

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

### Playwright Abram Hill and actor Frederick O'Neal



Playwright Abram Hill and actor Frederick O'Neal founded the American Negro Theater (ANT) on June 5, 1940, in Harlem. Originally a community theater group, the ANT trained a number of actors, including **Harry Belafonte** and **Sidney Poitier**, among others.

Hill and O'Neal created the ANT with the help of other actors and colleagues from the theater world and began hosting productions of Hill's plays at the Harlem branch of the New York Public Library. The ANT was born from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's WPA Federal Theatre Project, and the ANT was one of many so-called "Negro Units" of the project.

In 1942, the ANT's Studio Theatre training program was established and guided the early careers of **Isabel Sanford**, **Ruby Dee**, **Ossie Davis**, *Cosby Show* actor **Earle Hyman** and other notable graduates. The ANT operated a small theater that seated around 150 in the basement of the library for five years before moving to the Elks Lodge's theater in Harlem. The ANT moved to a Harlem loft for a final time before shuttering for good in 1949.

In 2016, the Schomburg Center celebrated the ANT's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary featuring images of the actors and play productions, along with radio broadcasts featuring some of the aforementioned graduates and players of that era.

#### 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 / 284-597
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

Lord God, you will never leave me or forsake me. You are always near, always watching over me. I will never be alone as long as you are here with me. I do not need to worry or be anxious. I know I can trust in you. Amen.

Christ

The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

JOHN 14:6

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

Father Clark is inviting young people from fourth grade up who have made their First Holy Communion to begin to practice to become altar servers. If you are interested in this very important ministry of our church, please contact Father Clark and he will schedule practices during the summer months.



**PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES ON TUESDAY**

The Parish Council of Ministries will meet on this Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM at the Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center. A light supper will be available from 6:00 PM. All chairpersons of parish ministries and organization are asked to attend. You will have received a copy of the last meeting's minutes and agenda in the mail. There will be an update on church renovations, plans for stewardship and debt reduction, new ministries in the church and plans for a ministry fair.



**VISIT OF MISSIONARY PRIEST THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend, July 13-14, Father Antony Muthu of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India will be with us to speak about the missionary efforts of his diocese and ask for our financial support. There will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses in support of this appeal. The missionary collection will be the second collection. The first collection will be for our parish church stewardship. Checks for the missionary should be made out to "Immaculate Conception Church."



**RETRouvaille RETREAT TO STRENGTHEN A MARRIAGE**

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.



Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For confidential information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend for couples in **Baton Rouge, September 6-8**, contact: Bill and Missie Curth @ 985-232-5963 or visit our web-

**Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**COMMUNITY INTERFAITH HEALTH FAIR: JULY 20**

The annual Community Interfaith Health Fair, a collaboration of Immaculate Conception, Camphor Memorial, Greater Mt. Carmel, and Allen Chapel AME will take place on Saturday, July 20 at Allen Chapel AME Church, 6175 Scenic Highway. There will be a Faith Walk at 8:00-9:00 AM. Workshops and Exhibits from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please plan to come out and support this important interfaith collaboration of our community!



**SPIRITUALITY OF SAINT IGNATIUS**

July 31 is the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. If you would like to learn more about him and his spiritual legacy, there is a website "31 Days of Saint Ignatius 2019" to help you enter into his spirituality. You will find it at <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/31-days-st-ignatius-2019> You may also explore <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/31-days-with-saint-ignatius/> If you have any questions or would like to talk about what you learn, Father Clark will be more than happy to meet with you.



**BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY EVENINGS**

Remember, we have Bible Study every Monday evening throughout the summer from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. We look ahead to the Scripture readings of the upcoming Sunday. We have some very interesting discussions about the readings. Please come and join us!



**WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY**

**HEALTHY TIDBIT:** Staying healthy while traveling requires a conscious effort, preparation and knowledge. Always opt for bottled water to reduce your exposure to certain bacteria and toxins. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer to wash and clean your hands. Use a bug repellent spray, lotion or wipes that contain DEET to ward off disease-spreading mosquitoes. Use 30 SPF or higher sunscreen lotion (not aerosol) and reapply it every two hours for maximum sun protection while outdoors. Get plenty of rest between adventures to reduce jet lag and to strengthen your immune system. Experts recommend getting sleep while traveling east, and staying awake as much as possible while traveling west. [www.tripsavvy.com](http://www.tripsavvy.com)



**Happy Birthday**



MICHAEL	BROUSSARD	7/14
REGINALD	GUIDROZ	7/14
JAMES	AMBROSE, JR.	7/15
KAREN	CHEVIS	7/15
JEROME	DUGAS, SR.	7/15
DARRELL	DUPUY	7/15
THOMAS	HULBERT	7/15
BETTY	WELLS	7/15
ANREA	WILLIAMS	7/15
SHAWN	CHEVIS	7/16
MARLEI	FRANKLIN	7/16
RICHARD	MATTHEWS	7/16
DEAUNDRE	WILLIAMS	7/16
ROLANDO	URBINA	7/16
DENAIR	WADDELL	7/16
KYIA	YOUNG	7/16
WANDA	ANDERSON	7/17
TALIYA	EDMOND	7/17
GARRY	LEWIS	7/17
RONNIE	BELONA	7/18
KEVIN	PERRY, JR.	7/18
BOBBIE	SAM	7/18
CYNTHIA	SAMPEY	7/18
BRENDA	SMITH	7/18
FITZGERALD	SPENCER	7/18
CHARLES	THOMAS, SR.	7/18
TRACIE	ABRAHAM	7/19
TRINITEE	DUNN	7/19
PATTI	DURIO	7/19
RICKY	ENCALADE	7/19
KEVIN	GRAY	7/19
JERMAINE	MEYERS	7/19
RHONDA	DENT	7/20
SHEILA	DEROUEN	7/20
JERRICA	EAGLIN	7/20
JANIFER	GRIFFIN	7/20
DARRYL	HONORE, I	7/20
ORRIN J.	LEBLANCE, II	7/20
EDDIE LEE	SCOTT	7/20
DEE	TAYLOR	7/20

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



**Mass Readings July 14th - July 21st Sunday**

Dt. 30:10-14; Psalm 69; Col. 1:15-20  
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37  
**Monday**  
Ex 1:8-14, 22; Psalm 124  
Gospel: Matt 10:34--11:1  
**Tuesday**  
Ex 2:1-15A; Psalm 69  
Gospel: Matt. 11:20-24  
**Wednesday**  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103  
Gospel: Matt. 11:25-27  
**Thursday**  
Ex 3: 13-20; Psalm 105  
Gospel: Matt. 11:28-30  
**Friday**  
Ex 11: 10--12:14; Psalm 116  
Gospel: Matt. 12:1-8  
**Saturday**  
Ex 12: 37-42; Psalm 136  
Gospel: Matt. 12:14-21  
**Sunday**  
Gen. 18:1-10A; Psalm 15; Col. 1:24-28

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

**THE "OTHER" SERENITY PRAYER**

God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up for not doing things perfectly; the courage to forgive myself because I'm working on doing things better; and the wisdom to know that You already love me, just the way I am.

