

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Henry Highland Garnet



Henry Highland Garnet made history as the first Black minister to address the U.S. House of Representatives in 1865, but another pivotal moment in his life took place in 1843. Garnet's famous speech "Call To Rebellion" rallied slaves to rise up against their masters and was widely criticized by other abolitionists for being too radical.

Garnet was born December 23, 1815 in New Market, Md. The family escaped slavery and settled in New York where Garnet attended school and joined the surging abolitionist movement. He became a Presbyterian minister in New York starting in 1842.

On August, 21, 1843, Garnet addressed the National Negro Convention with the speech, demanding that the enslaved pool their resources and snatch back their freedom. The speech was denounced by attendees of the convention because of its radicalism, including by Garnet's colleague, Frederick Douglass. Douglass and other abolitionists felt that Garnet's fiery speech would stoke the fears of whites and upend their non-violent efforts.

"Brethren, it is as wrong for your lordly oppressors to keep you in slavery as it was for the man thief to steal our ancestors from the coast of Africa. You should therefore now use the same manner of resistance, as would have been just in our ancestors when the bloody foot-prints of the first remorseless soul-thief was placed upon the shores of our fatherland. The humblest peasant is as free in the sight of God as the proudest monarch that ever swayed a sceptre," Garnet said in part of his address.

Garnet later traveled to Europe in 1850 and worked in the country as a celebrated lecturer regarding anti-slavery efforts. On February 12, 1865, Garnet made his appearance at the House. Near the end of his life, Garnet chose to live out his remaining days in Liberia. He was named the U.S. Minister for Liberia, dying two months into his term.

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

You are everywhere, Lord, and I am comforted to be enfolded as I move through life's extremes. You are with me in birthing and dying, in routine and surprise, and in stillness activity. I cannot wander so far in any direction that you are not already there. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS ON WEDNESDAY JULY 31

Wednesday, July 31, is the feast of Saint Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits. Father Clark prays in thanksgiving for the spiritual legacy of Saint Ignatius—summed up in “Finding God in All Things”—which has shaped and formed his life and that of many others. He is grateful for his Jesuit vocation and, most especially, that Immaculate Conception Church is in the care of the Jesuits, which enables him to serve here. Here is Saint Ignatius’ Prayer for Generosity.



Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE—MINISTRY FAIR—AUGUST 24-25

After all the Masses on August 24-25, we will have a Ministry Fair in which parish ministries and organizations will share with you about their ministries and invite you to join them. We will also be introducing some new ministries. Renovate the church; renovate ourselves!



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 SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parish School of Religion is in need of volunteers who are willing to commit themselves to teach our children. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Gloria DeRouen at 225-936-8162 or email her at g1930@att.net. You must pass the background check and complete the certification required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge.



GOOD TROUBLE

Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Do not become bitter or hostile. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get into good trouble, necessary trouble. We will find a way to make a way out of no way. —Congressman John Lewis

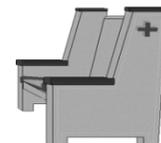
Announcements and Upcoming Events

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?



If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please call Father Clark or Cathy Glover to talk more about this. If you would like to become a Catholic, you can celebrate the sacraments of initiation (baptism—or profession of faith, confirmation, and Eucharist) once you have completed a time of preparation.

DONATING TOWARD A BENCH IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE



We will be offering members of the parish an opportunity to make a donation of \$250.00 toward a bench in memory of a loved one. A plaque will be placed on the bench with the name of your loved one. The location of the bench will be determined by a lottery starting with the benches in the front of the church. If you are interested in this way of memorializing a loved one in our newly renovated church, please fill out a form to be found in the foyer.

WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY



HEALTHY TIDBIT: Be mindful of the dangers of hot summer weather. Make sure your air conditioning is working properly. Install weather stripping on doors and windowsills to keep cool air indoors. Reduce indoor heat by 80% by adding drapes, shades, awning or louvers to windows that receive morning or afternoon sun. Set ceiling fans to run in a counter-clockwise direction to force cool air downward. Ward off dehydration by drinking plenty of water throughout the day and avoid drinking alcoholic, caffeinated and carbonated drinks during the hottest hours of the day. Eat well-balanced light meals but avoid high protein foods which increase metabolic heat and add to water loss. Regularly check on those who are vulnerable in the heat – infants, young children, the elderly, mentally or physically ill, the overweight, and extreme exercisers. Never leave a person or a pet in a parked car or outdoors for long periods without water and shade. www.statefarm.com

WORRY ABOUT NOTHING; PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING



Worry is worshipping your problem. Prayer is surrendering your problem.



Happy Birthday



TIARA	JOHNSON	7/28
BERTHA	BEARD	7/28
EVAN	LEDOUX	7/28
TIMOTHY	DAIGRE	7/29
SHERLAN	DUNN	7/29
ROLANDA	JOHNSON	7/29
ROSHAWN	PRESTON	7/29
RAVEN	PRICE	7/29
ALLEGRA	RICHARD	7/29
JARED	ABADIE	7/30
PAMELA	BUTLER	7/30
ALEXANDRA	NEAL	7/30
KELSEY	WILLIAMS	7/31
PATRICK	BURLS	7/31
JESSICA	OLIVE	7/31
JANICE	ANDERSON	8/1
JARROTT	ANDERSON, SR.	8/1
LIONEL	ANDERSON	8/1
STEFFANI	BOURGEOIS	8/1
SHIRLEY	HENDERSON	8/1
RONALD	JOHNSON	8/1
JHAELYN	ODOM	8/1
WAYNE	STATION	8/1
SHANNON	VITAL	8/1
THOMAS	WALKER, III	8/1
BERNARD	WASHINGTON, JR.	8/1
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

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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!



Mass Readings July 28th - August 4th Sunday

Gen. 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Col. 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13
Monday
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106
Gospel: John 11:19-27
Tuesday
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Psalm 103
Gospel: Matt. 13:36-43
Wednesday
Solemnity of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Jer. 20:7-9; Psalm 34
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
Thursday
Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84
Gospel: Matt. 13:47-53
Friday
Lv. 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalm 81
Gospel: Matt. 13:54-58
Saturday
Lv 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67
Gospel: Matt. 14:1-12
Sunday
Ecc 1: 2: 2:21-23; Psalm 90; Col. 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

