on our experience of the pandemic with a view to discerning how we move forward after Covid. Father Clark emphasized that the role of the council is to help the pastor “read the signs of the times” by reflecting on our experience as a church family and seeking to know how God is calling us through these experiences.

Through the sharing of the council members, we identified values and lessons that we gained through the pandemic. We value face to face fellowshiping; we experienced that it hard to be alone. We see the importance of things we took for granted. We learned to appreciate more family and friends. We need to be intentional about reaching out and checking on others. We learned how to be patient and vulnerable. We slowed down and were more intentional. We found ourselves to be more prayerful and reflective. We missed receiving Holy Communion. We did not miss being busy for the sake of being busy. We appreciated having fewer meetings and activities to attend. We found Zoom to be a better way to participate at times without the need to travel and to dress up.

We recognize the value of technology and want to look for ways to improve our skills so that it is more inviting and professional. We want to share technology skills with those who are not comfortable with it now. We are more conscious of mental health needs and the need to remove the stigma attached to them. There is a need to bridge the gap between those who have those who have not. Going forward, we desire to be more adaptive and open to different ways of doing things.

During the upcoming season of Lent, we would like more time to be prayerful and reflective. We like the small group retreats, a day of prayer, and the church open for periods of quiet prayer. We may offer some Zoom check in groups for parishioners so that we can stay in touch. Fasting may be a way for us to grow closer to God.

During the News and Announcements, the Knights were commended for the ways they remained active and of service to the community during Covid. Father Clark reported on an article about Catholic campus ministry at HBCUs that validated our experience at MLK: youth don't come to you, you have to go to them; campus ministry is interfaith to all faiths and to all “nones;” Catholic students need to know it alright to be Catholic. Reggie Berry asked for prayers for the EBR Violence Prevention Collaborative; Confirmation retreat was very successful.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer by Georgia Jenkins and a reminder for members to continue to pray and reflect about our Covid experience.

THANK YOU, GLINDA LEWIS



Last week at Mass, we did not thank Glinda Lewis for her help with the MLK celebration. Attribute it to my mind and not my heart! Thank you, Glinda, for your service!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO MLK



Thank you for being so generous to the MLK Monthly collection last weekend. We collected \$977.75 for the support of our ministry to students at Southern. This semester, we are starting a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM. Please pray that it may reach students!

SPEAKER SERIES ON JESUIT SPIRITUALITY AND ANTI-RACISM



Saint Francis Xavier Church at Saint Louis University in Saint Louis is presenting a three session speaker series on Jesuit Spirituality and Anti-Racism: A Call to Conversion. Father Clark will be the first presenter on Wednesday, February 9, at 7:30-9:00 PM via Zoom. Following sessions will be on February 16 and February 23. You may register for the series at bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism

Happy Birthday

RENITA	BOUDREAUX	1/30
CAROLYN	CARTER	1/30
NICHOLAS	MONTGOMERY	1/30
CARRIE	CHRISTY	1/31
RAYLAND	CRAIG	1/31
BRENT	DEROUEN	1/31
TRISTYN	DEROUEN	1/31
WILLIE	SANDERS, JR.	1/31
SHARYN	WILCOX	1/31
THERESA	WILLIAMS	1/31
JACQUELYN	THOMAS	2/1
JOYCE	GARNER	2/1
EARL	MARCELLE	2/1
BRANDEN	PORCHE, JR.	2/1
ALTON	STATION, JR.	2/1
JOSEPH	CARMEN	2/2
DARREN	LONDON	2/2
CALVIN	THIERRY	2/2
TYLER	NAVARRE	2/2
MAYA	URBINA	2/2
STEPHEN	ANDERSON	2/3
PHYLLIS	BROUSSARD	2/3
HOWARD	JOHNSON	2/3
CALVIN	MCCLINTON	2/3
BETTY	McGEE	2/3
JENNIFER	MONTGOMERY	2/3
SHERONDA	SOLOMON	2/3
EVANGELYN	CLARK	2/4
JANICE	DUPUY	2/4
STELLA	LOCKMAN	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



Mass Readings

January 30th - February 6th

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalms 71; 1 Cor 12:31--13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalms 3

Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3; Psalm 86

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday

Feast of The Presentation of The Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Heb 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Thursday

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Psalms 18

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Saturday

1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalms 119

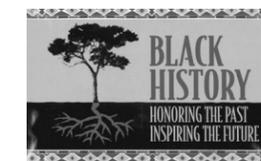
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalms 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS



During Black History Month we will celebrate Black History (which is American History) with an exhibition on the “Negro Motorist Green Book” that will be presented in the Parish Activity Center from Saturday, February 5 to 20. You may view the exhibit on weekends before and after the Masses. The exhibit will feature an actual copy of the Green Book; highlight Baton Rouge sites that were advertised in the book; show the LPS documentary, “Safe Haven: Exploring Louisiana’s Green Book.” On the weekend of February 12-13, everyone at Mass will receive a box lunch to commemorate the shoe boxes, pails and bandanas that housed a motorist’s lunch while traveling.

On Sunday, February 20, Father Chris Kellerman will give us a sneak preview of his book on the history of the Catholic Church and slavery. We are still determining which format we will use: in person or virtual depending on the Covid situation at the time. If it is virtual, no one may record the presentation. That is a requirement of his publisher before the book’s publication.

