

*THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH*

*PASTOR'S CORNER*

**In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office (863-1040) for cancellations.**

- SATURDAY, February 1**  
**3:00 - 4:00** Reconciliation - Church  
**4:30** Mass [Michaëlle Drake]
- SUNDAY, February 2 CANDLEMAS**  
**8:30** Mass [Altar Rosary Living & Dec'd Members]  
**9:30** RCIA - Dayton House  
**9:45** PREP  
**11:00** Mass [Intentions of Jim & Mary Spicer]  
**1:00** Misa en Español
- MONDAY, February 3**  
**12:05** Mass [Ted Vidourek] and St. Blaise Blessing  
**12:45** Altar-Rosary Luncheon Meeting - Fenmont
- TUESDAY, February 4**  
**8:00** Mass [The Parish Family]  
**7:00** St. Vincent de Paul - Church Office
- WEDNESDAY, February 5**  
**8:00** Holy Communion Service  
**7:00** Spanish Choir Practice - Church  
**7:00** BINGO- Fenmont
- THURSDAY, February 6**  
**8:00** Mass [The Parish Family]  
**7:00** Choir Practice - Church  
**7:00** RCIA Inquiry Session -Dayton House  
**7:30** Parish Council - Church Office
- FRIDAY, February 7**  
**8:00** Mass [The Parish Family]  
**7:00** Holy Hour -Church
- SATURDAY, February 8**  
**9:00** Spanish Baptism Class -Fenmont  
**3:00 - 4:00** Reconciliation - Church  
**4:30** Mass [Intentions of Joe & Joy Cuzzort]  
**5:30** **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!! -FENMONT**
- SUNDAY, February 9**  
**8:30** Mass [Mark Anton Mayer]  
**9:30** RCIA - Dayton House  
**9:45** PREP  
**11:00** Mass [The Parish Family]  
**12:15** Outreach Committee- Church Office  
**1:00** Misa en Español



*The following is from the Archdiocesan Office of African American Ministry.*

During the month of February, schools and other organizations celebrate Black History Month to commemorate the accomplishments and history of African-Americans throughout the country's history. African-Americans have contributed a great deal to the faith, spirituality, and history of the Roman Catholic Church in America.

It is a surprise to many American Catholics to learn that the first blacks in the United States were Black Catholics. In the first city established here, St. Augustine in Florida, there was a large percentage of Spanish speaking black Catholic families. Some of these were free blacks, and some were slaves. In 1781, the "City of the Angels", Los Angeles, was founded with only eleven families. All were Catholic, over one half were black, and there were only two whites in the entire group! In 1789, the famous Catholic bishop John Carroll wrote, "Of 15,000 Catholics in Maryland, 3,000 are black Catholic slaves".

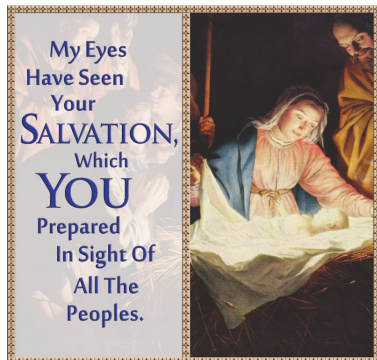
The first black Catholic priest was Augustus Tolton. He was born in 1854 of slave parents who moved from slave Missouri into free Illinois. He was ordained in 1886 in Rome because no American seminary would accept him. Later he became pastor of St. Monica's Church in Chicago (now St. Elizabeth Church). Fr. Tolton faced great racial conflicts in his priestly ministry, almost having a nervous breakdown, and died in 1897, suffering from very bad health.

Church history records that there have been three Popes who were of African descent. Pope St. Victor was elected in 189 AD. He was deacon when he became Pope, a rarity then and now. He established a set date for the yearly celebration of Easter and mandated that Easter would only be celebrated on a Sunday. He died a martyr for the faith in 199. Pope St. Miltiades reigned as Pope from 311 - 314. He signed the emperor Constantine's famous Edict of Milan in 313, ending the persecutions, and making Christianity the established religion of the empire. He was considered an excellent Pope, "a son of peace and father of Christians" according to St. Augustine. Finally, *Cont'd next page...*

*READINGS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Readings for the Week of February 2, 2014**

- Sunday The Presentation of the Lord**  
 Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Monday Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop**  
 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86; Mk 5:21-43**
- Wednesday Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18; Mk 6:14-29**
- Saturday Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virg**  
 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Is 58:7-10; Ps 112; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



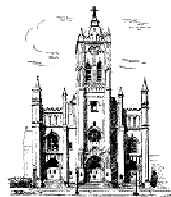
**VOCATION VIEWS:**  
 Simeon and Anna both recognize Christ as He appears in their midst, because they have both spent years in prayer to constantly connect with the Father. Time in prayer disposes us to hear His voice. (Luke 2:22-40)

*STEWARDSHIP***TREASURE:**

July 2013-June 2014 Weekly Collection Review

**Collection January 26, 2014**

Adult Envelopes Received	185
Regular Collection Goal:	\$ 11,000.00
Regular Collection Received	7,083.00
Over/Under Goal:	(3,917.00)
YTD Regular Collection Goal:	356,000.00
YTD Regular Collection Received	319,421.76
YTD Over/Under Goal:	(36,578.24)



**St. Julie Billiart Capital Campaign  
Drive: Preserving our Past –  
Preparing for Our Future**

As of 1-19-14 we have received  
**\$341,891.27** in donations for the drive.  
Thanks to all who have contributed, both  
financially and with volunteer hours.

Donation envelopes for our Capital Campaign Drive can be found in the vestibule of church and are in you're your regular donation packets.

**WORKSHOP**

for **Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Greeters)** will take place on **Tuesday, February 11, 2014** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Stephen Hall in the Fenmont. **All parishioners** are also invited to attend and learn about the Ministry of Hospitality and how it helps St. Julie Billiart Parish achieve its mission to "embrace the diversity of all who seek to become members of the one Body of Christ." R.S.V.P.s are encouraged but not required. 863-1040

**Altar-Rosary Luncheon Meeting**

Monday, Feb.3 12:45pm

in the Fenmont. Join us after the noon Mass for Lunch. Tami Urcia will be our guest. All are welcome!

**2014 Golden Wedding  
Anniversary Mass**

**Saturday, May 3, 2014**

at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

If you know of anyone who is celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office by February 28th at 863-1040 or maccorinti@stjulie.net.

*"MAKE -A-CHANGE"  
FOR FEBRUARY*

February 12 marks the ninth anniversary of the martyrdom of *Sr. Dorothy Stang, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur* and a native of Dayton. Her love of the Lord moved her to work tirelessly to defend the rights of poor people in the jungles of Brazil and to protect the rainforests there. She was killed by those who opposed her ministry. We honor her memory by designating the "**Sr. Dorothy Stang Fund**" the February make-a-change. The fund continues her work among the Brazilian poor she so loved.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST on  
FAT SUNDAY March 2**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade PREP class is sponsoring a parish breakfast on Sunday, March 2 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Fenmont. They are joining the **Kids Stopping Sadness (K.S.S.)** effort to benefit Cancer Research and other outreach projects. Donations are accepted at the door. If you would like to make a donation toward the event (i.e. Paper products, juice, coffee, \$, etc.) please contact The Balfour Family, [thebalfours@hotmail.com](mailto:thebalfours@hotmail.com) or contact Mary Pat Austing at the Parish Office. Come and **CELEBRATE Mardi Gras** before LENT with us!

**PREP Fees:** All families are asked to make payments on their PREP fees. Payments can be dropped off or mailed to the Parish Office during the week or to the PREP Office during PREP time. Please contact Mary Pat Austing at 863-1040 \*815 with any questions.

**PREP Progress Reports:** Our thanks to all the parents who have reviewed their child's progress report. Please sign it and return it to their catechist.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Families who have children who will make their First Communion in May are asked to finish discussing Chapter 3. Please have your child bring the book and the completed pages to class on Feb. 9. Thank you! Reminder: Sat. March 1 is the JESUS DAY and each child and at least one parent will participate in an activity retreat.

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Pope St. Gelasius reigned from 492—496. Born in Rome, he was renowned for his holiness, kindness and scholarship. He saved Rome from famine, composed a book of hymns for church use, was renowned for his concern for the poor, and clarified church teaching on the Eucharist.

You can find more information at  
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/African-Catholic-History-Facts-2011.pdf>

*Fz Mike*

**Information Meeting for the  
Athenaeum of Ohio  
Lay Pastoral  
Ministry Program**



Discover how Catholic studies through the Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program can enrich your life. Degree and non-degree options available with evening and Saturday classes designed for busy adults. Join us on **Weds. Feb 5th at 7pm or Saturday, February 15th at 10:30 AM** in room 114 of the Athenaeum main campus, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, for a brief Information Meeting. Topics will include program options, application process, cost and benefits. Call 513-231-1200 for more information. Find us on Facebook AthenaeumLPMP.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**St. Julie 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night**  
Saturday, February 22, 2014 – St.  
Julie Hall in the Fenmont Center.  
Doors opens at 6:30 p.m. -

Game begins at 7:00 p.m.

Sign up forms in bulletins or on website.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
RESCHEDULED TO  
SAT. FEB. 8, 2014  
5:30-9:00 PM**



A donation of \$5.00 per adult and teenager; \$3.00 per child over 6; or, \$10 per nuclear family is suggested. We need volunteers, and, your homemade dessert is most welcome. Please fill out one of the forms in the newsletter, website, or bulletin to help us plan our food quantities and **make your reservation by Tuesday, February 4, 2014.** Fill out form or call the office: 863-1040

**Sacred Spaces**, the current exhibit at the Heritage Hall Museum, tells the story of 16 historic Hamilton churches and synagogues. It features information about our own St. Stephen Church with many of the photos and artifacts never seen by the public until now.

Located in the Frederick G. Mueller Bldg. at 20 High St., immediately east of the High St. Bridge. Free admission. Regular hours of operation are Friday 9am-4pm and on Saturday from 9am-2pm. Call 513-737-5958 for more info. On display through February 2014.

*FAMILY LIFE EVENTS*

**World Marriage  
Day, February 9,  
2014/ National  
Marriage Week,  
February 7-14, 2014**



- The Family and Respect  
Life Office thanks all

married couples for the on-going love and witness they demonstrate to their friends and loved ones, and offers this prayer on this occasion of World Marriage Day.

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and with each other. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more one in heart, mind and body. Strengthen our communication with each other, and help us become living signs of Your love. Help us to be examples of commitment, love and service to our families and children. Make us a sign of the unity which Jesus prays for at the Last Supper. We open ourselves to the guidance of your Holy Spirit, who empowers us to love in Jesus' name and walk in His footsteps. Amen.*

<http://wmd.wmme.org>

**The Knights of Columbus, Council 968**

**Family Bowling Party at**

Columbia Lanes/Alleys on the River

February 21, 2014 from 6-9 PM. 954 Pyramid  
Hill Blvd, Hamilton, OH 45013

Cost is \$6.00 per person, shoes included. Please contact **CB Michael @ 513-515-7366** so we can be better prepared for the event.. **See you soon for a Family Fun Night!**



**PROJECT RACHEL**

"A while ago, I made the decision to have an abortion. It was, after all, my right to choose. But now, as I look back on it, I realize that something else besides by baby died inside me that day. I made a private choice. But it became a secret burden."

If you feel this way, there's hope. Project Rachel is a post abortive healing ministry of the Archdiocese. The first step is a confidential helpline (513) 784-0531 where you can speak with people who will not condemn you for your decision. The ministry also consists of support groups and retreats. A retreat will be offered March 7-9 at Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton. Support groups are now meeting in both Dayton and Cincinnati. For more information or to register, please call our confidential help line at 513.784.0531 or email Caron Bergen [cbergen@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:cbergen@catholiccincinnati.org).

Save for Living the Eucharist sign up -  
English

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Spanish