



ST. CHARLES LWANGA THE LANTERN

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

154 Years of Emancipation

February 5, 2017

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

Haiti Meal after Mass

KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

6:00 People of the Nativity-Listening Session

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

11:30 DAC

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

9:00 FEMA Gathering

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

6:00 DRIVE Core Team Meeting – 4800

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

10:00 Christian Service Commission -4800

11:00 Pre-Valentine Brunch



Rev. Theodore K. Parker, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Douglas Jackson, Deacon

Brendall Johnson, Pastoral Associate

Angela Thomas-Weldon, Pastoral Associate

Patricia Dixon, Director Religious Education

Joanna Powell Minister of Music

Carmen Smithe, Business Manager

Sandra Hill, receptionist

Allison Thompson, Gym & Hall Manager

Sr. Mary Ellen Thomas - Pastoral Volunteer

Bulletin

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*SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD
CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH
WE ARE HERE TO HEAL OUR PARISH FAMILY*



It should be clear by now, and your presence assures me, that we are intent upon being active and loving disciples of Jesus. We have been brought along with Matthew's church assembly that it is Jesus who is the leader of our lives; and that, as we heard his message last week, we are to be kind and forgiving of each other.

What does it mean to be salt?

At Christmas time, I read a wonderful article by Anthony Bradley, a scientist by first intention and a theologian by life's dedication, on the meaning of Matthew 5:13-16—Salt and Light. (see Christianity Today 10:2016) Today is the day when I could put some of his thoughts into the mix of our situation here.

Initially we need to remember that in ancient times and, in the time of Jesus, salt was different than the Morton salt we use at our tables. Back in those days there were kinds of salts used for fertilizing the land...." he (Elisha) went out to the spring and threw salt into it saying, 'Thus says the Lord: I have purified this water. Never again shall death or sterility come from it. And the water has stayed pure men to this day...' In Our Lord's day salts "were mixtures of various calories of sodium, magnesium and potassium with small amounts of calcium sulfate (gypsum)."

The point of this article was that salt has the proper of keeping dunghills from rotting (can you imagine that?) and its agricultural use was well known. Even today salt has its use. The Philippine Coconut Authority recently released a technology guide sheet for the better growth of coconuts.

But our concern is that Jesus is presenting to his disciples the reality that they must be the growth agents of his Kingdom and the light that will inspire others to know him.

Like disciples of old (in Matthew 5:38-42; Matt 5:43-48; Matt 7:1-5; Matt 18:15-20, etc.) we too have offended various members of our own faith community. Our community, if we are to be a light to others, has to learn how to be a fertilizing agent to others. If we have hurt the feelings of one another we must ask and seek forgiveness. There is no exude because the love of God cannot exist in a community based on love where love is absent.

We need to practice how to be salty. How can we overlook the hurt of the past and so help other see the freedom one gains from learning how to weave hurts into knots of peace and love. While not easy, it remains to be the most satisfying thing we can do. We realize we have a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds. We exist "to glory the heavenly Father." (Matt 5:16) and to be the "praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:12)

**St. Charles Lwanga Eucharist Celebration
February 5, 2017**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention: African American Families

In honor of Black History Month, Fr. Parker's homily today will be about Healing in the African American Family. All will be called to the altar after the homily for healing – mentally, physically, and spiritually.

PROCESSION

LORD HAVE MERCY

GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

Psalm Response: Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

ALLELUIA

Verse before the Gospel

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERTORY

COMMUNION:

MEDITATION:

RECESSIONAL:

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR/EME SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Commentator: Marissa Hill

Lectors: Latryce Jenkins and Stacey Jones-Brown

Ministers of Eucharist: front: Karen Brustman and
Natasha Talbert **back:** Girlie Gideon and Rhonda Watkins

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Commentator: Latryce Jenkins

Lector: Vivian King and Jillian Bell

Minister of Eucharist: Front: Sandra Hill and Rhonda
Watkins

Back: Pam Curson and Marissa Hill

The signup sheet for Lector, Commentator and Minister of Eucharist is now available. This includes Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please make sure you sign up for the days you are available.

**JUST A REMINDER
ARTICLES FOR THE
LANTERN ARE DUE BY
FRIDAY AT NOON.
ARTICLES RECEIVED.**

The Lantern for February 19th will
be printed early. Articles for that
edition **DUE TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13TH BY NOON**

**Coy Davis and Whatever Happened to
Idlewild?**

Wednesday, February 15 at 7 PM,
Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium,
32777 Five Mile. Idlewild was a vacation
destination for tens of thousands of African
Americans from the 1920's to the 1960's. At
its peak, this resort community boasted
hundreds of black-owned businesses and
thousands of residents, flourishing at a time
when Jim Crow laws were in place. In honor
of Black History Month, Coy Davis, director of
The documentary Whatever Happened to
Idlewild? will present his film and discuss the
history, fate and significance of Idlewild.
Program is free and registration is not
required.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Black Catholic Women's
Conference will be on May 6,
2017 at Sacred Heart Major
Seminary! The keynote speaker
this year will be Leesa
Hansknecht, Owner of Verdurous
Me Wellness Center.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In celebration of Black History
Month, we would like for
everyone to come dressed in
African attire for the February
26, 2017 Mass. Stay tuned for
more information about our
celebration!

PARISH FLYERS

TO ALL PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS: All flyers for parish events will be produced by the Communications Committee. Please submit the following form to stcharleslwanga7@gmail.com. This is an effort for all information regarding our parish to be uniform and professional looking. Information about our events will not only be in our Lantern but on the web and submitted to various media outlets. We are currently working on creating flyers for the events that were approved at the Calendar Meeting. Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Flyer Submission Form

Name of Event: _____

Date(s) of Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

Time(s) of Event: _____

Price: _____

Hosting Ministry/Organization: _____

Contact Person(s) and Phone Number(s): _____

Purpose of Event/Description:

Theme (if applicable): _____

GOD OF MERCY AND LOVE

we place our African American Families before You today. 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. 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.

Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American Family.

**NATIONAL DAY OF
PRAYER FOR THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN
AND AFRICAN
FAMILY**

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

**STAND
FOR WHAT
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THE ULTIMATE
MEASURE OF A MAN
IS NOT WHERE HE
STANDS IN MOMENTS
OF COMFORT AND
CONVENIENCE, BUT
WHERE HE STANDS AT
TIMES OF CHALLENGE
AND CONTROVERSY.

MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

FAMILY LIFE SUPPORTERS

- BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION
- THE JOSEPHITES
- SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD
- ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR
- SOLID GROUND FRANCISCAN MINISTRY
- VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- OFFICE OF BLACK MINISTRY, ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
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- NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CLERGY CAUCUS
- NATIONAL BLACK SISTERS' CONFERENCE
- KNIGHT OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY
- USCCB SECRETARIAT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH



HOW TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

WORSHIP together at the Eucharistic Table
and pray as a family on the National Day of Prayer
for the African American and African Family

Celebrate a meal together and tell
your FAMILY STORY

Set aside some time together to discuss
what you are willing to stand for:

Stand for what you believe in
(feel free to add to the list)

I WILL STAND FOR

Jesus Christ, the same
yesterday and forever
The Eucharist
Respect Life
Justice and Peace

I WILL STAND FOR

Respect for the family
especially our elders
Respect for our women
and children

The end of racism and hate
The end of abortion all acts
of violence

I WILL STAND FOR

the protection of
our environment and
all creation

I WILL STAND

With the poor and
oppressed
With the forgotten,
unwanted and unwelcome.

A WORK OF MERCY

As a family prepare and give a meal
to a family in need in your Church or local
community on this the National Day of Prayer for the
African American and African Family

KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 167

Mini Breakfast & Bake Sale

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Menu

Coffee

Juice

Donuts

Breakfast

Sandwiches



Enjoy a light
breakfast and some
baked goods!

Eat your baked goods
or take them home
with you!



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Pre-Valentine Day Brunch

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African American Family: Confronting the Lie of Black Inferiority

Enola G. Aird

Excerpted from: Enola G. Aird, *Toward a Renaissance for the African American Family: Confronting the Lie of Black Inferiority*, 58 *Emory Law Journal* 7-21 (Fall 2008) (64 footnotes omitted)

How do we extinguish--once and for all--the lie of black inferiority that continues to undermine the ability of black people to love themselves and to love each other? That, in my view, is the hardest question regarding law, religion, and the African-American family that will have to be faced over the next twenty-five years.

Like all families in the United States today, black families are facing profound challenges. Marriage rates are low. Divorce rates and the rates of births to unmarried women are high. These and other disturbing trends are especially pronounced in the black community. African-American families, in addition, carry the weight of unique challenges that are grounded in the past, but still reverberate today.

The black family has been under siege for centuries. Black people in the United States endured more than two hundred years of family-crushing enslavement and another hundred years of humiliation under Jim Crow. Even with the dramatic changes brought about by the movement for civil rights, continuing racial and economic discrimination (and, until recently, family-dividing welfare policies) have put black and white families on vastly unequal footings.

In spite of these difficulties, an amazing number of black people have managed to succeed. But the constant assaults have worn many families down. The results show up plainly in the data. In 2006, nearly 80% of births to black women were out of wedlock. Approximately 35% of black children live with two parents, compared with 84% of Asian children, 76% of white children, and 66% of Hispanic children. Black children, who make up about 15% of all children under the age of eighteen in the United States, account for 32% of the children in foster care. Black males are far more likely than other males to be incarcerated. Although differences among women are smaller than they are among men, black females are more likely than other females to be incarcerated. Too many black families are in crisis. Too many black children are facing bleak prospects.

Against this backdrop, it may come as something of a surprise that, in addressing the subject of the African-American family, I will not focus my attention on the importance of promoting healthy marriages in the black community. Nor will I focus on the need to strengthen relationships between African-American fathers and their children, or the importance of strengthening couples' communication skills, or mothers' and fathers' parenting skills. Nor will I address the need for increased economic opportunities and other supports for black people, especially black men. For the record, I believe that we need all of these initiatives--and more--to strengthen the African-American family. But we also need something much deeper. I want to focus on what I believe to be the most important thing that we must do to pave the way for a rebirth for African-American families: to extinguish the lie of black inferiority.

Slavery and Jim Crow are gone. The civil rights movement has opened many doors of opportunity. But the lie of black inferiority, the most devastating and longest-lasting consequence of the enslavement and colonization of African people, remains with us. The lie of black inferiority says that black people are not as beautiful, not as lovable, not as intelligent, not as capable, not as worthy as white people, or any other people, for that matter. The lie was first told centuries ago to justify the dehumanization and subjugation of African people. For about three hundred fifty years, it has shaped other people's views of black people, and it has shaped our views of ourselves. The lie has hit at the very heart of the black family throughout the course of American history by undercutting our abilities to form healthy self-images and to create the healthy, nurturing relationships, marriages, and families that we and our children so desperately need.

The point is simple: if you love yourself, you are more likely to be able to love other people. If you have a healthy regard for yourself, you are more likely to believe that you are entitled to good things and you will be better able to build healthy, nurturing relationships. People who believe, at some level, that they are not as beautiful, not as lovable, not as intelligent, not as worthy, will find it hard to love themselves and the other people who look like them. They will find it hard to build nurturing relationships and families.

I am referring to what educator Robert Franklin calls "the love deficit." Psychiatrist Alvin Poussaint and journalist Amy Alexander call it "self-loathing." Sociologist Joy DeGruy Leary describes it as "vacant esteem." Whatever we call it, I believe that a sense of not being fully worthy is at the core of what is ailing too many black people and families. There is, as theologian Cornel West has described it, a "nihilism" in black America, "a disease of the soul" in which too many of us are "coping with a life of . . . lovelessness" that can only be "tamed by love and care." A growing body of evidence suggests that the lie of black inferiority negatively affects black people's sense of self-worth and efficacy, undermines relationships between black men and women and between parents and children, limits black children's possibilities, and contributes to destructive behaviors in the black community.

Let me be clear. This is not about "blaming the victim." This is not about the past. It is very much about the present. It is about a destructive lie that still lingers; a lie that must be extinguished to make way for a healthier and stronger future for the African-American family. Black people are not responsible for the lie, but we must assume primary responsibility for its eradication--so that we and our descendants can, at last, be free. Free to fully love ourselves and free to fully love each other.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

February

- 5 Annie Peoples
- 10 Fr. Theodore Parker
- 11 Travae Jones

Please remember to send your birthday to:

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We also want the celebrate wedding anniversaries! Please send your name and anniversary date to the email above or see Angela Thomas-Weldon.

Readings week of February 5, 2017

<i>5th Sunday</i>	<i>IS 58:7-10</i>
<i>In Ordinary Time</i>	<i>1 COR 2:1-5</i>
	<i>MT 5:13-16</i>
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<i>Monday</i>	<i>GN1:1-19</i>
	<i>MK 6:53-56</i>
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<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>GN 1:20—2:4A</i>
	<i>MK 7:1-13</i>
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<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>GN 2:4B-9, 15-17</i>
	<i>MK 7:14-23</i>
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<i>Thursday</i>	<i>GN 2:18-25</i>
	<i>MK 7:24-30</i>
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<i>Friday</i>	<i>GN 3:1-8</i>
	<i>MK 7:31-37</i>
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<i>Saturday</i>	<i>GN 3:9-24</i>
	<i>MK 8:1-10</i>
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<i>6th Sunday</i>	<i>SIR 15:15-20</i>
<i>In Ordinary Time</i>	<i>1 COR 2:6-10</i>
	<i>MT 5:17-37</i>

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would love to hear from those who have requested prayers for their special needs or the needs of loved ones. Please send a short note to

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- Carol Rose Dixon
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- Kim Harton
- Mikal Hill
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- Mardis and Henderson Family
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- Carol Evans
- Kelli City
- Scherhera Shearer

Dominic Shearer

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