

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday



We worship every Sunday at 10 am

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call church office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the church office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 325-3893.

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Rev. John Crowley—Bequest



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Sarah Gordon, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, May 23, 2021

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Bible Readings for Sunday, May 30, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20



Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who have supported the Catholic Ministries Appeal this year! If you have not made your gift yet, it is not too late. Please contact George Fontenette or Colleen Brade (Colleen.Brade@dor.org) if you would like to make your gift today.

May Birthdays

Julian Barthelemy Maria Degnan

Anthony DeRouen Carrie Fontenette

Joanie Fraver Franc Kisenyi

Sosthenes Pierre-Philippe

Coralie Seide Isabelle Walters

Offerings for May 16, 2021

Offerings: \$3,384

Online Giving: \$615

Attendance: 56

Thank you for your generous support.



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

“All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

John 16:15

Reflection: We know love because our parents cared for us and shared their love with us. We know goodness because we had people in our lives who shared good experiences with us. We know compassion because we had friends who stood by us and walked with us through the difficult, turbulent times of life. We know forgiveness because there were people who believed in us, took a risk, and gave us another chance. We have knowledge and wisdom because we had selfless teachers and mentors who instructed and guided us. We can live with hope in our hearts because we are surrounded by a supportive, life-nurturing community.

Our world is filled with children and youth who do not know love because no one ever shared their love with them. Countless poor and homeless people remain invisible in our communities; they do not feel good about themselves because no one ever told them they were good. Many undocumented immigrants live in fear and feel like strangers in a foreign land because no one ever made them feel welcome. People from all walks of life suffer from loneliness and depression because no one has time to give them a listening ear. We need to be more aware of the fragile and wounded people around us waiting to become members of a compassionate, loving community.

Pentecost reminds us that all of creation and humanity have been filled with everything that belongs to God. We cannot keep the gifts of God to ourselves. We have been empowered with the Spirit of God to make known to all people what God has already given us: goodness, love, compassion, peace, and forgiveness. When we share with others what God has given us, we give people hope, renew life, foster peace, and bring people into the universal family of humankind.

Ponder: What gifts am I withholding from others?

Prayer: Lord, your Spirit renews our faith, hope, and love. Empower me to be your presence of love and compassion to others.

Practice: Today I will be a hopeful presence to someone in need.



Keep in Prayer

Please keep Isabelle Walters, Roxana Weber and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Their brother Thomas Gerald Hall passed away on May 7, 2021 in Jeanerette, Louisiana.

Parish Pastoral Council

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church is seeking volunteers to serve as Parish Pastoral Council members. If interested please see Deacon Rick Rall. between the parish, the bishop, the diocese and the universal Church.

Accordingly, Council members must meet the following criteria:

- be fully initiated Roman Catholics in good standing with the Church;
- be registered and supporting members of the parish;
- be participants in parish life and worship;
- be committed to prayer, study, listening and dialogue;
- be committed to giving the time needed for participation; and be aware of and comply with the Parish Conflict of Interest Policy.

The term of office is three years. Terms should be staggered so Council membership rotates. A member may serve for two consecutive three year terms. After one year of a break in service, a new cycle may commence.

Meals On Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals to residents in the City of Rochester! Partner with your friend, spouse, family member or neighbor and volunteer to deliver meals together!

Information on how you can get started volunteering for Meals On Wheels can be found on our website at www.homecare.urmc.edu under the Service and Specialties Programs tab or by calling the Volunteer Services office at 274-4385.

We need you to help us bring hot meals, warm smiles, independence, and peace of mind to those in need!



Pentecost



Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, as has been the tradition of the Church since very early times. For the early Church this was the second most important feast of the year; just behind Easter: The word Pentecost comes from the Greek meaning fifty and comes 50 days after the resurrection.

What we celebrate is not just a dry memory in the history of the Church, but the energizing of the disciples. The Spirit was poured out onto the men and women who were the faithful followers of Jesus; those who remained faithful to Jesus (or came back to the Lord after they ran away during the passion) experienced the ferocity of the Holy Spirit setting them on fire, energizing, compelling them to live the Gospel. The gifts that the spirit of Jesus brought to them were the power to love unconditionally and to transform the world by the power of this love and the power to trust God unconditionally. The plight of those who received the Spirit did not improve but with the gift of love and trust they were empowered to go out and love and serve the Lord beyond their wildest imagination.

The power of the Spirit is with us today. It is the Holy Spirit which gives us courage to take an unpopular stand on a moral issue; it is the power of the Spirit that allows us to perform an act of kindness to a stranger; it is the power of the Spirit which gives us the strength to love our families, even when they hurt or disappoint us. Today more than ever we need the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.



Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, June 12 at the Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Road (off Chili Avenue). Seating begins at 9:00 a.m.. Meal and program starts at 9:30 a.m. Masks required and social distancing will be honored.

Speaker is Regina Civiletti. She is a mother and widow who has learned about Jesus' mercy and forgiveness, and was able to forgive the man who killed her husband through a car accident.

*Reservations \$25.00; after June 5th: \$27.00; Student \$15.00; Registration is required; no tickets sold at the door. **Deadline is June 9.***

To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. You can also register via PayPal (\$26.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p align="center">Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Hair Finale Morgan School of Driving, Orville's Appliances and many more.</p>	
<p align="center">CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p align="center">MileageMaster Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p align="center"><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p align="center">TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i></p>
<p align="center">For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of all the deceased DOUCETTE FAMILY <i>Love Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial please call the Parish Office – 325-3893</i></p>	<p align="center">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>