

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

The C. R. Patterson & Sons Company



The C. R. Patterson & Sons Company was the first Black-owned automobile manufacturer in the United States. The company was initially begun by a former slave and his eldest son, they took the family business to greater heights in the early 20th Century.

Charles Richard Patterson was a former slave who escaped captivity in Virginia, then settled in Greenfield, Ohio. Patterson worked as a blacksmith for various local horse-drawn carriage companies and became friendly with white carriage company owner, J.P. Lowe. The pair went into business together in 1873 and maintained a successful business relationship.

In 1893, Patterson split with his partner and began C.R. Patterson & Sons. The company enjoyed some early success but the automobile industry's evolution impacted the horse-powered vehicles Patterson specialized in. After Patterson died in 1910, his son, Richard, took over the family business.

The younger Patterson, who was a Black football player at Ohio State University, debuted the company's first Patterson-Greenfield automobile. The car sold for \$850 and was reportedly a superior vehicle to the vaunted Model T Ford that debuted in 1908.

The company shifted gears to manufacturing buses and other vehicles after slow sales due to the market dominance of Ford at the time. While the company should have turned Greenfield into the next Detroit, the Great Depression impacted the business negatively.

Patterson & Sons eventually shuttered its doors in 1939 and while revival attempts were made with other names, it would never return to its former glory.

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.

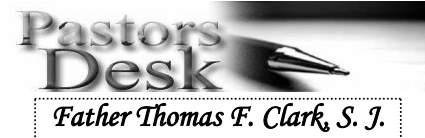
To Whom Do We Go

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

Heavenly Father, perhaps for just this day,
you would help me reach out. Let me bypass
these dreads and see instead your hand reaching
back to mine, right now, just as it always has.
Amen.





DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC

As we continue to social distance and stay vigilant, we remind you of our church devotions and activities that are continuing:

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Sundays at 9:15 AM. Teachers send out invitation to class. Register on line.

MONTHLY FAMILY AND YOUTH MASS VIA ZOOM: Third Sunday at 5:00 PM

DAILY MASS: Monday through Thursdays: 12: 10 PM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS BRING HOLY COMMUNION TO DOOR: If you are homebound during pandemic and would like to receive Holy Communion at home occasionally or serve as a Eucharistic Minister to bring Holy Communion, call Fr. Clark

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 225-773-2036

ROSARY: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via conference call. Dial: 351-999-4344

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE: May be done via Zoom

FUNERAL MASS: Private Mass for 50 or less persons. Visitation takes place at funeral home.

“CHECK IN CALLS” WELCOME BY FATHER CLARK: Let me know how you are doing. Call 225-773-2036

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD DURING NOVEMBER



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: We will observe our annual Blessing of the Graves at Southern Memorial Gardens on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 PM. The Blessing will take place outside and we will socially distance during the prayer. In place of a reception, there will be a “to go” treat.

We are also planning a Memorial Mass for those members of our church for whom we were not able to offer a Mass of Christian Burial due to the Covid-19 restrictions at the time. We are planning that Mass for Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 AM.

As always the Book of the Remembrance of the Dead will be available during the month of November in which to write the names of beloved dead.

EARLY VOTING ENDS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

FINAL DAYS OF EARLY VOTING: Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26-27: 8 AM to 7 PM

FINAL DAY TO REQUEST MAIL IN BALLOT: October 30

DEADLINE TO RETURN MAIL IN BALLOT: November 2 at 4:30 PM

NOVEMBER 3: in person voting from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

TRACK YOUR MAIL IN BALLOT AT: <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov>



Happy Halloween

HALLOWEEN SLIDESHOW/VIDEO

Send us a photo of your children in their Halloween costumes. Send it to Father Clark via email (clarktf2002@yahoo.com) or text (225-773-2036). Katrina Freeman will turn them into a SCARY, SCARY slideshow/video. While you are at it, why not also dress up as your favorite saint. Send a SAINTLY photo and we will put them together into a HEAVENLY slideshow/video.

Happy Birthday

LAJUANNA	JORDAN	10/25
DESMON	HUTCHIN	10/25
WILSON	READO	10/25
ANIKA	BELL	10/26
SOPHIE	BURRELL	10/26
JAYLYNN	HOWARD	10/26
AARON	JOHNSON	10/26
RONALD Q.	LEWIS	10/26
CHARLES	AMAR	10/27
IDA	COOPER	10/27
ORSICINI	BEARD	10/28
NWAEZE	UNAEZE	10/28
NICOLE	MARTIN	10/29
JOYCE	PATIN	10/29
DYLAN	RICHARD	10/29
MARY	HANEY	10/30
ALBERT	HERD	10/30
NORMA	LEWIS	10/30
GERALDINE	CHAVIS	10/31
WALTER	LEDOUX	10/31
STEPHEN	LLORENS	10/31
KIMBERLY	STEVENSON	10/31

CHURCH NO LONGER OPEN IN THE AFTERNOONS

We are going to discontinue having the church open each afternoon from 2:00-4:00 PM for lack of people coming. If you would like to visit the church for quiet time for prayer and reflection, please call the office (9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-4:30 PM) and we will let you into the church. Many thanks to Maurice Baudy, Walter Ennis, Gerald Berzat, Charles Duplechain, and Rogers Jackson who faithfully staffed the church in the afternoons.



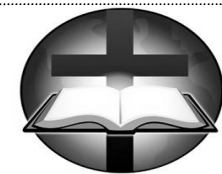
WANT TO JOIN THE VIDEO TEAM?

Gerald Berzat is inviting members of the parish to become part of our video broadcast team and help with the videoing and sound control of our daily and Sunday Masses. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please contact Father Clark at (225)773-2036 or Gerald at (225)276-4674.



FALL BACK ON OCT 31-NOV 1 WEEKEND

Daylight Savings Time ends and we return to Standard Time on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 AM.



Mass Readings

October 25th - November 1st

Sunday

Ex 22:20-26; Psalm 18; 1Thes 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matt 23:34-40

Monday

Eph 4:32--5:8; Psalm 1

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33; Psalm 128

Gospel: Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude

Eph 2:19-22; Psalm 19

Gospel: Luke 6:12-16

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20; Psalm 144

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Friday

Phil 1:1-11; Psalm 111

Gospel: Luke 14:1-6

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26; Psalm 42

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sunday

Solemnity of All Saints

RV 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24; 1John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matt 5:1-12a

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



You Shall Love The Lord, Your God, With All Your Heart, With All Your Soul, And With Your Mind.

You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.