

"We've come this far by faith"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. BRADLER

We all at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's wish a very happy birthday to a great man of God, Fr. Bradler. Thank you for your commitment to the Lord and the work he placed in your care.

Happiest of birthdays
Father Bradler! Always
wishing you good health,
peace, and opportunities
to see a good movie! We
are blessed to have you as
our pastor.

—

Marcia and Tom Fugate

Happy Birthday Father
Bradler. Thank you for all
you do in this community.
Praying for good health
and may blessings this
coming year.

—

Clara Bray

Fr. Bradler,
Hope your birthday is filled
with many blessings because
you are a true blessing to
Immaculate Conception/St.
Bridget's Church.
Happy Birthday!

—

Tracy Jordan

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY FR.
BRADLER
FROM THE
ICSB
COMMUNITY



Happy Birthday Fr. Bradler
and may God continue to
keep you and Bless you
with many more.

—

Lee and Mary Wingo

Wishing you the happiest of
birthdays and good health.

—

Julian, Alana, and Alia Bell

Hi Fr. Bradler! Thank you for
all that you do for our
parish. Happy 87th birthday!
I love your perspective of
sharing stories of what
Rochester was like when you
were a boy. Looking forward
to seeing you again soon now
that I'm back from my
surgery!

All the best,

—

Lily and Jake Gasiorek

HAPPY
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BRADLER
FROM THE
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COMMUNITY

"IN THE SAME
WAY, LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE
BEFORE OTHERS,
THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD
DEEDS AND
GLORIFY YOUR
FATHER IN
HEAVEN."

—

MATTHEW 5:16

Wishing you a world of blessings. May the good Lord continues to bless you with health, joy and determination so that you can continue doing his work. May your Birthday be exceptional

—

Myrna Barthelemy

Fr. Bradler, May the Lord continue to Bless and Keep up you safe. Peace to you and your loved ones. Happy Birthday.

—

The Toyer's

Happy Birthday Father! Enjoy you big day. God Bless!
All the best,

—

Carolyn & James Walker

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY FR.
BRADLER
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COMMUNITY



Wherever this year takes
you we hope it's a
fabulous adventure.
Happiest of birthdays!

–

Doug and Victoria Parker

Father Bradler, we rejoice
with you as you celebrate
another birthday. Wishing
you good health and
happiness. Happy Birthday,

–

**Harry & Sosthenes Pierre
Philippe**

Dear Father Bradler,
Happy Birthday to the BEST
PART TIME PRIEST EVER!

–

Maria and Tom Degnan

Fr. Bradler, we wish you
health and happiness and God's
blessing on your Birthday,

–

Penny and Keith Paris

HAPPY
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COMMUNITY

"GO, EAT YOUR
FOOD WITH
GLADNESS, AND
DRINK YOUR WINE
WITH A JOYFUL
HEART, FOR GOD
HAS ALREADY
APPROVED WHAT
YOU DO."

–

ECCLESIASTES 9:7

Happiest Birthday! May God continue to bless you and may you continue to be a blessing to Immaculate Conception/St.Bridget's church! Enjoy your special day!

—

George and Precious

Happy Birthday Father Bradler. Enjoy and have a blessed day!

—

Bing Sr. and Yvette Reaves

Sending best wishes to you. Wishing you. God's Blessings, Peace, Happiness Love and Joy!

—

Rose Stokes

Happy Birthday Father Bradler, may your day be blessed and full of joy.

—

Pat Nguti

HAPPY
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Fr. Bradler, we wish you a
very happy and holy birthday!
May your future years
continue to be filled with
God's grace and good health
as you continue on your
journey as the spiritual
leader of this church
community. May God continue
to bless you and guide you in
your work.

—

Bill and Musette

Dear Fr. Bradler,
As you share your warm
greetings so often with the
Immaculate congregation, here
is a greeting beamed back: a
most Happy Birthday to You,
Thank You for all you do for
your adopted community.
Blessings and Peace during
this snowy season, a time of
special
beauty all its own.

—

Tim Sullivan

HAPPY
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"MAY THE GOD OF
HOPE FILL YOU
WITH ALL JOY AND
PEACE AS YOU
TRUST IN HIM, SO
THAT YOU MAY
OVERFLOW WITH
HOPE BY THE
POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT."

—
ROMANS 15:13

Happy Birthday to a truly wonderful priest. May God shower you with the best of blessings on your special day and forevermore!

–

Deacon Rick Rall

Happy Birthday Fr. Bradler!
Thank you for being a guiding voice in this time of uncertainty.

–

Patrick Lynch and Sarah DeGoey

Happy Birthday! My in-laws had fond memories of their relationship with you.

–

Gail Whitcraft

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Wishing you birthday blessings that surround your heart with wonderful moments, and may the good Lord continue to guide and protect you as you celebrate another year. Thanks for what you do. Happy birthday Father Bradler.

—

Catherine Pappin and family

Hi Father Bradler! Wishing you the best health, wealth, and happiness in your new trip around the Sun. May God continue to bless you with his love and favor, and I hope you enjoy your day and have an even more prosperous year.

—

Kobe Barthelemy

HAPPY
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"NOW MAY THE
LORD OF PEACE
HIMSELF GIVE YOU
PEACE AT ALL
TIMES AND IN
EVERY WAY. THE
LORD BE WITH ALL
OF YOU."

—

2 THESSALONIANS
3:16

There is none like you Fr.
Bradler. You're one of a
kind. The Lord designed
every detail of who you are
and we are so blessed to
have you with us!

Happy Birthday Blessings,
Fr. Bradler!

—

Joanne Gordon

When I came to Rochester, I
sought out a church and I
found a home and you were a
large part in that. I thank
you for your commitment to
the work of God and how you
loved the people of our
parish. May the blessings of
God continue to rain down
upon you and that you feel
his love more and more daily.
Happy Birthday Fr. Bradler!

—

Chib Onwunaka

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY FR.
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Happy Birthday, Fr. Bradler,
Thank you for “giving
yourself away” for the
Father’s service. You have
emptied yourself out
especially to serve our
Immaculate Conception/ St.
Bridget’s Church family! We
thank God for your life and
how you have chosen to allow
God to use you in service to
so many. May God’s richest
and choicest blessings be
yours!

—

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"NOT LOOKING TO
YOUR OWN
INTERESTS BUT
EACH OF YOU TO
THE INTERESTS OF
THE OTHERS."

—

PHILIPPIANS 2:4



ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W.E.B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice.

His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February, 1926, that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass

Alain Leroy Locke; Poet & Scholar
Father of the Harlem Renaissance
Photo Credit:
Bahai Teachings



ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH (CONT'D)

The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration.



Dr. Mae Jemison; Scientist & Astronaut
First Black woman in space
Photo Credit:
Manistee News Advocate

ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH (CONT'D)

The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of Black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all colors on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

A black and white portrait of A. Philip Randolph, an older African American man with a serious expression, wearing a suit and tie. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in the distance.

A Philip Randolph; Activist
Organizer of March on
Washington

ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH (CONT'D)

That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story.

Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)



Photo Credit:
The Kennedy Center

BLACK HISTORY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEETS MARY LOU WILLIAMS

In 1973, two years before the end of the Vietnam war, Immaculate Conception Church had a somewhat prophetic visit. Mary Lou Williams, a world renown Black jazz pianist, composer and arranger, asked if she could perform her Mass for Peace composition at Immaculate. She came with her drummer, bass player, and used Immaculate's Gospel choir to accompany her. For two Sundays, Immaculate Conception Church was filled to capacity.



BLACK HISTORY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEETS MARY LOU WILLIAMS (CONT'D)

Mary Lou Williams (born, Mary Elfrieda Scruggs, May, 1910 in Atlanta, GA) was a child prodigy. Her mother often had young Mary on her lap as she played bluesy tunes on the piano. Mary showed that she could reproduce her mother's music, and, at the age of 10 performed her first recital. At age 15, teenaged Mary performed with Duke Ellington and the Washingtonians.



Photo Credit:
WAMU

BLACK HISTORY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEETS MARY LOU WILLIAMS (CONT'D)

By the 1930's, Ms. Williams was already recording jazz albums and working with notable jazz performers such as Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey. By the 1940's, Ms. Williams had her own radio show— not very common for a woman— not to mention a Black woman.

In 1952, Ms. Williams moved to Europe, but by 1954, she made the decision to retire from performance. It was also at this time that she departed from her Southern Baptist roots and converted to Roman Catholicism.



BLACK HISTORY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEETS MARY LOU WILLIAMS (CONT'D)

She decided to create the Bel Canto Foundation which helped addicted musicians to return to performance. She then focused on religious jazz and even wrote Music for Peace which was choreographed by Alvin Ailey and performed by his Dance Theatre.

In the 60's, Ms. Williams did resume secular jazz performance, but always sought to perform her religious compositions in churches in whatever city she played. Rochester, NY and Immaculate Conception Church in particular were blessed recipients.



BLACK HISTORY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEETS MARY LOU WILLIAMS (CONT'D)

Ms. Williams performed in 1978 at the White House by invitation of President Jimmy Carter. She died in May of 1981 at the age of 71.

(Klein, Alexander, April, 2011;
BlackPast.org.<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/williams-mary-lou-1910-1981/>)



A PUSH FOR CHANGE TO THE PATH OF CANONIZATION

In the December 30, 2021 edition of the Global Sisters Report (A project of the National Catholic Reporter), Alejandra Molina (Religion News Service) wrote an article titled, “There are no African American Saints. A lay Catholic group seeks to change that.” In the article, Molina recounted the story of Ralph Moore, a parishioner of St. Pius Church in West Baltimore, who had, out of frustration at not seeing reflections of Black culture depicted in church, painted statues of Mary and Jesus in the Church Black before leaving Catholicism for 50 years.



A PUSH FOR CHANGE TO THE PATH OF CANONIZATION (CONT'D)

Moore has now returned to the Catholic faith, and is now a part of a lay Catholic push to get Pope Francis to canonize six African-American candidates. The article cites that Pope Francis has canonized 899 individuals- NONE of whom are African American.

Molina further states that the lay group, which is a joint effort by parishioners from St. Ann's Church, St. Francis Xavier and St. Wenceslaus, in Maryland, began collecting letters and signatures in November of 2021, and mailed off the first batch of letters to the Vatican in mid-December.



A PUSH FOR CHANGE TO THE PATH OF CANONIZATION (CONT'D)

The group is not only advocating for the canonization of African American saints, it is also imploring the Vatican to reconsider the rigorous process towards canonization that can sometimes take many years or even centuries.

The article quotes Ralph Moore as also saying, “African American and brown people, particularly in this country, have endured enslavement, have endured segregation even within churches, have endured mass incarceration and mass poverty, and yet, we have remained faithful... Martin Luther King used to say that unearned suffering is redemptive, and we think we’ve had unearned suffering in this country, in this church and that should be enough.”



SPEND AN HOUR WITH

Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille

Venerable Augustus Tolton

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Servant of God Thea Bowman

Servant of God Julia Greeley

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange

These new publications about the six African American candidates for sainthood are by Liguori Publications and can be ordered by visiting Liguori.org or by calling 800-325-9521.



PRAYER OF THE BLACK FAMILY

God of mercy and love today we place before you our families, especially our Black families. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us

one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for YOU and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do.



PRAYER OF THE BLACK FAMILY (CONT'D)

Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate – especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. AMEN. Holy Mary, Mother of our Families, pray for us.



WELCOME TO ICSB

Patrick Lynch and Sarah DeGoey have only been in the parish for a few months, but they attend Mass regularly and are not afraid to help out whenever needed. Here is what they had to say!

Tell us a little about yourselves:

We're both from the Rochester area, but recently moved back after multiple years in Virginia, where we met each other. We both have family in the area and thought it was a good time to move back, although these winter temperatures may take a little getting used to! (at least for Sarah). We just got married in October (but you all already knew that)! Sarah is an elementary teacher in Churchville–Chili and Patrick works for the US Patent Office.



WELCOME TO ICSB (CONT'D)

How long have you been members of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's:

Since September 2021

What has been your Christian Journey?

Both of us were raised Catholic but have ebbed and flowed with our attendance with mass and involvement with Church. Once we started attending our previous parish we started to feel like we were part of a community and slowly started getting involved, and then COVID shut everything down.



WELCOME TO ICSB (CONT'D)

What attracted you to ICSB and what has kept you here?

We were searching for a church similar to the parish we came from in Virginia. We were looking for a community instead of just a weekly mass to attend. We feel that as much as possible with COVID that we have been fully welcomed into the parish. We hope to get the full experience once COVID subsides.

Would you invite family and friends to visit or join the parish?

Yes, absolutely!



WELCOME TO ICSB (CONT'D)

Is there anything more that you'd like to say to the parish?

We look forward to getting to know everyone better, and especially get to see everyone's faces!

Are there any ministries that you might be interested in?

Social Ministry seems like something we'd both be interested in.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January Birthdays

January 1

Christopher Hicuburundi
Scholastique Hicuburundi

January 2

Alex Cooper

January 4

Earl Barnes

January 6

Tom Fugate

January 11

Lauren DeRouen

January 13

Sandra Brooks

January 16

Yvette Reaves

January 22

Nellie Bostick

James Walker

Ruth Johnstone

January 26

Shelly Smith

January 27

Phyllis Barnes

January 28

Joyce Gainey

Fr. Robert Bradler

"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February Birthdays

February 3

Gail Whitcraft

February 4

Leslie Pierre-Philippe

February 7

Bing Reaves

February 8

Rosalie Bouphavong

Jaidi Bouphavong

Johnathan Dingwall

February 11

Lily Tatum

February 25

Andre Fontenette

"Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds
life, prosperity and honor."

Black History Month 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Phillis Wheatley	2 Wilton Daniel Gregory	3 Virgil Abloh	4 Jacob Lawrence	5 Katherine Johnson
6 Bryan Massingale	7 Ida B. Wells	8 Louis Armstrong	9 Marie Van Brittan Brown	10 John Lewis	11 Wilma Rudolph	12 Thurgood Marshall
13 Marian Anderson	14 Colin Kaepernick	15 Bessie Coleman	16 Marsha P. Johnson	17 Sojourner Truth	18 Shirley Chisholm	19 Lewis Lattimer
20 Henrietta Lacks	21 Chadwick Boseman	22 Audre Lorde	23 Spike Lee	24 Harriet Tubman	25 Alexa Canady	26 Patrisse Cullors
27 Alvin Ailey	28 Martin de Porres Grey					

Movements: Slavery (1619-1865) Reconstruction (1865 to 1877), Post-reconstruction-Jim Crow Laws (1877-1965), Redlining (1930s-present), Stop and Frisk (1968-present), Mass Incarceration-New Jim Crow (1970-present), War on Drugs (1971-present) and, Voter Suppression Laws (from Black enfranchisement to present)


*Created by Racial Justice Working Group under the Justice Committee,
JPIC Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood*


Week 1

February 1	Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784)	Born in Africa, sold into slavery at 7, bought by Wheatleys in Boston who taught her to read/ write, emancipated after publication of her book of poetry	<i>"Why weeps americus why weeps my Child?" (poem "America")</i>	Read the poetry of Phillis Wheatley
February 2	Wilton Daniel Gregory (1947-)	Catholic Priest/First African American Cardinal in the United States/ Archbishop of Washington, DC	<i>"Like any other spiritual transformation or renewal, conversion must begin with an honest and a sincere admission that we need God's trans-formative power in our lives to achieve any real change, no matter the perspective from which we might begin."</i>	Learn about the connection between the Catholic Church's Doctrine of Discovery and Slavery
February 3	Virgil Abloh (1980-2021)	American designer, DJ, entrepreneur, artistic director of Louis Vuitton	<i>"When creativity melds together with global issues, I believe that you can bring the world together."</i>	Read the obituary Watch Vimeo recording of HR meeting around diversity at Louis Vuitton
February 4	Jacob Lawrence (1917-2000)	Painter/best known works, The Migration Series which depicts the migration of African-Americans from the rural south to the urban north.	<i>"...We don't have a physical slavery, but an economic slavery. If these people, who were so much worse off than the people today, could conquer their slavery, we can certainly do the same thing....I am not a politician. I'm an artist, just trying to do my part to bring this thing about."</i>	Watch this video with Bryan Stevenson discussing Lawrence's Great Migration series
February 5	Katherine Johnson (1918-2020)	NASA Mathematician/ provided calculations of orbital mechanics for first US space flights/Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom	<i>"Everything is physics and math."</i>	Donate to Fossi , a program to support students pursuing STEM majors at HBCUs
February 6	Bryan Massingale (1957-)	Catholic priest/author/ activist/ theologian	<i>"For the beneficiaries of white privilege lament involves the difficult task of acknowledging their individual and communal complicity in past and present racial injustices"</i>	Read The assumptions of white privilege and what we can do about it National Catholic Reporter

February 7	Ida B. Wells (1862-1931)	Journalist/ Anti-lynching activist/Women's Suffragist	<i>"I am only a mouthpiece through which to tell the story of lynching and I have told it so often that I know it by heart. I do not have to embellish; it makes its own way."</i>	Read how lynching became a federal crime in 2020. View photos of real lynchings
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Week 2

February 8	Louis Armstrong (1901-1971)	Jazz Singer & Musician /Trumpeter//born New Orleans, settled in Queens (raised Baptist, wore Star of David, to honor foster parents, baptized Catholic)	<i>"Louis Armstrong is jazz. He represents what the music is all about."</i> - Wynton Marsalis	Listen to Louis Armstrong "Greatest Hits" album
February 9	Marie Van Brittan Brown (1922-1999)	Nurse/Inventor/invented closed circuit TV initially for home security/Jamaica, Queens native	<i>"Since 1993 property crime has fallen in the US by 69% thanks to the pioneering work of one woman: Marie Van Brittan Brown"</i> UntoldEdu	Read story in the New York Times," New York Times, December 6, 1969 ("Audio-Viewer Screens Calls) p.55, con't p.59, col.2
February 10	John Lewis (1940-2020)	Politician/Civil Rights Activist	<i>"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble."</i>	In his own words, listen to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ayew0tuixI
February 11	Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994)	Polio survivor/ gold medal Olympian/ coach/ activist	<i>Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us.</i>	Read bio from National Women's History Museum https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/wilma-rudolph
February 12	Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993)	Lawyer/activist/ argued <i>Brown v Board of Education</i> / first Black Supreme Court Justice	<i>"None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps... – a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns – bent down and helped us pick up our boots."</i>	Read MLK's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" .
February 13	Marian Anderson	Opera contralto/ first Black to perform at Met/ diplomat/ activist	<i>"A singer starts by having his instrument as a gift from God... When you have been given something in a</i>	Listen to/watch  Marian Anderson Sings at L... and

	(1897-1993)		moment of grace, it is sacrilegious to be greedy.”	 MARIAN ANDERSON - THE ...
February 14	Colin Kaepernick (1987-)	Athlete/ activist/ philanthropist	“People sometimes forget that love is at the root of our resistance.”	Journal “Why kneeling is an act of love, and why it became a lightning rod for controversy.”

Week 3

February 15	Bessie Coleman (1892-1926)	First Black/ Native American US female pilot/first Black international pilot/activist	“I refused to take no for an answer.”	Like Bessie, didn’t take no for an answer, watch Sr. Thea Bowman speak to US bishops
February 16	Marsha P. Johnson (1945-1992)	Gay liberation activist/ self-identified drag queen/prominent figure in Stone Wall Uprising	“I’ll always be known reaching out to young people who have no one to help them out, so I help them out with a place to stay or some food to eat or some change for their pocket.”	Consider how Stone Wall Uprising helped to transform society and affect LGBTQIA+ rights.
February 17	Sojourner Truth (1797-1883)	Abolitionist; women’s rights activist, public speaker; won case vs. white man	“The Spirit calls me, and I must go!”	Read her speech of 1851 and watch dramatization “Ain’t I a Woman?”
February 18	Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005)	NY state politician/ educator/ author/ first Black candidate for major party nomination for President	“If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.”	Write supporting an action to address racism in housing, healthcare, or business.- How to Contact Your Elected Officials
February 19	Lewis Lattimer (1848-1928)	Inventor and innovator; expert draftsman	“sadly he is not mentioned”... improved on T. Edison and A.G. Bell	Watch “Lewis Howard Lattimer Life Story”
February 20	Henrietta Lacks (1920-1951)	Exploited for medical research/ “immortal cells” which have helped countless patients.	“Who is this Henrietta Lacks?!”	Watch Henrietta’s relatives talk about reclaiming their’s story & share with non-BIPOC person

February y 21	Chadwick Bozeman (1976-2020)	Award winning actor/ playwright/ played Jackie Robinson, James Brown, Thurgood Marshall, Black Panther	<i>"The struggles along the way are only meant to shape you for your purpose."</i>	Watch the Black Panther and consider how Blackness can be celebrated as in this movie
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Week 4

February 22	Audre Lorde (1934-1992)	NYC public school librarian/ feminist writer/ civil rights activist	<i>"Life is short and we must do what has to be done in the now."</i>	Reflect on one or two of her Black Unicorn poems .
February 23	Spike Lee (1957-)	Actor/ film director/ screenwriter/ professor	<i>"And this city (NYC) is so vibrant; the energy is just phenomenal."</i>	Host a movie night with non-BIPOC friends to watch one of his movies e.g. Da 5 Bloods on Netflix
February 24	Harriet Tubman (1822-1913)	Abolitionist/ political activist/ part of the "Underground Railroad"	<i>"I never ran my train off the track, and never lost a passenger."</i>	Learn about Harriet Tubman's home in Auburn, NY
February 25	Alexa Canady (1950-)	First African American woman neurosurgeon/ "retired" to be chief of pediatric neurosurgery/ Sacred Heart, Pensacola	<i>"If you want to be something, you have to perceive that something is possible."</i>	Watch CNBC "Black doctors push for anti-bias training in medicine" or read article
February 26	Patrice Cullors (1983-)	American artist/ activist/ co-founder of Black Lives Matter	<i>"Invest in a culture of dignity and care for Black people."</i>	Explore Patrice's website & pray to see where you are being called to fight for racial justice
February 27	Alvin Ailey (1931-1989)	Dancer, choreographer, director, founder of the American Dance Theatre, activist.	<i>"Color is not important. What is important is the quality of our work."</i>	Support, donate, or buy from local Black artists in your area. e.g. Lubay Lancelot

February 28	<i>Martin de Porres Grey</i> (1942-)	First black woman in the Sisters of Mercy; foundress of Nat. Black Sisters Conference, 1968; left religious life in 1974.	<i>"I never allowed myself to actually experience the pain of it."</i>	Be in relationship with Black brothers and sisters in your area: Pray for religious life
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REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL REVIVAL!

Registration is open for the Virtual Revival sponsored by the Rochester Black Catholic Coalition. Register today and don't miss out!



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Transfiguration Church
Los Angeles, CA

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Saturday February 12, 2022 10:00 AM



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