

During this **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, we ask parishioners to celebrate by wearing the following colors throughout the month of February: **Black:** represent the people, **Red:** represents the blood shed,—**Green:** represents life, or **Yellow, Gold or White** represents the light

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes
Altar Society.....Patricia Reed
Bereavement.....Pamela Barnes
Bible Study.....Ruth McKitric
Bldg. & Grounds Mgr.Walter Battles
Choir Director.....Lillie Key
Finance Chair.....Robert Pettaway
Hospitality & Ushers.....Sharon Malone
Legion of Mary.....Hilda Carroway
Liturgical.....Ruth Pettaway
Liturgical Dancers.....Yvette Smith
Male Choir.....William Frazier
Media & Public Relations.....Greg Cyprian
Parish Council.....Thomas Whittaker
RCIA.....Deacon Ronnie Hathorne
Religious Education Dir.....Tiffany J. Barnes
St Joseph School Alumni.....Shawn Bivens
Stewardship.....Keith Brewer
Technology/IT.....Michael Smith
Youth Activities & Family Life.....Tara Evans

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY – FEBRUARY 2

Lectors.....Jessica Stevenson
Patrick Hawthorne
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
.....Leona & Diona Rudolph
Altar Servers.....Brandon,, Ashley, Azure
Family Gift Bearer.....St. Joseph 's Future

• February 9

Lectors.....Pam Barnes
Pavia Dewberry

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
.....Keith & Claudia Brewer
Altar Servers.....Kai, Keari B. Kiara
Family Gift Bearers.....Malone-Dewberry Family

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

01.....Patrick Hawthorne
02.....Josephine Betton
03.....Windola Thompson
05.....Ireola Frazier
05.....Mattie Medlock
05.....Ernest Diamond
06.....Shawn Bivens
06.....Laurence Hall
07.....Jacqueline Rice
08.....Kimara Evans
10.....John Austin
11Charles Mitchell
14Katie Peters
16Suzan Wilder
21.....Jessica Stevenson
21.....Walter Frazier
21.....Brian Davis
22.....Traveis Evans
26.....Selena Thomas

Weekly Collection – \$2,062.00
(January 26, 2014)

Attendance - 118

HAND OVER YOUR LIFE TO GOD

Theresa Wilson Favors



It comes a time and perhaps not just one time in your life when each of us reaches the conclusion that...it is time to hand over our lives to God. There’s no choice in the matter when a mother delivers a child; praying, hoping and praying some more that all will go well with the delivery and baby child will grow up healthy, safe, strong and wise. There’s no choice in the matter, so why not knock on God’s door and hand your life over to God. God stands at the door, waiting for you to recognize His great faithfulness, presence and power. God welcomes you into the high altar of grace, deliverance and the “blessed assurance” that God can make a way out of no way. St. Teresa of Avila once said, “You pay God a compliment by asking great things from God”. At the moment of Sojourner Truth’s conversion, being touched by god’s omnipotent presence while going through a struggle, her words were, “God, I did no know you were so BIG!” Trust and believe that our “Big GOD” hears your voice when you stand on the other side of the door with fear in your heart and adversity chancing you down. No disease, no evil, no financial breakdown can bring you down when god stands in the gap for You! Don’t be afraid to trust an unknown future to our known BIG GOD. Jesus said... “Don’t let you hearts be troubled. Trust in god and trust in me (John 14:1). This gives great confidence to those who are scared for their lives and enables them to turn the page of adversity and commence a new chapter of life-changing experiences with our BIG GOD. Therefore, hand over your life to God, for God is able.

(Part 1 of 4, throughout BLACK HISTORY MONTH)

Help me help you to understand and “Know Your Faith”

Among our church family are: cradle Catholics, converts and people who came into the church somewhere in between. You may have been challenged by Protestants about your faith, and didn’t know quite how to answer. You may have questions or thoughts yourself about your faith, what the Catholic church teaches. You may have questions about what takes place during Mass, well now you have the opportunity to get a better understanding of your faith. You may submit your questions to your Pastor, Fr. Sohe by phone (471-3761), text (202-340-1847), email (sohessr@yahoo.co.uk) or simply writing it on paper and giving it to him. What an opportunity for all of us to truly understand and know our faith!



THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Isom Mrs. Reola Juzang
Mrs. Theresa Gulley Mr. James Thomas
Ms. Josephine Betton Mrs. Jean Carleton
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman
Little Christen Roberson

(Please sign the Healing Prayer Book to list ill and/or homebound parishioners)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Any parishioner seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism

Parents desiring baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the pastor at least two weeks in advance to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and godparents.

Mass of Christian Burial

When a funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR MASS



Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
February 2—February 9

MON 03	First Reading: 2Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20
TUE 04	First Reading: 2Samuel 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43
WED 05	First Reading: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6
THU 06	First Reading: Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13
FRI 07	First Reading: Sirach 47:2-11 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29
SAT 08	First Reading: 1Kings 3:4-13 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34
SUN 09	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 Second Reading: 1Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS—To January’s 50/50 winners, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Carroway, their grand prize was \$100.50, not bad for a \$4.00 investment.

FREE FRESH FISH!!! —this Thursday February 6, in the church parking area.

Lunch Is Served! This Friday, February 7, 2014 . Lunch plates will be available for pick-up or delivery from 11AM at a cost of \$8 at the Parish Hall. The menu will include Fish, green beans, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, dessert and Bread. **FREE DELIVERY** for orders of five (5) or more plates. Delivery areas include Maysville, Down- the-Bay, Camp Ground and Cedar Point Road. For deliveries, please call Patricia Reed at 251-402-7132.

CASINO BUS TRIP—The Knights & Ladies of St. Peter Claver Council/Court 210, will sponsor their monthly trip to The Imperial Palace Casino in Biloxi, MS. Donations are 2 for \$20 or \$15.00 each. Grab a buddy, save a few bucks and enjoy the afternoon!



MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE—Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church Youth Group is sponsoring their *1st*

Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade for High School and Middle School Youth. Date: Saturday, February 8, 2014 in the School Cafeteria, from 8:00—11:00 p.m. Attire: Semi Formal, Cost : \$15.00 per person. See bulletin board for more info!

Don’t forget your masks and umbrellas!!!

ODETTE BALASCO CHEER BASKET - the Media/ Public Relations Committee is selling tickets for a cheer basket to celebrate Mardi Gras! Tickets are \$1.00 each, the drawing will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2014. Contents of basket worth \$100.00, tickets available from any committee member. Proceeds will be used to purchase the Servant’s Keeper software for parish data.

MOST PURE HEART OF MARY – BINGO, every Friday night. Doors open at 6:00 pm., games begin at 7:00 pm. Help save our school!

PRAYER INTENTION CARDS— are now located in the Vestibule of the church.

Today is the
“NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY “