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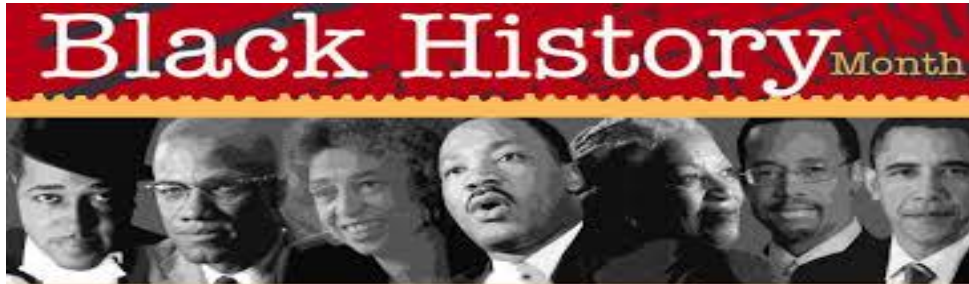
The UPDATE

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The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation: The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in Ministry and Leadership skills. The Foundation supports these lay leaders in their efforts to advance Catholicism in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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Let us Not Forget to Include Black Catholics in Afro-American History/Black History

Article by: Bro. Alonza Baker, St. Athanasius Parish



It's February already and that means it is Black History Month here in the United States of America. During this time of year, many of us display our African Art and visit Afro-American history museums and cultural events; and television programs are loaded with stories of the many Afro-Americans who were involved in our struggle for freedom, equality, and dignity.

I am sure many of us would have some of the same names on a list of favorite Abolitionists, Civil Rights leaders, and workers. Harriett Tubman, Fredrick Douglas, Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcom X, and Daniel Rudd top my list.

According to Wikipedia, Harriett Tubman and Fredrick Douglas were born into slavery and became abolitionists after escaping; and Booker T. Washington was born into slavery and freed after the Civil War. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X were major players in the civil rights struggles of the sixties, but who was Daniel Rudd? [Read more. www.martindeporresfoundation.org](http://www.martindeporresfoundation.org)

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A Living link to Black Catholic History, Parishioner Leads the Way into Future

By Msgr. Francis A. Carbine • Posted August 16, 2016 -CatholicPhilly.com



At age 91, the matriarch of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Darby carries the honorific title “Mother Bailey” — along with a sharp memory for many experiences yesteryear and today for Black Catholics in America.

“When my mother was a girl, she named her doll, ‘Alma.’ So, when I was born in Middleboro, Kentucky, in 1925, I was named after her doll! I was a twin, and one of seven children. My entire family was very active in our Baptist Church. It was in California that “I turned around,” said Alma Elizabeth Bailey of her journey toward the Catholic Church.

Alma Elizabeth Bailey

The daughter of parents who were college graduates, Alma was accepted in 1943 into the United States Cadet Nursing Corps. This program was conducted at Tuskegee University, Alabama, home of the celebrated African American airmen of World War II, with whom she shares an association. The war ended before her graduation but she became trained in both practical and psychiatric nursing. [Read more. www.martindeporresfoundation.org](http://www.martindeporresfoundation.org)

Did You Know? The History of Black History

Article by: Elissa Haney <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmintro1.html>

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "[Black History Month](http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmintro1.html)." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied-or even documented-when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

Celebrating Black History Month

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou



FOLLOW-UP!

"Continuing the Conversation"
FROM THE 34TH ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN
GATHERING IN HONOR OF
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



A Dream in Black and White
Growing in Understanding as Catholics

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, St. Raymond Church
1350 E. Vernon Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19150

Monday, March 13, 2017, St. Athanasius Church
2050 E. Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19138

Monday, April 10, 2017, St. Barbara Church
5351 Lebanon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

TIME - 7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further information contact Beverly Harper at
bharper@archphila.org or 215-587-3541

St. Athanasius Parish Community: Two Congregations Working Together

Arlene Edmonds, Tribune Correspondent
WWW.PHILLYTRIB.COM

If one wanted to worship at an immaculate and pristine older stone church with the warmth of a traditional mid-sized Black church, one need look no further than the St. Benedict Church. This church with majestic stained glass windows and adorned with pink marble is located 1940 E. Chelton Ave. on the border of West Oak Lane and East Germantown.

On the first Catholic Holy Day of the year, one could find a full house of avid worshippers singing gospel songs and praying from the original wood kneelers. During the service, they spent five full minutes hugging during the sign of peace. That same hospitality spirit kept members in the aisles and doorways of the church long after Mass was over.

St. Benedict Church is one of two congregations under the umbrella of the St. Athanasius Parish community. Though designated a worship site, the once stand-alone parish still has its own sense of vibrancy while being an appendage to the nearby congregation.

Read more. www.martindeporresfoundation.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MANUPPHILLY – MARCH 4, 2017

THE AREA'S LARGEST MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE.
To register for this year's conference visit:

www.ManUpPhilly.com/registration

Early Bird	Sale End: 12-31-16	Price: \$40	Fee: \$1.99
Normal Registration	3-1-17	\$50	\$2.24
Student Registration	3-4-17	\$25	\$1.62
Late Registration	Not started	\$55	\$2.37

CONGRESS - DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

St. Athanasius School Hall

2050 E. Walnut Lane

Philadelphia, PA 19138

Special invite to those interested in attending NBCC XII 2017

DIVERSITY DISCUSSION GROUPS

Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:00pm

St. Thomas Aquinas – 17th & Morris Street

Philadelphia, PA 19145

Call 215-763-1305 for information

SPIRITUAL FAMILY RETREAT

KPCLA ST. BARBARA COURT 326

"GO FORTH AND BRING THE GOOD NEWS"

Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:00am – 2:00pm

National Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

1663 Bristol Pike Bensalem PA 19020

Donation: \$20 includes lunch

RSVP with payment by March 5, 2017

Contact Lady Lola White 215-473-8320 or

Verna Cox 215-669-3270

NBCC UPDATE!!

Congress XII and Hyatt Regency Hotel
Registrations are NOW OPEN

<https://www.nbccongress.org/>

National Black Catholic Congress XII

Thursday, July 6, 2017 to Sunday July 9, 2017

Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Adult Early Meeting Registration: \$350.00

Adult Meeting Registration \$375.00

Youth Group Discount Registration - \$195.00

(Ages 14-17 groups of 15 or more youths)

Early Youth Meeting Registration - \$225.00

(Ages 14-17, individual registration, or groups of 14 or less)

Youth Meeting Registration - \$250.00

Early Registration Cut-Off Date is April 7, 2017

Hotel Room Fees:

NBCC Room Rate: Single/Double/Triple, & Quad \$138.50 per room, per day. Includes taxes & fees

Contact your Pastor/DRE or Office for Black Catholics 215-587-3541 about the Martin de Porres Foundation funding.

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me:
act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God