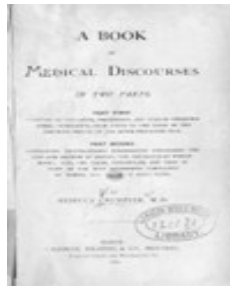


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



Rebecca Lee Crumpler



Rebecca Lee Crumpler is widely considered by historians as the first African-American woman to become a physician in the states. While the fact has been disputed, Dr. Crumpler's contributions to medicine and her will to challenge racial and sexist barriers has solidified her rightful place in history.

Crumpler was born February 8, 1831 in Christiana, Del. and raised primarily in Pennsylvania where her aunt cared for the sick. She moved to Charlestown, Mass. where she attended private school and married Wyatt Lee in 1852. Crumpler worked as a nurse during a time where adequate health care for poor African-Americans was rare.

Through hard work, Crumpler was accepted into the New England Female Medical College in 1860, which was unheard of at the time. The school made several exceptions for Crumpler, despite protests from members of the staff.

Crumpler's husband passed in 1863 while she was still in school. Her studies stopped completely when the Civil War began. However, via a fund established by Ohio abolitionist Benjamin Wade, Crumpler re-entered school and completed her coursework in 1864. This made Crumpler the first African-American woman to earn a Doctor of Medicine degree and the only African-American to graduate from her medical school. That same year, she married Arthur Crumpler.

Crumpler established a practice in the Boston region, tending to poor African-American families, most especially women and children. She details much of her experiences as a physician in her 1883, *A Book of Medical Discourses*, one of the first such works by an African-American. In the book, Crumpler describes being raised by an aunt who showed her kindness and compassion as her motivation to practice medicine for communities in need. She later moved to Richmond, Va. and worked with the Freedman's Bureau before returning to her Beacon Hill home in Boston and establishing her practice for the poor there.

Crumpler passed on March 9, 1895. Her home is now part of the Boston Women's Heritage Trail and the Rebecca Lee Society, established by Dr. Saundra Maass-Robinson and Dr. Patricia Whitley to honor Black women physicians in 1989.

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.

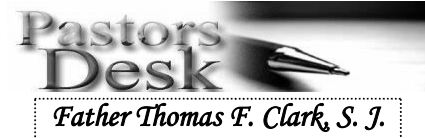
To Whom Do We Go

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

Lord, help me to touch and influence others. I want them to recognize and celebrate even the small blessings. I want to surprise them with gestures of love. Amen.

FAITH ✖
HOPE
LOVE ♥



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY



Thank you to all the parishioners who are so faithfully and conscientiously contributing to the weekly Offertory and the Building Fund. We appreciate so much the extra effort you make to deliver your contribution to the rectory mail slot or by USPS or online. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ZOOM FAMILY/YOUTH MASS LAST SUNDAY



Thank you to all the families that participated in the Zoom Family and Youth Mass last Sunday. We had a great time learning more about the Mass, reflecting on the readings, and sharing our prayer intentions and thanksgiving prayers. The youth participated so well! We celebrate this Zoom Mass every third Sunday of the month at 5:00 PM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN SIGNING UP FOR MASS



Thank you for your cooperation in signing up for Mass each Sunday. Although we have moved into Phase III, it does not change our 50 person capacity for each Mass so that we can maintain social distancing. By reserving a place at Mass, you help us to plan so that we do not have to turn anyone away. Your reserved place will be held until ten minutes before Mass begins. If we reach 50 persons, the overflow can go to the Activity Center to view the Mass on live stream and then come to the church after Mass to receive Holy Communion.



BE PREPARED TO VOTE!

Voting requires some thought and preparation this year. Make sure you are ready to vote! How will you vote? In person at the polls? By mail? Early voting? Here are some important dates to remember:
OCTOBER 5: Deadline to register to vote for November 3 if registration is done in person
OCTOBER 13: Deadline to register to vote for November 3 if done online.
OCTOBER 20-27: Early voting each day, with exception of Sunday, October 25, from 8:30 AM -6:00 PM.
NOVEMBER 2 at 4:30 PM: Absentee (mail in) ballot must be received.
NOVEMBER 3: In person voting at the polls

THE PARISH ONLINE DIRECTORY



Update your contact info!

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

Happy Birthday

ASHLYN	FLEURY	9/27
NWOKOLO	BENITA	9/27
ANN	CHARLES	9/28
CARMEN	CHARLES	9/28
HENRY	CLAIBORNE, SR.	9/28
COSETTE	KAUFMAN	9/28
DOROTHY	MOTTE	9/28
SHEILA	NEWTON	9/28
CHARLES	BUTLER	9/29
TESS	STIRGUS	9/29
PETER	ALBERT	9/30
JACIEN	BELEZAIRE	9/30
LAMIESA	BONTON	9/30
LORENZO	O'BRIEN	9/30
JEANINE	ENNIS	9/30
SYLVIA	QUINN	9/30
OMERGENE	AMAR	10/1
MICHAEL	COLEMAN	10/1
ALLISON	LLORENS	10/1
DINA	NEAL	10/1
ROSAYA	MORRIS	10/1
JOYCELYN	DEROUEN	10/2
JAMES	FREEMAN, JR.	10/2
BETHANY	JACK	10/2
JOSEPH	MEGEE, SR.	10/2
JUANITA	RIDEAU	10/2
TARIC	BEARD	10/3
RANDY	BOURGEOIS, II	10/3
KATRINA	FREEMAN	10/3
NICOLE	HARRIS	10/3
NORA	LISTACH III	10/3
KAYLAN	PERRY	10/3

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



The Parish School of Religion has begun classes remotely through Zoom. Each teacher will email his or her students with a Zoom invitation to join the Zoom meeting at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. Please sign in promptly between 9:00 -9:15 AM so that the class can begin on time. You may still register for PSR by accessing the registration form at the church website at immaculateconceptionbr.org or getting a hard copy in the foyer of the church. Please be patient as we tackle this challenge of moving the PSR to a remote setting. Thank you to Gloria DeRouen, the teachers and volunteers who are working so diligently to make this all happen.

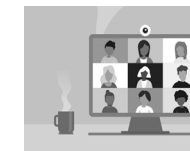


Mass Readings

September 27th - October 4th
Sunday
 Ez 18:25-28; Psalm 25; Phil 2:1-11
 Gospel: Matt 21:28-32
Monday
 Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17
 Gospel: Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday
Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138
 Gospel: John 1:47-51
Wednesday
 Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88
 Gospel: Luke 9:57-62
Thursday
 Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27
 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12
Friday
 Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 139
 Gospel: Matt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday
 Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119
 Gospel: Luke 10:17-24
Sunday
 Is 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Phil 4:6-9
 Gospel: Matt 2:33-43

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

METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 ACCOUNTABILITY SESSION



Together Baton Rouge will host a District 2 Accountability Session with the candidates for Metro Council on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. The meeting ID is: 913 5483 3291. Please plan to tune in to learn more about the candidates and make an informed choice! Please check with Together Baton Rouge for the Accountability Session in the District where you live.

