

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Dr. Carolyn L. Robertson Payton: Psychologist - Educator - Peace Corps



Dr. Carolyn L. Robertson Payton is the first woman and first Black director of the Peace Corps. As a leading psychologist and educator of her era, Dr. Payton helped give group therapy techniques wider exposure among Black clients and providers.

Payton was born May 13, 1925 in Norfolk, Va. The Bennett College graduate attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning a M.S. in Clinical Psychology. She then earned an Education doctorate from Columbia University. During her post-graduate studies, Payton worked as an educator and landed a prime job as an associate professor of psychology at Howard University. This would be the start of a deep connection with the celebrated HBCU.

In 1964, Payton took a job with the Peace Corps as a field assignment officer for volunteers serving West Africa. In 1967, she was named director of the Caribbean region for the Corps. Payton stepped down from the organization in 1970 and returned to Howard to direct its University Counseling Service (UCS).

She returned to the Corps in 1977 after President Jimmy Carter's appointment, but left after just 13 months as a result of clashes with ACTION director Sam Brown. In 1979, Payton found herself back at Howard, this time as its dean of Counseling and Career Development. The longtime member of the American Psychological Association spent over four decades with the organization and helped lead its task force related to the psychological needs of Black women.

Dr. Payton passed in 2001 at the age of 75.

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
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

Lord, sometimes doing the right thing takes more guts than I'm able to muster. If I do what I should, people might get angry or exclude me. Help me, Lord! Give me the strength of character to follow you, even when it makes me unpopular for a while. I entrust the end result to you. **Amen.**





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

GROCERY STORE IN SCOTLANDVILLE



Thanks to the members of the parish who attended the community meeting sponsored by CADAV (Community Against Drugs and Violence, chaired by Pat LeDuff) at the Scotlandville library on Tuesday evening. The meeting was very hopeful. Elected officials said that the climate now is more positive to locating a grocery store in Scotlandville than it has been in recent years. A representative of the mayor expressed the support of her office for this project. The challenge that lies ahead is changing the negative narrative that always accompanies this discussion, e.g. that it is a high crime area, that there is not sufficient disposable income to support a store, etc. These are not true and it can be demonstrated with facts and figures that they are not true. The success of this project will depend on community involvement and support.

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

The church renovation continues to make progress. With the frames having been built on the front and back of the church, concrete for the slab of the new foyer and sacristy will probably be poured this week. After it sets, they will begin to build the additions. The new foyer will rise to within three feet of the existing peak of the church, be as wide as the church, and extend about three quarters of the way out to the street. There will be a roof to ground clear glass window that will include a front door (in addition to the side doors). Two stained glass windows that are presently in the old sacristies will be moved to the front façade of the new foyer. They have also begun to remove the paint from the bricks behind the altar. Please keep the success of the project in your prayers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 17-21

Vacation Bible School will take place from June 17-21 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center for youth from Pre-K to 5th grades. Registration is required. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Activity Center. Please see Gloria DeRouen (225-936-8162) or Lori Gregory for more details. Please register early.

DIOCESAN LISTENING SESSION: OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS

On Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM-12 PM, the Office for Black Catholics will sponsor a listening session with Bishop Duca and Bishop Fabre on the US Bishop's recent pastoral letter: *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love: A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*. Selected speakers will be sharing their experience of racism and discrimination in the Church and in society. The session will take place at the Catholic Life Center, 1800 South Acadian Thruway. Everyone is welcome.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON JUNE 3



Our next Bible Study will be on Monday, June 3 at 7:00-8:00 PM. We will be reading, studying, discussing and praying with the readings for the following Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your Bible.

CADAV 2019 JUNETEENTH 1K WALK ON JUNE 8



CADAV 2019 Juneteenth celebration will include a 1 K trail walk on Saturday, June 8 to bring awareness to childhood obesity. The walk will take place at the Scotlandville Park @ 72nd Street. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration in the United States commemorating the end of slavery. The event will include free food, games and music.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES ON JUNE 9



We will honor our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school on next Sunday, June 9 at the 10:30 AM Mass. Graduates, please sign up to be recognized on our parish website at www.immaculateconceptionbr.org or on the sheet in the foyer. We look forward to recognizing the accomplishments of our graduates and to wish them success in their future endeavors.

PETER CLAVER FAMILY CHOIR



Any member of the church is welcomed to join the Peter Claver Family Choir as they conduct their music ministry during the month of July. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm - 7pm. You do not have to be a Knight or with the Ladies Auxiliary to join the Peter Claver Family Choir. We need your voices. For additional information, please contact Gerald Berzat at (225) 276-4674.

FOOD ACCESS SURVEY ON JUNE 8 & 9



The LSU Ag Center will conduct a food access survey on the weekend of June 8 and 9 following the Masses. Please join us for a quick survey after the Masses and tell us about access to food in your community. We are especially interested in hearing from parishioners who have limited or no access to food in their community.

Happy Birthday



Happy birthday!	CHAISE	BIAS	6/2	Happy birthday!
	CHRISTINA	ROSAYA	6/2	
	OCTAVIA	WILSON	6/2	
	KAYLIN	EASTON	6/3	
	JARED	ODOM	6/3	
	PAUL	RICHARD	6/3	
	MELANIE	WALKER	6/3	
	ALIYAH	WILCOX	6/3	
	VICTORIA	RAMBO	6/4	
	ANGELA	STEWART	6/4	
	ALLEN	VITAL	6/4	
	KRISTIN	LIVINGSTON	6/5	
	BENJAMIN	OMILI	6/5	
	NETTIE	WILLIAMS	6/5	
	REYNA	ANDERSON	6/7	
LEA	COX	6/7		
JULIA	NAVARRE	6/7		
BARBARA	BALTAZAR	6/8		
OLIVIA	BROCK	6/8		
ALANA	BRUMFIELD	6/8		
LINDSEY	JONES	6/8		
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SAINT PAUL'S FATHER/SON PRAYER BREAKFAST



Saint Paul the Apostle Church invites all fathers and sons of our church to their annual Father/Son Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 15th from 7:30 AM-12 noon. Speakers for the day are Judge Luke LaVergne (retired) who will be the opening speaker and our featured speaker will be Mr. Dwayne Bryant. Admission is free. Please call St Paul's Office at (225) 383-2537 to register before June 11th.

A DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD



On Saturday, August 17 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in St. Amant, there will be a Day of reflection on the African Americans on the Path to Sainthood. The day will begin at 8:00 AM with registration and coffee. The first session will begin at 8:30 AM. The day will end with the Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Guest presents include Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Fr. Gerard Jordan, Fr. Joshua Johnson, Fr. Tony Ricard, Sister Laura Mercier, Dr. Ansel Augustine, and Mr. Al Carter. Register online at <https://learn.evangelcathbr.org/african-american-sainthood/>. Everyone is welcome.



Mass Readings

June 2nd - June 9th
Ascension Sunday
 Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Eph. 1:17-23
 Gospel: Luke 24:46-53
Monday
 Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68; Col 3:1
 Gospel: John 16:29-33
Tuesday
 Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68
 Gospel: John 17:1-11a
Wednesday
 Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68
 Gospel: John 17:11b-19
Thursday
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16
 Gospel: John 17:20-26
Friday
 Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103
 Gospel: John 21:15-19
Saturday
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11
 Gospel: John 21:20-25
Pentecost Sunday
 Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13
 Gospel: John 20:19-23

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