

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.

July 25, 2021

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Offer your gift, however inadequate, with thanksgiving, trusting the power of God.

Today's sign from John's Gospel, the feeding of the five thousand, shows the power of God. The boy gave five loaves and two fish. It was a small amount, but it was all he had. Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, and God provided food for many. We, too, can benefit from these three steps: Offer what we have. Give thanks. Expect God to act.

We worship every Sunday at 10 am

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

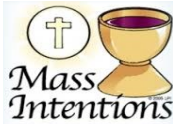
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

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

Sunday, July 25, 2021



Sarah Gordon

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano



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

Bible Readings for Sunday, July 25, 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15



Bible Readings for Sunday, August 1, 2021

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

Lectors

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Reader I & II—Bill Castle

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Reader I & II—Ruth Miller

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Reader I & II—Walter DeRouen

Offerings for July 18, 2021

Offerings: \$2,052

Online Giving: \$120

Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$45

Attendance: 56

Thank you for your generous support.

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

I believe that many people today think the poor are not humans like them. They look down on them. But if they had a deep respect for the poor, I am sure it would be easy for them to come closer to them, and to see that they have as much right to the things of life and to love as anybody has.

July Birthdays

Colleen Brade, Nadia Hicuburundi, Thierry Hicuburundi, Candice Lucas, Junior Nsabimina, Carolyn Walker



The Transfiguration Challenge

On August 6th, we will commemorate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. It is an important event in the life of Christ and in our lives as Christians as it reminds us of a transformative event or series of events that led us into understanding our faith or the importance of God in our lives.

We propose a “Transfiguration or Transformation” Challenge to you: in a sentence or two (more if you want), recount a time when you felt transformed or enlightened about your faith in God? Or How has the Lord made you “new?” Or How is He continuing to make you “new?”

Please send your response to: moore.ramona1@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN Monday, August 9, 2021, by 5pm. Your responses will appear in the July/August edition of the Newsletter.

Will YOU accept the Challenge???

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for all of the prayers, phone calls, comforting messages, loving concern and support in our time of sorrow.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or quietly sat on a chair. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, but thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part!

Blessings,

Joanne, Julian and Family

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano invites the faithful to a **Mass of Peace** on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral Community, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester.

Let us pray together for an end to senseless violence in our community, for the wisdom to address the many societal issues that plague us, and that God's abiding love and a reverence for all human life will prevail.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Monica CYO Summer Basketball Clinic
August 4-6, 2021
8:30 AM-1:00 PM, Lunch included

FOR GRADES 3-6
ST. MONICA PARKING LOT

WE NEED HELPERS FOR CHECK-IN AND FOOD PREP. NO BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE CASE TRAINED. CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO GET TRAINED AND SIGN UP.

WANT TO COACH AT THE CLINIC?
CONTACT TAMIDIVERS1019@GMAIL.COM



Red Wings Baseball Night

Friday, August 20, 2021

Tickets: \$10



Some of St. Monica's Youth will be singing the National Anthem.

Come and have a great time with St. Monica's, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's communities! If you would like tickets, please email Mary Ellen Fischer at mary.ellen.fischer@dor.org or call the office at 235-3340.

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church Office Closing

The Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church Office located at 445 Frederick Douglass Street, Rochester NY 14608 will be closing on July 31, 2021. All correspondence as well as weekly offertory envelopes should be sent to:

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
34 Monica Street
Rochester NY 14619

The phone line will also be forwarded to St. Monica's, so you will still be able to reach Tracy Jordan at either the Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's phone line—585-325-3893 or St. Monica's phone line—585-235-3340.

At this time, there will still be access to the building for Religious Education, Bible Study and meetings.

Thank you

EXPEDITION FAITH

Discovering God's BIG Love



St. Monica VBS 2021

August 16-20
Ages 4 & up

In Loving Memory



WE REMEMBER:

A Public Remembrance of those who Died during the Pandemic

*Sunday, August 1, 2021 from 2:00-3:30 PM
MLK Memorial Park, 353 Court St., 14607*

The Greater Rochester Community of Churches – Faith In Action Network will host “WE REMEMBER,” a community memorial service honoring Monroe County residents who have died from COVID or from other causes during these pandemic days. The ceremony will take place at the MLK Memorial Park in the City of Rochester on Sunday, August 1, 2021, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Family and friends who have lost loved ones during this time are invited to send the names of the deceased to Rev. Deborah Grohman, GRCC Administrative Coordinator, at 585-254-2570 (please spell names) or email to contact@rocchurches.org by **Monday, July 26**. The names will be placed on a memorial scroll and read aloud during the service. Sign Language Interpreters will be provided. Those attending the service are asked to bring a picture or a memento of their loved one as well as a chair or blanket for seating. We ask that you please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated. Free parking will be available on-street and at nearby city garages.

<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>