



The Drum

Archdiocese of Chicago
BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE

A Unique Gift of Blackness

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BCI
DECEMBER 2016

**Just like the Faith, the Drum works for us if you pass it on.
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BCI@archchicago.org**

**TO SUPPORT THIS WORK PRAY AND GO TO
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/144/event/10917>**

1. LET US PRAY

**FOR THE ADVENT OF ALL THAT IS TO COME
TO AND FROM
THIS COMMUNITY IN THIS LITURGICAL YEAR.**



Please submit all prayer request to BCI@archchicago.org.

2. CONGRATULATIONS TO
CARDINAL Blase J. Cupich



**Do you have an ideal gift from the Black Catholic Community
to our Cardinal? How about to the Holy Father?**

Pass on the thought!
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3. THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE BCI

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE**



**January 13th
St. James Chapel
835 N. Rush Street**

5:30 Reception

6:30

Prayer Service

**COMMEMORATION OF THE
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

Guest Speaker: Jackie Grimshaw

Honoree: Dr. Lena McLin

Director of Music: Arthur Griffin

Presenting Dr. King: Brandon Sapp

FOR RESERVED SEAT AND RECEPTION

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/civil-rights-tickets-28945704381>

4. THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE AMERICAN CHURCH

THE BCI **NATIONAL SING OUT**

**As the Church, we will first speak to God.
Black Catholic Parishes across the USA
will lift every voice and sing**

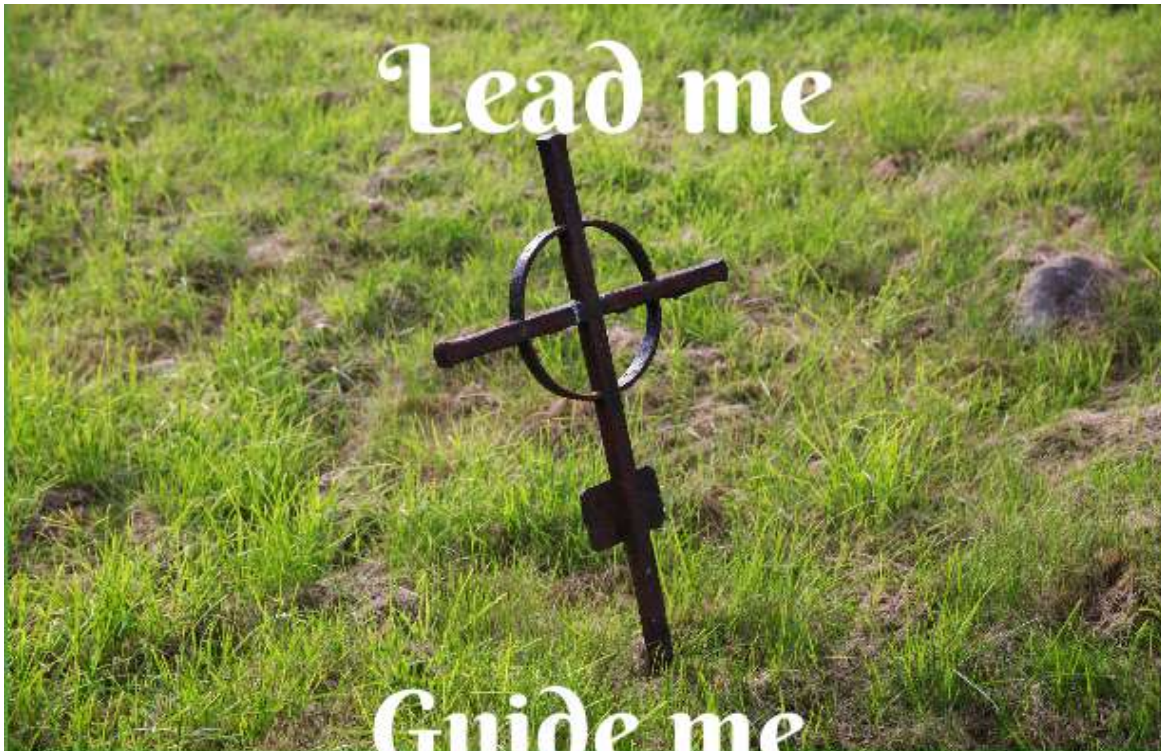
HEAL OUR LAND

composed by Oscar Williams

JOIN THE SONG!
JANUARY 15, 2017
JOIN THE PRAYER!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-p3PoahuYzo>
Video of the NCGCC Mass Choir - Heal Our Land

5. The Cause of Fr. Tolton



On Dec. 10th the body of
Fr. Augustus Tolton
will be exhumed from the grave
for investigation.

Every things going to be alright

6. Migration

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity—Immigration Ministry

Save the Date

National Migration Week Mass

Creating a Culture of Encounter

Presided by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Feast of the Epiphany

3:00 pm | January 8, 2017

Holy Name Cathedral

730 North Wabash, Chicago, IL 60611

For more information call: (312) 534-8105 or visit: www.catholicsandimmigrants.org



7. ON THE AIR

Deacon John Cook hosts this weekly half-hour program that explores a wide range of topics relevant to Chicago's Black and Catholic communities. Deacon Cook serves at St. Felicitas Parish in Chatham and is very involved in overseeing youth programs in the Bronzeville neighborhood.



Tune in and Call in
312.255.8408

Let's talk about faith!

Make Them Hear You!

8. THE CHURCH LIGHT IN ENGLEWOOD

If you know Catholic Social Teaching, evangelization or the joy of the Gospel, you know why this is important work that must be done by faith filled people.

Amazing things begin with babies born in poor neighborhoods.

LET THE LIGHT SHINE!

You are invited to the lighting of the
THE ENGLEWOOD CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday
December 11, 2016
6:00 PM



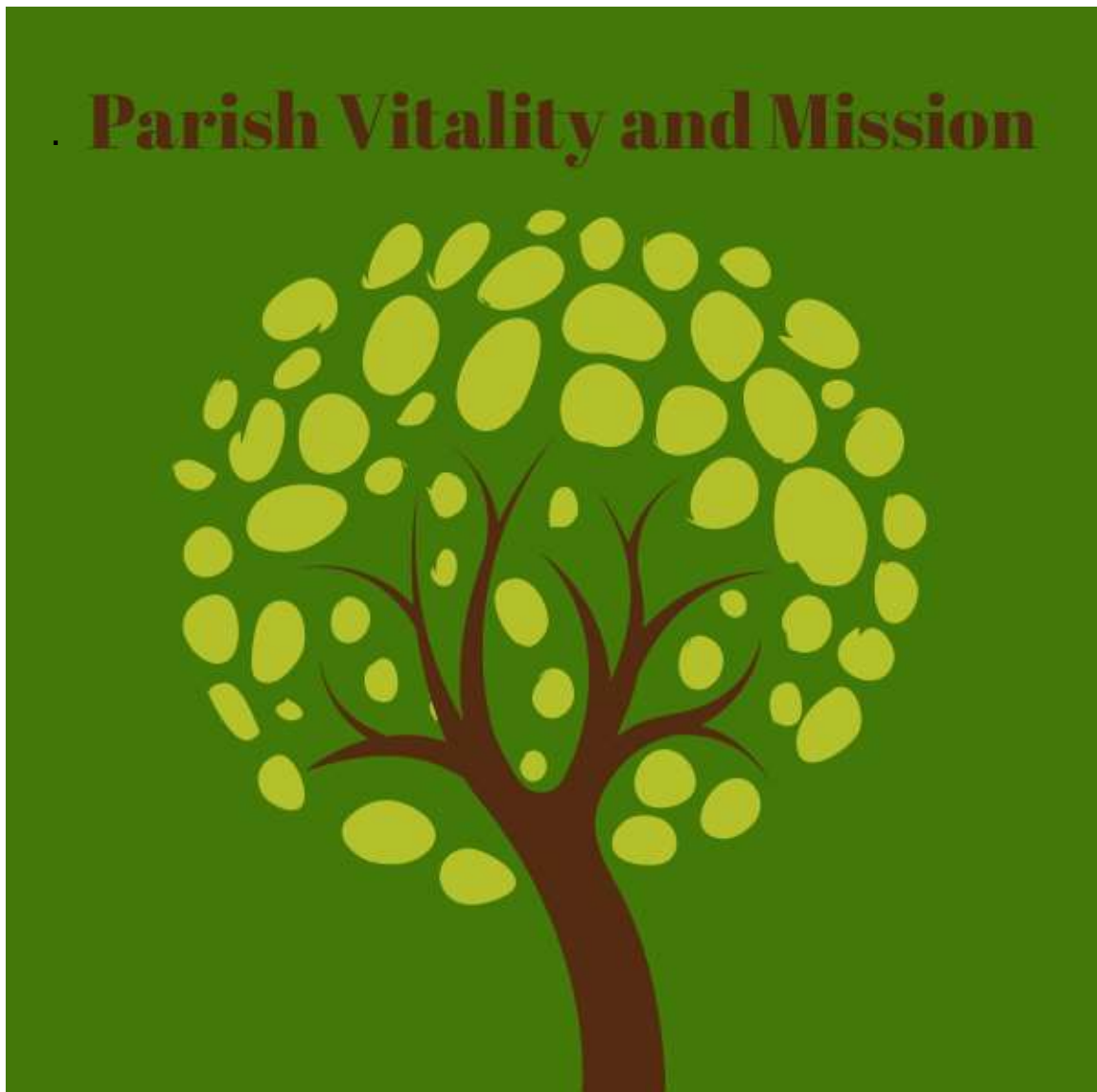
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SBAparish@aol.com

*The Church welcomes the
Betty Shabazz
International Charter School
and honors the
families of all who
see and believe
in the good of this
neighborhood*

Saint Benedict the African Parish
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN
ENGLEWOOD
6547 South Stewart Avenue

9. The BCI received the following announcements from parishes, schools and organizations for the purpose of sharing information and invitation.

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*The Parish of St. Ambrose
Celebrates the Feast of our Patron Saint
Aurelius Ambrosius, Bishop of Milan*



*Sunday, December 11, 2016
Celebratory Mass, 10:30 AM
Bishop Joseph N. Perry - Presiding*

*International Potluck Reception
Following Mass in the School Hall*

*Choir Concert
Featuring
A Tribute to Former Choir Director Stephanie Dixon
3:30 PM
Donation \$10 in advance \$15 at the door*

*St. Ambrose Catholic Church
1000 East 47th Street
Chicago, IL 60653
773-624-3695*

Fr. John Owusu, C.S.sp. Pastor

KWANZAA: Celebrating Family, Community, & Culture

Join us at St. Nicholas Catholic Church

December 31st, 2016, 4:30 p.m. Mass



We honor Kwanzaa and its values, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and a call to faithful love, devoted attachment, and unity.

Every year from December 26th to January 1st, many African Americans celebrate **Kwanzaa**-- which means "the first fruits of the harvest." The holiday is modeled after the first-fruits harvest celebrations that happened across the African continent since antiquity.

Kwanzaa reinforces seven principles which are:

1. **Umoja**: Unity
2. **Kujichagulia**: Self-determination
3. **Ujima**: Collective Work & Responsibility
4. **Ujamaa**: Cooperative Economics
5. **Nia**: Purpose
6. **Kuumba**: Creativity
7. **Imani**: Faith

Join us for Mass followed by light refreshments

St. Nicholas Parish

806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202

All are welcome.

For Information call/email: Yvonne Smith 224-534-7471 yvonsmith@gmail.com or

Sandra Davis 847-328-6031 shasha2@earthlink.net

Catholic Theological Union

invites

Bishop Edward Braxton Belleville Diocese

THE RACIAL DIVIDE

IN THE
USA



THE
BLACK LIVES MATTER
MOVEMENT

SAVE THE DATE

FEB. 27, 2017

10. THE BCI AND YOU

All are welcome to bring ideas and gifts to this collective work of baptizing, matrimony and anointing, this effort of kujichagulia, umoja and imani. This is a meeting of the seven sacraments of the church and the seven principles of Kwanzaa. This is a meeting of the church. That is what makes it and us truly catholic. Stay tuned, stay close, get involved, walk together and don't you get weary! There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Believe that you are in the camp.

Thanks

Be to

GOD

