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Office of African American, African & Caribbean Apostolate



“Thank you” are the right words but never seem enough to someone who you admire and respect from the moment you met. Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols is the someone I speak of. From our first meeting to today, he has inspired his parish, archdiocesan center employees and so many others. He inspires a powerful connection to this apostolate and the people we serve.

We join with the Archdiocese in expressing thankfulness and blessings for living the Life of Faith and we pray for God’s blessings as you continue your minister in your beloved parish.

Thank you for inspiring us!

Fr. Emeka Okwuosa,SDV

THANK YOU MSGR. RICHARD J. ARNHOLS

Upcoming Events

- **Fr Augustus Tolton Show, St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark**
Friday, September 28, 2018 at 7:00pm
- **Dinner Dance/Scholarship, THE HANOVER MANOR, East Hanover**
Friday, November 9, 2018 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
- **Black Vocations Summit Saturday, St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark**
Saturday, November 17, 2018 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Youth Day/Retreat/Talent Show, The Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center**
Saturday, December 15, 2018 @ 9 a.m. -7 p.m.
- **Black History Month Mass, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark**
Sunday, February 17, 2019 @ 12 noon

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS CELEBRATED AT CATHEDRAL

Many of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark gathered at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, February 18, 2018 in celebration of Black History Month. Historically, Black History Month is celebrated every year during the month of February in recognition of the contributions of African Americans. Its theme “Stand For What You Believe In” was present in spirit throughout this special Mass especially in the spirit filled homily delivered by Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., chief celebrant of the Mass. Cardinal Tobin spoke of the many contributions made by African Americans and those of African descent who have emigrated to this country.

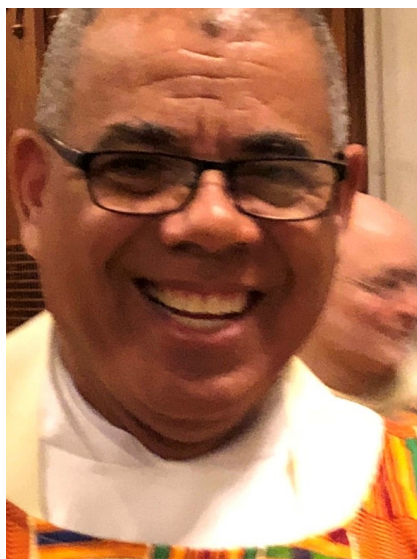
Under the direction of Fr. Emeka Okwuosa, S.D.V, Coordinator of African American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate, the thematic elements of “Stand For What You Believe In” were echoed through the voices of The Jubilee Choir of the Archdiocese of Newark, the Cathedral choir and as well as the angelic voices of the Igbo Choir. The praises were lifted through both of the choirs as all voices were lifted in the cathedral.

In celebration of this Mass, the banners of Venerable Henriette Delille, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, and Servant of God Augustus Tolton were proudly displayed as the current causes before the Vatican. The appropriateness of their presence at this Black History Month Mass was important as they are the first persons of African descent in North America to be under consideration for canonization by the Vatican.

Following this spirit filled Mass, a program followed at the Archdiocesan Center with a video presentation about Black History Month and a wonderful reception enjoyed by all of the faithful. How wonderful and joyful it is to know that there is a place for the Black Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark, and this message was clearly echoed throughout this highly spiritual Mass in celebration of Black History Month.



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ST PETER CLAVER



On January 14, 2018, St. Peter Claver Black Catholic Concerns Ministry (BCC) had a presentation on Dr. King's work/movement with the sanitation union in Memphis. Dr. King believed the struggle in Memphis exposed the need for economic equality. In April 1968, Martin Luther King led a group of striking sanitation workers in Memphis. These sanitation workers were met with tear gas during a nonviolent demonstration march to Memphis City Hall, Memphis.. One of the youth BCC members, Cedric Djondo, read one of King's speeches made during the union strike; and a book-



let of all the speeches he made during that strike/movement was distributed to the attendees. This event was well received.

On February 24, 2018, St. Peter Claver Black Catholic Concerns Ministry held a wine and cheese "And All that Jazz" event in their Rev Martin Luther King Jr. Hall to celebrate the contribution of Black Americans to American music and culture through Jazz. It included an overview of the origin and evolution of Jazz, a live jazz duo, and refreshments. Everyone had a very enjoyable and informative evening.



BLESSED SACRAMENT

In an effort to celebrate our diverse heritage at Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo our Parish highlights on Sundays during the month of February Individuals of African American background in their various areas of expertise. This year our focus was on artists, historical figures, Saints and individuals who chose the Religious Life as a vocation. On Sunday 18th February we invited two of our esteemed sons who have dedicated their lives to the religious order. Brother Patrick Winbush O.S.B a Benedictine Monk of Newark Abbey. He was raised in Newark, New Jersey and was a member of Blessed Sacrament/ St.Charles Borromeo parish in Newark. During those years at our parish he was an altar server and eventually became the head altar server. Brother Patrick shared his journey into the religious life and encouraged young people to pray and listen as they contemplate their faith journey especially for those who are looking to seek God in religious life or priesthood. Saying, "Take the next step and say "Yes" like I did.

We also had the pleasure of hearing from Brother Tyrone A. Davis, D.F.C., and J.D.Executive Director: Office of Black Ministry. Visiting us from New York he shared about his upbringing at our school Blessed Sacrament and the impact his church family and educators had on him as a young man. Mentioning despite the distance and travels it always feels good to come home. We salute and continue to pray for our brothers as they continue to be Christ to all whom they encounter.



HOLY SPIRIT AND OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

The Parish Family of Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians in East Orange celebrated Black History Month 2018 with the theme “Being Black in America”.



The 2018 celebration opened with the topic *The History of Black History* which answered the oft asked question “why did they give us the shortest month to celebrate Black History?” which is “They didn’t give it to us. The founders chose February because it is the birthday month of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass”. That introduction segued into the founding and history of Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians.

The parish had the honor of hosting the banners of the five African Americans who are at various stages of canonization: Pierre Toussaint, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Father Augustus Tolton, Venerable Henrietta Delille and Julia Greely.



In the ensuing weeks Fr. William C Reed, Ret. in residence schooled the congregation on *Black Catholic History* as well as his experiences as an African American priest in America. Week three unveiled *Black Accomplishments* in Medicine, Science, Politics, Business, Education, Literature and Civil Rights.

The closing week recognized *Local Black History: Patrick Healy Middle School* name for one of three mixed race brothers born in the early 19th century, all of whom became priests, he a Jesuit professor of philosophy at Georgetown University; *Barbara Hampton*, a parish and community legend, who, following graduation from high school became the first African American to work in a clerical position for the city of East Orange. The job did not come to her easily despite the fact she placed first on the Civil Service test, the city refused to hire her. She prevailed and retired from her Executive Administrator position following forty years of service and remains active in both her church and community; the late *Earl Williams*, local and state Civil Rights leader, who marched with Martin Luther King in Selma and the March on Washington also served as President of the local NAACP. He served on the East Orange City Council before being appointed the city’s first Black City Clerk. Following his retirement from public service Earl continued to support many fund raising efforts at Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians , which his daughter and late wife Annabell attended.



The month’s celebration concluded with praise dancing by students from the parish school as well as poetry delivered by children from both the parish and



ST. ANASTASIA BLACK CATHOLIC COMMITTEE

Brings Easter Fun to the Children of the Parish

Father Emeka, of the Archdiocese of Newark, took a moment to pose with the members of Saint Anastasia's Black Catholic committee on Easter Sunday right after the Family mass at 11:30am. Children raced inside the Redmond Room this year with "eggs on the



spoon" relay races. Coffee, bagels, muffins and an array of candies and "Easter Bags with Easter eggs" were given to all of the children that partici-

pated. The Black Catholic committee of St. Anastasia is an ALL INCLUSIVE group that especially sponsors fun activities for the young people of the parish as well as shares information to all on the significant contributions people of color have given to the Catholic Church.



ST PATRICK JERSEY CITY

PARISHES WITH AAAC MEMBERS ACTIVITIES



Youth Ministry Update for 2018

February 2018 Black History Month began a New Year of happenings. For Saint Patrick's Assumption All Saint in collaboration with Christ the King Church of Hudson County lunched our Youth

Ministry (ACE) "Accepting Christ Everyday". The conception, development, birth and was naming of the Youth Ministry (ACE) revealed that the plan of God was at work, and it is God who brings a new life into existence. So to our youth



scatter your seeds produce a great harvest and the smallest of all seeds on the earth will grow into the largest of plants.



Continue to provide quality service for our Senior Citizens and homebound parishioner's with the Love Bags, and special messages of appreciations for all they have made possible to our community.

"The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce,' look, here it is or, there it is' for behold the Kingdom of God is among you" (Luke 17:20-21).

Special Thank you to Fr. Marc-Arthur Francois, Pastor Saint Patrick & Assumption /All Saints Parish and Fr. Chica Estermini of Christ the King Parish, Jersey city



ST ALOYSIUS JERSEY CITY



The African American, African & Caribbean group of Jersey City St Al's organized its first ever gala on May 5th, 2018.

Started as the little idea of a few at first, the concept became the project and dedication of all members of the Black Community of St Al's.

After a little over 6 months, the big day was finally there, gathering people from all backgrounds, with the excitement that goes with it.

At 6pm, we started to welcome our guests. As fancy one as the other, they filled the room within the hour.

At 7pm, we introduce the flags of all the origin countries of the members of the group. We had: Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Ghana, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Nigeria, Trinidad & Tobago, Senegal and the USA. Members entered singing and dancing on one of their local song, holding proudly their flag while the MC gave a summary of that country.

It was a very emotional time.

Right after, we open the buffet after the pastor of St Al's blessed the food. People had a choice of chicken, turkey, pork, fried plantain, rice, beans, vegetables, salad, as much as everyone wanted. It reminded us of the multiplication our Savior did from the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes.

When all had eaten, the DJ & MC invited us to grace the stage with songs from all over Africa, and the US. Everyone gladly participated, happy and playful.

We briefly interrupted the dance to offer gifts to our priests as it is in most of our cultures to offer gifts to people we respect and admire.

We cut the beautiful cake and it wasn't long before the dessert table was emptied of all its candies and cupcakes.

We danced some more, and it took people to start packing for us to know the night was over.

It was a great celebration of culture and religion, and we are happy all went well and our guests had fun.

We are looking forward to the next Gala.

Aime et Fais Tout ce que tu Veux!



PILGRIMS TRAVEL TO VENERATE CRYPT OF VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT

PILGRIMAGE TO VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT



On April 28, 2018, pilgrims of all ages boarded several New York City bound buses to partake in the Archdiocese of Newark's first pilgrimage to venerate at the religious sites associated with the life of Venerable Pierre Toussaint. Under the coordination of Fr. Emeka Okwuosa, S.D.V., Coordinator of the African American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate along with the Archdiocese of New York's Office of Black Ministry's Brother Tyrone Davis, C.F.C., the pilgrimage began with a tour of St. Peter's R.C. Church where Toussaint worshipped daily. Noticeable to all was the placard affixed to St. Peter's which read,

PIERRE TOUSSAINT
1766 - 1853
Catholic Negro Layman,
Member of Old Saint Peter's
Parish for 66 Years; Revered
for his Exemplary Life and
Many Works of Charity



Venerable Pierre Toussaint, born in Haiti as a slave, later emigrated to the U.S and settled in New York City. His philanthropic contributions to the City of New York included his numerous monetary donations to various Catholic charities, assisting with the first Catholic orphanage, as well as providing funds to the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first established order of black nuns in the United States. Toussaint also habitually cared and nursed the sick. His many



works of charity and his life of holiness were later recognized by the Archdiocese of New York when Toussaint's cause for canonization was presented to the Vatican in 1968. In 1991, Pierre was declared a Servant of God and five years later he was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II.





As the pilgrimage continued up Church Street also known as Pierre Toussaint Square it was evident that Toussaint's dedication to the theological virtue of charity had such a great impact throughout New York City. The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in Lower Manhattan was the original burial site of Pierre along with his wife, Juliette, and adopted daughter, Euphemia. The final pilgrimage site was St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Cardinal John O'Connor had Toussaint's remains placed in the crypt below the main altar following exhumation from St. Patrick's Old Cathedral burial grounds. Following a brief tour by Father Kareem Smith of the Cathedral, everyone was led to the crypt of Venerable Toussaint to touch the tomb.



INSTITUTE FOR BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES,
XAVIER UNIVERSITY ONGOING FORMATION 2018



Those who participated in the July 2018 Institute for Black Catholic Studies classes at Xavier University are: Rev. James P. Ferry, Our Lady of Lourdes West Orange; Rev. Zephyrin K. Katempa, St. Peter Claver, Montclair; Rev. Marc-Arthur Francois, Saint Patrick Assumption/ All Saints, Jersey City; Rev. Esterminio Chica, Christ the King, Jersey City; Rev. Albert Nzeh, Blessed Sacrament/ St. Charles Borromeo, Newark; V. Rev. Dieuseul Adain, Holy Rosary and St. Michael, Elizabeth; Susan Rich and Gladys Amoakoh.



Saint Luke Productions Presents

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<p>Thursday, Sep. 27</p> <p>1:00pm</p> <p>(Students Only)</p>	<p>Friday, Sep. 28</p> <p>9:30am</p> <p>(Students Only)</p>	<p>Friday, Sep. 28</p> <p>7:00pm</p> <p>(Public Show)</p>
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St. Benedict's Preparatory School
520 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Newark, NJ

Admission: Free-Will Offering
Suitable for Ages 10 & Up

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2018 BISHOP FRANCIS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE

At
THE HANOVER MANOR
16 Eagle Rock Ave., East Hanover
Friday, November 9, 2018
6 p.m. -10 p.m.

50-50 raffle will be taken at the dance

Ticket Fee: \$70 per person

RSVP: Fr. Emeka Okwuosa, SDV
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REGIONAL BLACK VOCATION

SUMMIT 2018



"Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love."
 Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013



St. Benedict's Preparatory School
520 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Newark



Saturday, November 17, 2018



8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.



Joseph Cardinal W. Tobin, C.S.SR
 (Chair for the committee on the Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations)



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African American, African and Caribbean Apostolate

IN HIS IMAGE

God created them. Genesis 1:27

Spiritual youth Retreat

Christmas party 2018

Talent show



Rev. Anthony Bozeman, SSI
 Moderator

SATURDAY
December 15th, 2018
9:00 am — 7:00 pm

Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center
499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny, NJ

Join us for:

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Cost: \$10

For more information contact : Fr. Emeka Okwuosa, SDV
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UPCOMING EVENTS



BLACK HISTORY MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

12 NOON

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

89 Ridge St, Newark, NJ 07104

Chief Celebrant

Cardinal Joseph William Tobin, c.ss.R.

Refreshments follows immediately after Mass at the Archdiocesan Center

All are welcome!

“Black Migrations”

Each year beginning on February 1, an entire month of events are planned nationwide honoring the history and contributions of African Americans.

The theme for Black History Month in 2019 is "Black Migrations" which follows the continuous movement of blacks from the American South to the industrialized North and beyond.

Beginning in the 20th century south, African American migration included relocation from farms to cities, and from the South to the Northeast and Midwest. The period quickly gave rise to a growing number of black industrial leaders and black entrepreneurs.

Along with the emergence of new music genres like ragtime, blues, and jazz, the Harlem Renaissance in New York signaled a blossoming of the visual and literary arts. In Europe, following the two world wars, African American performers and musicians also emigrated to Paris and other European capitols where American jazz became an instant hit.

Today, an influx of black immigrants are from the Caribbean and Africa to the US.



Parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark with African American, African, and Caribbean faithful

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| (B) Bergenfield, St. John the Evangelist | (H) Jersey City, Christ the King |
| (B) Englewood, St. Cecilia | (H) Jersey City, O.L. of Sorrows |
| (B) Hackensack, Holy Trinity | (H) Jersey City, O.L. of Victories |
| (B) Leonia, St. John the Evangelist | (H) Jersey City, St. Aloysius |
| (B) Teaneck, St. Anastasia | (H) Jersey City, St. Anne |
| (B) Tenafly, O.L. of Mount Carmel | (H) Jersey City, St. John the Baptist |
| (E) East Orange, Holy Name of Jesus | (H) Jersey City, St. Patrick/Assumption-All Saints |
| (E) East Orange, Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians | (H) Jersey City, St. Paul the Apostle |
| (E) East Orange, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | (U) Elizabeth, Holy Rosary/St. Michael |
| (E) East Orange, St. Joseph | (U) Hillside, Christ the King |
| (E) Irvington, St. Leo | (U) Plainfield, St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus |
| (E) West Orange, Our Lady of Lourdes | (U) Plainfield, St. Mary |
| (E) Maplewood, St. Joseph | (U) Rahway, Divine Mercy |
| (E) Montclair, St. Theresa of Calcutta | (U) Roselle, St. Joseph the Carpenter |
| (E) Montclair, St. Peter Claver | (U) Union, St. Michael |
| (E) Newark, Blessed Sacrament/ St. Charles Borromeo | |
| (E) Newark, Parish of the Transfiguration | |
| (E) Newark, St. Antoninus | |
| (E) Newark, St. Mary (Abbey) | Counties: |
| (E) Newark, St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral | B = Bergen |
| (E) Newark, St. Rose of Lima | E = Essex |
| (E) Orange, O.L. of the Valley | H = Hudson |
| (E) Upper Montclair, St. Cassian | U = Union |

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the African American, African, & Caribbean Apostolate is to:

DISCOVER and PROMOTE leadership among Roman Catholics of African descent in the Archdiocese of Newark.

ENCOURAGE Fiscal responsibility and self reliance.

EMPOWER young adults to embrace their cultural identity and to refuse to live their lives apart from their Savior Jesus the Christ.

LOVE who we are and to Whom we belong thus striving to eradicate all form of racism and oppression.

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