

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Florence Beatrice Price - Pianist/Classical Composer



Florence Beatrice Price was a pianist and classical composer who owned the distinction of being the first Black woman to have her works played by a major orchestra.

Florence Beatrice Smith was born April 9, 1887 in Little Rock, Ark. Her father was a dentist and her mother was a music teacher. Price was exposed to music at a young age and was trained on the piano, publishing her first composition at 11 years old. She graduated from high school at 14 and entered the New England Conservatory of Music.

Upon graduating from the conservatory, Price taught briefly and became the head of the music department at Clark University in Atlanta. She met her husband, Thomas Price and had two daughters after returning to Little Rock. The racism and bigotry in the Deep South led to the family uprooting to Chicago, but her marriage ended due to several hardships. This prompted Price to focus primarily on composing and working odd music jobs.

The hard work began to pay off in the '30s. In 1932, Price's "Symphony in E Minor" won the Rodman Wanamaker Competition top prize of \$500 and put her on the map. The win caught the attention of Frederick Stock, the conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In 1933, the orchestra played Price's signature piece, opening a floodgate of opportunities for her compositions and piano performances over the next two decades. She would go on to create 300 pieces by the end of her life.

Price passed in 1953 from a stroke and much of her work was initially lost but a revival of sorts took place at the turn of the 21st Century with researchers recognizing her as a true musical trailblazer.

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.

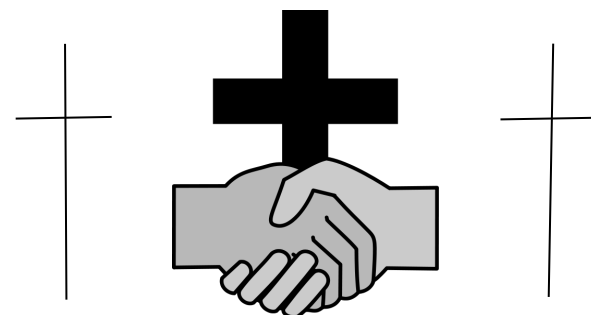
TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor 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, those people who are unlikable to me are not worthless, though I'm tempted to believe my self-centered thoughts about them. Rather, Lord, these people are precious works of beauty, created by You. And if I bother to look beyond my first impressions, I will be delighted by what I see of You in them. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

Last week was a big week in the church renovation. On Monday the concrete was poured for the slab for the new foyer and sacristy. The stairs leading up to the altar were removed and will be replaced with stairs which are in compliance with building codes. In the next two weeks (weather permitting) we will begin to see the structure of the new foyer and sacristy start to rise. Please keep the success of our project and the safety of the workers in your prayers.

FOOD ACCESS SURVEY THIS WEEKEND

The LSU Ag Center will be conducting a food access survey this weekend after all the Masses. Please join them for a quick survey and tell them about access to food in your community. They are especially interested in hearing from parishioners who have limited or no access to food in their community.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOUR

On the feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) on Sunday, June 23, we will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 4:00-5:00 PM concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for an hour of quiet and reflection in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

BIBLE STUDY EACH MONDAY EVENING AT 7 PM

We will have Bible Study every Monday evening during the summer months at 7:00 PM-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. We look ahead to the readings of the next Sunday Mass and study, read and pray about them. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your Bible.

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS ACCORDING TO MAHATMA GANDHI

- Wealth without work.
- Pleasure without conscience.
- Knowledge without character.
- Commerce without morality.
- Science without humanity.
- Worship without sacrifice.
- Politics without principle.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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 Saturday 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.evangcathbr.org/african-american-sainthood/>. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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.



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.

Happy Birthday



KAREN	BARNES	6/9
KAYLA	DEQUIR	6/9
MARGARET	DOUCETTE	6/9
MERCIER	FORBES	6/9
CYNTELL	SCOTT	6/9
AUDREY	WILSON	6/9
DORIS	HARRISON	6/10
BROCK	HAMILTON	6/12
GENEVIE	OLIVER	6/12
LINDA	BELLIAZERE	6/14
ERICA	CARTER	6/14
MAZIE	MALVEAUX	6/14
JESSICA	PATRICK	6/14
SHANDAR	BENNETT	6/15
GARCIA	BODLEY	6/15
AUBRY	DUBRIEL	6/15
BRIAN	FRANKLIN	6/15
JAMES	FREEMAN, III	6/15
CLARENCE	WILLIAMS	6/15

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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.

WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

HEALTHY TIDBIT: Six tips for avoiding or reducing migraines: 1) Eat regular meals every couple of hours. Avoid long gaps between meals. 2) Know your food triggers or keep a food log to monitor your patterns. Common food triggers include wines, cured meats, aged cheese, chocolate and the food seasoning, MSG. 3) Develop a regular sleep schedule. 4) Incorporate a lifestyle of moderate exercise. Rigorous exercise can trigger migraines. 5) Reduce your stress level to decrease migraine flare-ups. 6) Avoid excess caffeine. Too much caffeine can reduce the effectiveness of anti-migraine medicine. baptisthealth.net



Mass Readings

June 9th - June 16th Pentecost Sunday
 Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13
 Gospel: John 20:19-23

Monday
 Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 87
 Gospel: John 19:25-34

Tuesday
 Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Psalm 98
 Gospel: Matt. 5:13-16

Wednesday
 2 Cor. 3:4-11; Psalm 99
 Gospel: Matt. 5:17-19

Thursday
 2 Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Psalm 85
 Gospel: Matt. 5:20-26

Friday
 2 Cor. 4:7-15; Psalm 116
 Gospel: Matt. 5:27-32

Saturday
 2 Cor. 5:14-21; Psalm 103
 Gospel: Matt. 5:33-37

The Most Holy Trinity
 Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Rom. 5:1-5
 Gospel: John 16:12-15

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