



January 2021

Greetings, Father!

The Office of Black Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York proudly coordinates the Annual **Archdiocesan Black History Month Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the first Sunday in February**. This day in Black History Month, also recognized as the **National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family** (established by Catholic clergy), is a special opportunity for us to bring together people from throughout the Archdiocese and beyond, to celebrate the great faith and culture of people of African descent here in the Archdiocese.

As 2020 was an unprecedented year, the theme for our **2021 Mass**, scheduled for **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**, is **"WE REMEMBER; WE CELEBRATE; WE BELIEVE!"** This theme gives special recognition to our collective need to remember our loved ones who we lost in 2020; celebrate and acknowledge the service of others (including healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers); and celebrate Black Lives, Black Families, and our Faith & Culture, as we move together as Church, with hope, into the Year 2021.

The Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral; however, due to the present capacity restrictions & other safety protocols at our Archdiocesan parishes (including the Cathedral), seating at the Cathedral is substantially limited. As such, there will be no large procession of participants, no combined choir, nor will we be able to come together to fill the Cathedral for worship and fellowship as we've done in previous years...however the Mass will still be very special! Therefore, we ask that you **encourage your parishioners to join us virtually via St. Patrick Cathedral's website ([www.saintpatrickscathedral.org](http://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org)) where the Mass will be live streamed starting at 1:00pm**. We hope that you too will be able to join us virtually (or concelebrate in-person), and we ask that you encourage your members to share this information with their families and friends, to encourage them also to be a part of this special Mass & Celebration.

In addition to our Mass, this year, we will also have a special Memorial Program that will be available on our website ([www.obmny.org](http://www.obmny.org)) immediately following the live streamed Mass. In an effort to remember those we lost in 2020, we invite you to submit the names of those parishioners that were lost in this past parish year. You may send your complete list via email to [obm@archny.org](mailto:obm@archny.org) or encourage your parish community to submit those names via our website to complete the "In Memoriam Form."

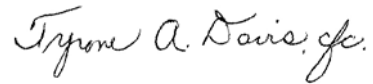
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We hope that you will include this information in your parish bulletin and post/share the flyer with your parish community.

As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact our office via phone at 646-794-2681 or email at [obm@archny.org](mailto:obm@archny.org). We look forward to you joining us virtually...until we can be together again in 2022!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tyrone A. Davis, C.F.C.".

Brother Tyrone Davis, C.F.C.  
Executive Director