

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Jesse Eugene Russell



The world of cellular and wireless technology is constantly evolving, as much of our daily activities rely on that infrastructure. Jesse Eugene Russell, born April 26, 1948 in Nashville, Tenn., is known as the “Father of Digital Cellular Technology.”

Russell was the first person hired from an HBCU by technology leader A&T Bell Laboratories, today known as Bell Labs. The Tennessee State University and Stanford University graduate earned both his undergraduate and master’s degrees in electrical engineering.

As its chief digital architect, Russell led the first team at Bell Labs to introduce digital cellular technology to the United States in 1988. This would be the early stages of wireless networks that cell phones and other mobile devices rely on today to communicate signals. The technology existed in some form prior in Japan, but Russell was able to bring it to fruition domestically.

Russell is also credited with creating the first digital cellular base station, which essentially changed the use of cell towers to transmit signals. Russell currently owns over 75 patents in digital cellular technologies, dual-mode digital cellular phones, and digital software radio.

His New Jersey-based IncNetworks, Inc. company works on 4G (Fourth-Generation) wireless and digital technologies. Russell was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in 1995 for his weighty contributions, among many other accolades. Russell, 72, resides in Piscataway, N.J.

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
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

Change is inevitable, Lord, I know. Help me to accept: If I view each transition as an opportunity to experience your faithfulness, I make new places in my life for spiritual growth. Amen .





PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Parish School of Religion has begun. We encourage all families to register their children if you have not done so already. Registration forms are available on the parish website at www.immaculateconceptionbr.org. The PSR teachers will send parents an email each week with an invitation to connect to the Zoom call. Please be ready to sign in promptly at 9:15 AM so the class can begin on time. In order to comply with child protection guidelines, parents must be with their children on the Zoom call. After class you can stay tuned to the live stream of the 10:30 AM Mass on Facebook and YouTube at Immaculate Conception BR. Please be patient as we work out the details of remotely having PSR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE LAURA

We are so grateful for your generous response to the appeal for those impacted by Hurricane Laura. In addition to the gift cards and supplies we sent to Sacred Heart Church, we collected \$3,757.00 for the diocesan collection.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN SIGNING UP FOR MASS

Thank You for your cooperation in signing up for Mass. We can only have 50 persons at each Mass in order to maintain social distancing. Your reserving a place at Mass helps us to plan. If we have an overflow, we will be able to live stream the Mass in the Activity Center. Let's do what we can do to limit the spread of the virus by wearing a mask, washing our hands, maintaining social distancing, and avoiding crowds by staying at home when we can.

THE PARISH ONLINE DIRECTORY

The Covid 19 pandemic has underscored the need to be able to communicate with church members by electronic means. It is very important for us to have updated contact information. One of the ways we can do this is by the Parish Online Directory. At this time, we only have about 300 families signed up in the directory. We are going to be working to increase the number. In the coming weeks we will be entering into the directory the contact information we have through the lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, PSR, KPC roster lists. You will be able to access the information and update it or delete anything you do not want to appear. You may receive an email asking you to upload a photo. Having your name and email in the directory will enable you to receive the general emails that I send out occasionally to the church. Please help us stay in touch!

To access the directory:

Go to: www.instantchurchdirectory.com

Click on "Church Member Sign in" on the upper right hand corner

If this is your first time signing in, click on "Create Log In"

Enter an ID and password



CONGRATULATIONS TO KOURTNEY AND CARLOS

Our prayers and congratulations to Kourtney Butler and Carlos Bell, Jr. who will be united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Friday, September 25 at Immaculate Conception Church. We pray that God will pour out his grace upon them so that they can live their married life as a sign to us of God's love for us, the Church. May you have many happy years together!

Happy Birthday

LACEY	BODLEY	9/20
SHEILA	FLOYD	9/20
LORI	GREGORY	9/20
LIONEL	SMITH	9/20
REAGAN	NAVARRE	9/20
DANIELLE	CUNNINGHAM	9/21
DAVID	DARTEZ	9/21
LARRY	EAGLIN	9/21
ASHLEY	MARTIN	9/21
RANDI	THOMAS	9/21
REMIKA	BOWIE	9/22
RONALD	JOHNSON	9/22
MARIE	MYLES	9/22
GINA	CLARK	9/22
KINGSLEY	AIFESEHI	9/23
RANDY	BOURGEOIS	9/23
GLORIA	BURRELL	9/23
VERONICA	DOMINGO	9/23
NINA	GRAY	9/23
JELANI	KING	9/23
NKOLE	KING	9/23
WANDA	WALKER	9/23
RASHAAD	WELLS	9/23
TARA	WINDER	9/23
DWAYNE	BANKS, JR.	9/24
FRAN	SHELMIRE	9/24
LEONA	BAILEY	9/25
SHERROD	HUTCHIN	9/25
ANGELA	LOMBARD	9/25
FAITH	PATIN	9/25
AUTUMN	STATION	9/25
DONNA	WILLIAMS	9/25
WARREN	BELEZAIRE	9/26
TROYLAN	BREAUX, JR.	9/26
DRUSILLA	CLARK	9/26
AUNRAE	NAVARRE	9/26

ZOOM MASS FOR FAMILY AND YOUTH TODAY!



All our families are invited to join in our monthly Zoom Mass for Family and Youth at 5:00 PM today, Sunday, September 20. We invite our children and youth to participate by reading, praying one of the petitions of the Universal Prayers or offering a prayer of thanksgiving in their own words after Communion. Join with us at 5:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 225-773-2036.



Mass Readings

September 20th - September 27th
Sunday
 Is 55:6-9; Psalm 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
 Gospel: Matt 20:1-16a
Monday
Feast of Saint Matthew
 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19
 Gospel: Matt 9:9-13
Tuesday
 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119
 Gospel: Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday
 Prv 30:5-9; Psalm 119
 Gospel: Luke 9:1-6
Thursday
 Eccl 1:2-11; Psalm 90
 Gospel: Luke 9:7-9
Friday
 Eccl 3:1-11; Psalm 144
 Gospel: Luke 9:18-22
Saturday
 Eccl 11:9--12:8; Psalm 90
 Gospel: Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday
 Ez 18:25-28; Psalm 25; Phil 2:1-11
 Gospel: Matt 21:28-32

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

