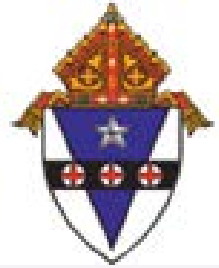
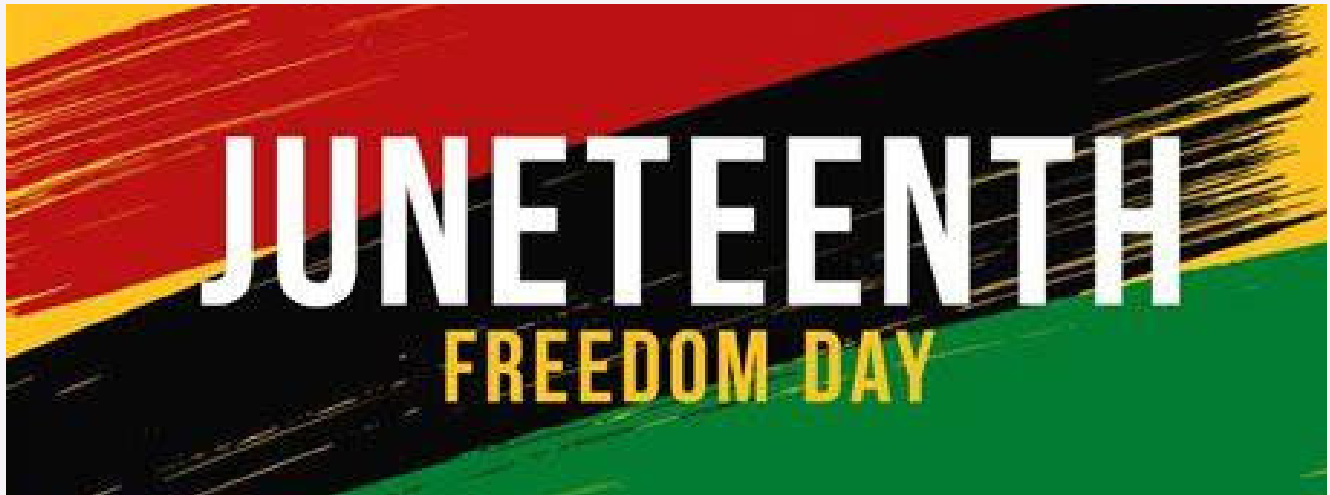




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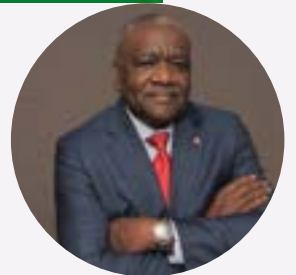


Sharing the Good News



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

My Brothers & Sisters



As you know, Juneteenth is a Federal Holiday and a holiday in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are thankful that Archbishop Perez recognizes the importance.

Many enjoyed the day off but did not fully understand the history. Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It is also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day. The name "Juneteenth" references the date of the holiday, combining the words "June" and "nineteenth." Similar to Black History Month, and other important anniversaries to Black Americans, it is important to acknowledge it as an American holiday, even if you do not celebrate it. On June 19, 1865 the last group of enslaved people were freed. Their freedom was bittersweet and came two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued in 1863. If you click on the banner above a YouTube video will open and play giving a synopsis of history as it relates to Juneteenth.

I encourage you to reflect and rejoice on African American successes and achievements.



The KNIGHTS of PETER CLAVER and LADIES AUXILIARY

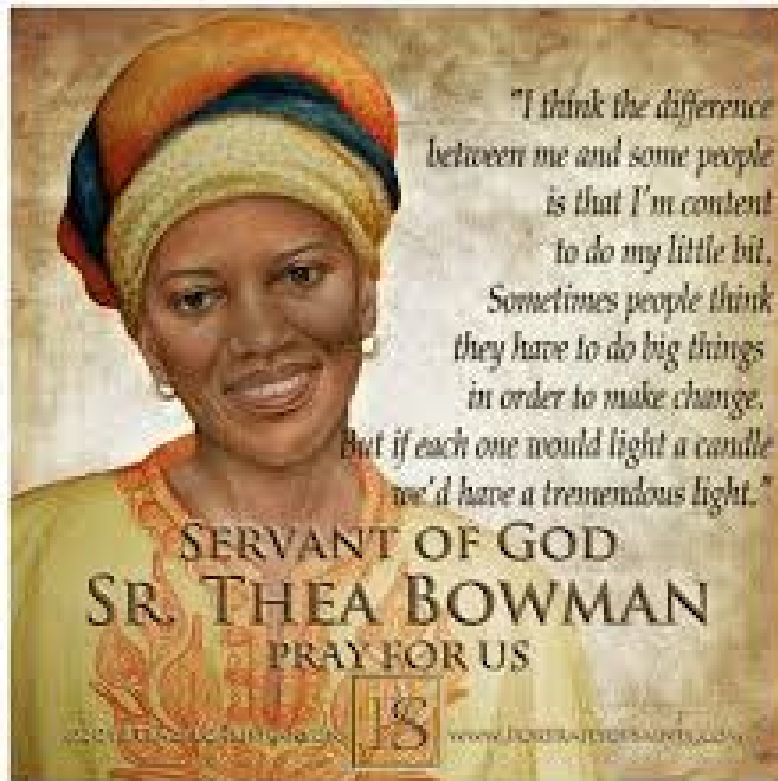
July 4th has become synonymous with family reunions, cookouts, fireworks, parades and more importantly freedom.

As we celebrate our nation's 246th anniversary, let us reflect on and commit to living the ideals upon which our nation was born: "...all are created equal with certain unalienable Rights including Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Let us pray that people around the world will continue to embrace the ideals of freedom as we join our prayers together as family:

"Father, on this Independence Day we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that our freedom was purchased at an exceedingly high price. Our freedom cost others their very lives."

Officially known as Independence Day, the Fourth of July commemorates the birth of the United States. On July 2, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence, declaring freedom from Great Britain. On July 4, after two days of revisions, including removal of the strong denunciation of slavery, delegates from the thirteen colonies ratified the Declaration of Independence. The first annual commemoration of Independence Day took place July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia.



**GOING HOME LIKE A SHOOTING STAR
SR. BOWMAN'S JOURNEY TO SAINTHOOD**

**THIS FALL 2022, ABC WILL RUN A SPECIAL FILM ON THE
LIFE OF, SERVANT OF GOD, SR. THEA BOWMAN
A SPECIAL 6 MINUTE PREVIEW OF THE FILM CAN BE VIEWED**

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Spring & Fall 2024

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four seasons



*"God of everlasting mercy, ...
increase, we pray, the grace you
have bestowed, that all may grasp
and rightly understand in what
font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been
reborn, by whose blood
they have been redeemed."*

Baptismal Font at the Cathedral Basilica of
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Online registration will be available in Fall 2022 on our website.

If you like to start before 2023 call the number on the flyer!

SUMMER, 2022

THE INTIMATE ENCOUNTER W/ CHRIST

The seasonal newsletter of the Office for Black Catholics



Hymn of Adoration

1 Holy God, we praise thy name.
God of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Holy God, we praise Thy Name
Author (attributed to): Ignace Franz;
Translator: Clarence A. Walworth
Tune: GROSSER GOTT (11171)

Down In Adoration Falling

Written by Joshua Brooks, Seminarian

In accordance with the Holy Eucharist, Adoration is the incomprehensible mystery we hold in Christ teaching (that he is FULLY present in the Eucharist). Adoration is a time of reflection, praise, and intimacy with our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is also the vision of heavenly worship, as we bend the knee adoring Christ's majesty and reign.

Through this divine encounterment, we see the glory of God and how He possess this desire for intimacy with us. In the moments of adoration we need not to speak with our mouths, but with our hearts. And come to the realization of our lowliness and endure in the same humility Christ once endured in his passion. It's one thing to hear of its goodness, but an entirely different experience to actually be there with Christ. Man has been created and destined for love. Before he can receive love, or give love, he must first know true love itself, Jesus Christ.



JOIN US TO
Celebrate the Feast of Saint Peter Claver
WITH THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY



*46 Years of Claverism in
Philadelphia, South Jersey & Delaware*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 • 2:00PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
146 S. Pitney Road Galloway, NJ 08205

Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Fr. Gerard C. Marable

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lady Cheryl Wright – cherylwright6@comcast.net

Lady Carolyn Taylor – tristenam11@yahoo.com



***Athletic
Coaching
Opportunities***

The 15 high schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals for athletic coaching positions in a wide variety of sports for the 2022-23 school year. The AOP athletics job board is updated regularly and can be found here:

<https://aopathletics.org/sports/2016/8/18/employmentAOP.aspx>





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The Office of Catholic Education will be conducting on site candidate interviews

Please visit www.AOPcatholicschools.org to review information about our schools and the Office of Catholic Education

Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Pennsylvania Certification is a preferred qualification.

**Thursday, July 28, 2022
9:00am – 2:00pm**

Archbishop Carroll High School
211 Matson Ford Road Radnor, PA 19087

Please submit
resume and college transcripts

For approval prior to event

send documents to dtaylor@archphila.org

*We believe in the amazing potential of every student.
We encourage their curiosity
and we give them the guidance they need
to find purpose in everything they pursue.*

Link to [REGISTER](#) for this event
contact Barbara Guillano, HR Assistant for secondary schools
bguilliano@archphila.org
for other information regarding applications



CONCERN BLACK CATHOLICS CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER 17

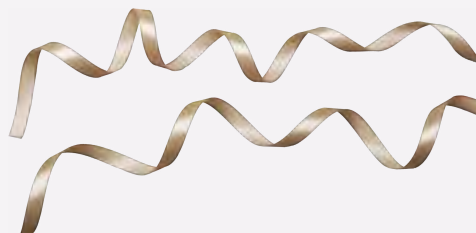
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

1719 MORRIS STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19142

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

COMMUNITY FAIR, FOOD, FUN & ACTIVITIES



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022
9:00 AM-4:30 PM

JOIN CATHOLIC WOMEN FROM THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA FOR A DAY OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FAITH FORMATION AND PRAYER AT THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. THE 2022 THEME IS "BE NOT AFRAID: FINDING YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST," IN WHICH TOGETHER WE WILL DISCOVER THE HEALING AND FREEDOM OF HEART THAT JESUS CHRIST DESIRES TO GIVE EACH OF US.

SPEAKERS:

SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT, MICHELLE BENZINGER, REGINA BOYD, MATT AND JENN LOZANO, KATIE WEISS, SR. CORA CAELI, SV, MARTHA REYES AND SUE GUDENKAUF.

LOCATION:

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA IN DOYLESTOWN, PA

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION](#)

2022-23 MONSIGNOR JOHN MITCHELL SCHOLARS

Renewals:

Emma Claire Carangi	Saints Neumann & Goretti
Evan Chukwunonye	Cardinal O'Hara
Dakota Pearson	Cardinal O'Hara
Christopher A. Yengbeh	Archbishop Ryan

New:

Roland Montgomery III	John Carroll
Ekene Odor	Cristo Rey
Mason Powell	Roman Catholic
London Powell	Little Flower



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"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB"

ALTAR SERVER WORKSHOP

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INCLUDE BOTH NAME & HOME PARISH

WHEN REGISTERING BY EMAIL

MALE & FEMALE SERVERS WELCOME!!!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
CATHEDRAL CHAPEL
9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

LEARN

Through this workshop you will be prepared and formed into a great altar server. As an Altar Server, you are doing most of the behind-the-scenes work through out the Mass, and this workshop sets its mission in preparing you to serve.

SERVE

To serve at the altar is not a hard task, but a delightful service and great experience to encounter our Lord. The Mass is where we celebrate the Sacred Mysteries. Come, see, and learn the way of Christ: To Serve Our Father In heaven.

GROW

Serving at the Altar of God allows you to produce good character and grow in an intimate relationship with our Lord firsthand.

THE SERVER IN DEPTH:

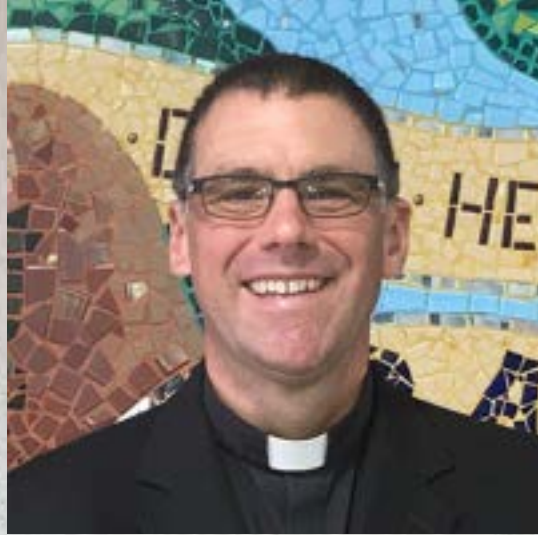
"There is no easy way to describe the feeling of serving at the altar. When I'm at the altar I feel unworthy to behold God and serve him, but that's just the right feeling. That is exactly how you know God is calling you to serve him at the altar. We are called to live out the virtue of humility and the server displays humility and obedience to God. The white alb the server puts on represents their righteousness in having been washed in the Blood of the Lamb. O' How sweet it is to serve the one who cleanses and makes us new in his profound love."

General questions about serving contact: Joshua Brooks

Seminarian for The Archdiocese of Philadelphia jbrooks@archphila.org



WELCOME



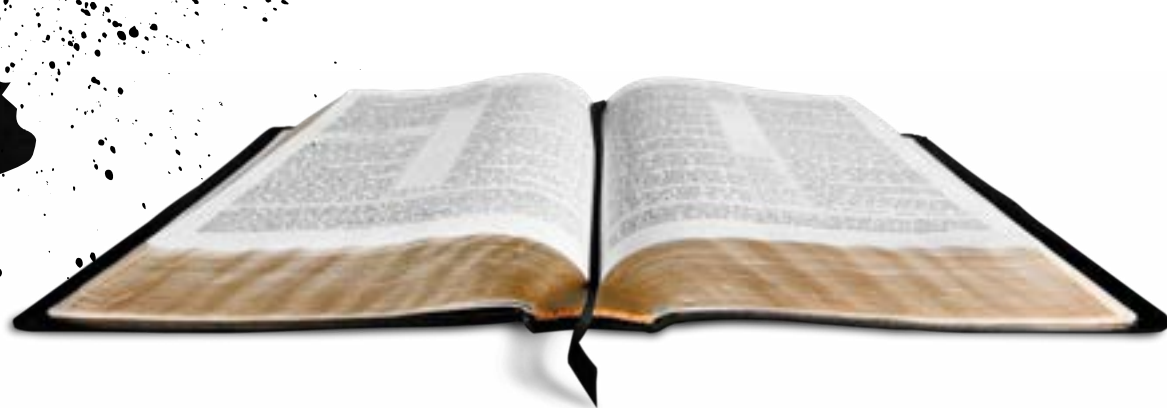
FR. JEFFREY ROTT

The Office for Black Catholics welcomes Fr. Jeffrey Rott as the new Pastor at St. Raymond of Penafort. Archbishop Perez has entrusted him to serve this historic community. He was ordained in 2009 and served as a parish priest at SS. Simon and Jude in West Chester, St. Jude in Chalfont, St. Laurence in Upper Darby and Epiphany of Our Lord in Plymouth Meeting. He was also the chaplain to Pope John Paul High School in Royersford.

Fr. Rott was born in Auburn, New York, the same town where Harriet Tubman spent much of her life and ultimately was laid to rest. Most of his childhood years were spent near Syracuse New York and eventually moved to Collegeville during his Junior Year of High School. He attended Bloomsburg University, earned a degree in accounting, and worked in the field for 3 years prior to entering the Seminary.

He had the privilege of visiting many sacred sites in our Catholic Tradition including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, and Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. I had the privilege of celebrating Mass on top of Mount Calvary in Jerusalem at Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

As a seminarian, he served at St. Martin de Porres Parish from the summer of 2006 to the spring of 2007. He enjoyed the prayerfulness of the community every Sunday at the 10am Mass during that year. Fr. Rott asked for your prayers as he begins to serve the St. Raymond of Penafort community.



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

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HOSTED BY: THE OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLICS
COORDINATOR: JOSHUA BROOKS, SEMINARIAN

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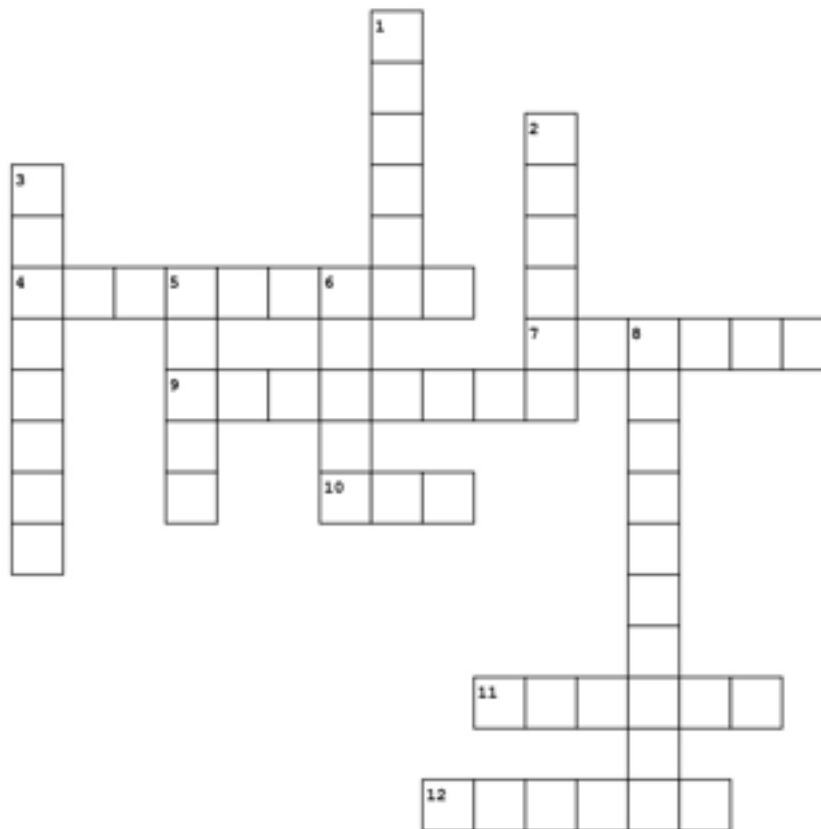


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Saturdays: 6:30-7:10PM

Open to Ages: 9-17

Sessions Begin: TBD
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Black Catholic History



Across

- 4. City of first African American Catholic Church
- 7. Middle name of current Director
- 9. Black catholic History Month
- 10. Number of African Americans on the Road to Sainthood
- 11. First recognize Black Priest in the united states
- 12. First African American Ordained Priest in Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Down

- 1. First Black Pope
- 2. Black catholic University
- 3. Black history Month
- 5. First name of gospel choir Director
- 6. Director for the Office of Black Catholics in Philadelphia in 2019
- 8. Location of Congress XIII





**THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XIII
JULY 20-23, 2023**

**GAYLORD NATIONAL RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER AT
THE NATIONAL HARBOR, OXON HILL, MD.**

**OPENING MASS, JULY 21, 2023 AT THE BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY,
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON
CELEBRANT**

THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC CARDINAL

**CONGRESS THEME: “WRITE THE VISION: A PROPHETIC
CALL TO THRIVE”**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEW ORDAINED DEACONS, AND THEIR WIVES, THAT
ARE NOW PART OF THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE COMMUNITY OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA.**



July 15- 20 Knights of Peter Claver National Convention
September 10, 2:00 p.m.

Saint Peter Claver Mass, Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Galloway, NJ

September 19, 20 & 21

Revival - Saint Martin de Porres, Fr. Maurice Nutt, CSsR

October 17, 18 & 19

Revival - Saint Ignatius Parish, Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, S.S.J.

Saturday, October 22

Catholic Women Conference, Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Saturday, November 5 9:30 a.m. 2 hours

Altar Servers Workshop, Cathedral Chapel

Saturday, November

Men of Faith Annual Retreat

Monday, January 16, 2023

MLK Interfaith Prayer Service, Neumann University, Aston, PA

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Black History Month Mass, Holy Innocents Parish

July 20 -23, 2023

National Black Catholic Congress