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Monday – Thursday 8 am
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This program involves preparation for and celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for the Christian initiation of unbaptized adults, unbaptized children of catechetical age, as well as for welcoming baptized Catholics and non-Catholics into full communion with the Church. Please contact Father Conley for more information.

The Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are normally celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents seeking to have a child baptized at St. Mary's should contact the rectory office to make the necessary arrangements.

The Sacrament of Matrimony
Couples seeking to be married at St. Mary's are to call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months in advance of their intended wedding date. This should be done prior to any other reception or invitation arrangements so that the parish may suitably serve the couple.

The Sacrament of Anointing
Any Catholic who is facing serious illness or surgery is encouraged to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please call Father Conley at the rectory office to arrange to receive this sacrament for yourself or for a family member.

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New Parishioners
We welcome you to our faith community. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Also you can call the rectory office or email smboffice@stmarysbryantown.com to have a form mailed to you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

February is Black History month, the article below tells the little known story of a Black Catholic woman who has been considered for canonization as a saint.

With my prayers,

Fr. Conley

Denver's Angel of Mercy: Julia Greeley and the Call to Overcome Hatred with Love

By Deacon Keith Strohm

Throughout the history of the Church, countless holy men and women have testified to the liberating power of Jesus Christ - often in the midst of very difficult circumstances. We're all familiar with stories of great evangelists like St: Patrick; holy mystics like Teresa of Avila, and dedicated servants of the poor like Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

But there are other figures who have lived more hidden, quiet lives, yet whose love for Christ and devotion to his people are just as heroic. One such figure is Julia Greeley, an African-American woman who was born into slavery but who, after being emancipated, found the greatest freedom in becoming a servant to everyone.

"One-Eyed Julia." Because Julia was a slave, no records exist telling us exactly when she was born in Hannibal, Missouri, somewhere between 1833 and 1845. During her early years, she endured the same horrific evils that so many other enslaved Africans experienced. When she was only five years old, Julia was injured while witnessing a slave master whip her mother. During one of the master's passes, the lash of the whip managed to catch young Julia in her right eye, permanently destroying it. As a result, people began to all her "one-eyed Julia."

Missouri's Emancipation Act of 1865 freed Julia from slavery. Like many of her peers, she moved west. She found a job as a cook and nanny for a widowed mother of four, Julia Pratte Dickerson. A few years later, Dickerson married William Gilpin, whom Abraham Lincoln had named as the first territorial governor of Colorado. So in 1878, Julia moved with the family to Denver, Colorado, and worked for them for about five years.

Julia Dickerson was a devout Catholic and, as it turns out, an effective evangelist. She shared her deep love for God with Julia and was instrumental in helping her enter the Catholic Church. In 1880, Julia Greeley was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and from that point on, sacramental grace began to shape her life. She became a daily communicant and developed the practice of fasting every day until noon - even on days that required a lot of hare work. This led one of the parish priests to regularly ask her if she had eaten breakfast. "My Communion is my breakfast," Julia would reply.

In keeping with the spirituality of her new parish, Julia soon developed a deep love for the Virgin Mary and the Blessed Sacrament, as well as a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In fact, the Jesuit priests in her parish declared that she was the most fervent promoter of the devotion they had ever seen.

Every month, despite a great deal of arthritić pain, Julia would walk to all twenty of Denver's firehouses to give the men pamphlets about the Sacred Heart. It's believed that her monthly pilgrimage was prompted by a fire at the St. James Hotel in 1895 that killed four firefighters. This tragedy struck Julia to the heart, and she dedicated herself to making sure that every firefighter would come to know Jesus' love for them. Knowing that these men had chosen such a dangerous profession, she wanted all of them to be prepared to meet the Lord. In fact, she once told the city's fire chief that the tracts she distributed were "tickets to heaven" for the men.

Julia was a constant presence in the parish, but not everyone welcomed her at first. Some members complained to the pastor about her appearance. Her clothes were shabby, and her right eye-the one blinded by the whip-constantly wept. And she was Black. Someone like this, they thought, shouldn't be allowed to occupy a pew in the front of the church. The pastor, recognizing the racial prejudice behind their complaints, refused to ask Julia to move.

It's true that Julia wasn't well-spoken and couldn't read or write, but it's also true that she knew how to serve and treat people with love, even in the face of prejudice. One time, a little girl told Julia that she was afraid to touch her hand for fear that her own hand would turn black.

Julia simply responded by kissing her on the cheek and blessing her. Another time, a woman told Julia that when she reached heaven, "she would be as white as the angels on the alter." Again, Julia showed only love - the same love she had found in the heart of Christ. And that love eventually won over many of her detractors and made Sacred Heart a second home to her.

Inspired by the life of St. Francis of Assisi, Julia joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901. Julia was constantly visiting the poor and offering to help them in any way they needed it, and she found within the Secular Franciscans a community with the same dedication to serving Christ in the poor and forgotten.

Over time, Julia became a familiar fixture on the streets of Denver: a small, slender figure pulling a red wagon filled with clothes, coal, food, and other items for the needy. She was even spotted carrying an old mattress on her back-a gift for a family that was reduced to sleeping on the floor! What most people didn't know, however, was that she would travel through dark alleys or under the cover of night when visiting poor White families. She wanted to protect them from the "shame" of receiving charity from a Black woman.

Julia never seemed to lose sight of God's love for all his children, despite the mistreatment and harsh words she experienced from some. Over time, her acts of charity became well known throughout the city, and she earned the title of Denver's "Angel of Charity."

Julia Greeley died unexpectedly on June 17, 1918, which just happened to be the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her body was laid out in Sacred Heart Church, where almost 1,000 people came to pay their respects. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, but in 2017, her remains were moved to Denver's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

2022-2023 Open Enrollment for St. Mary's Bryantown School Open Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. Do you know a family looking for a quality education for their child(ren)? Have them give us a call. We are scheduling in-person tours after school hours. Limited space is available in some grades.Email crozier@bryantown.org for any questions regarding enrollment.

Synod 2021 – 2023
The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops. This Synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoguing, praying, discerning and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Listening to each other is the basis of dialogue, friendship and community life. This Synod is not about changing doctrine or church structures, but rather encountering each other as brothers and sisters in Christ in post-pandemic world.

For more information, contact synod@adw.org. To provide your feedback to the synod go to https://adw.org/about-us/resources/synod-surveys/

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SAT: 4pm Dennis Anderson Sr.
SAT : 6pm Leonard Clements
SUN: 8am Rita Younger
SUN 10am: Regina Kijesky
SUN 12Noon Parishioners
MON: 8am Kyle Capps
TUES: 8am Tammy Stakem
WED: 8am Mary Crawford
THURS 8am Kyle Capps
FRI: 9:30am Nancy Lippert

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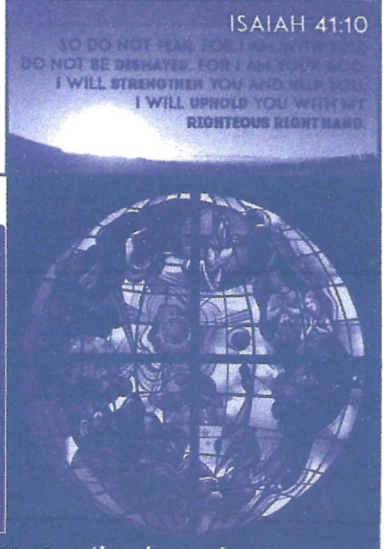

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