

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.

October 4, 2020

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Nothing we have is truly our own. It is all a gift from God.

As humans, we can be possessive of our worldly goods and take credit for our talents. Yet, everything we have is a gift from God - even the work we do to earn our living is done through the energy and talents that God gave to us. Like the tenants in today's Gospel, we owe everything to God, our divine Landlord.

Holy Days:

Consult bulletin or call parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By Appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

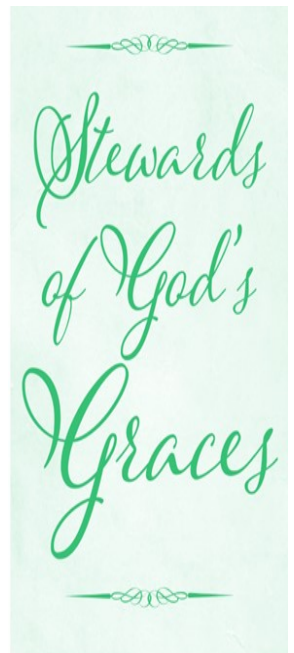
Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism:

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

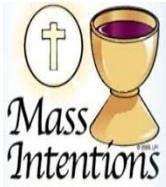
Catechumenate:

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



WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



Marva Guess

Requested by the Fugate Family

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Thomas Bostick, Sybil Doucette, Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters



Offerings for September 27, 2020

Offerings: \$1,237

Attendance: 42

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$50

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 4, 2020

Isaiah 5:1-7 (pg. 40)

Philippians 4:6-9 (pg. 41)

Matthew 21:33-43 (pg. 42)

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 11, 2020

Isaiah 25:6-10A (pg. 43)

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (pg. 44)

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 (pg. 45)

October the month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the **Rosary** is celebrated annually on **October 7**. ... It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the **Rosary** by the faithful.

October Birthdays

Myrna Barthelemy, Jackie Bryant,

Stephanie Bukuru, Hica Bukuru,

William Castle, Willie Johnson,

Erica Nsabimana, Ifeoma Nwokelo,

Harry Pierre-Philippe, Lee Wingo



BIBLE STUDY CORNER



[Jesus said to them] "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."

Matthew 21:43

Reflection: When we dwell in the kingdom of God, our focus is on perfecting our ability to love God with our whole heart, soul, body, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we deliberately withhold love, we move ourselves outside the kingdom of God, for God is love.

At heart, we are good people who genuinely want to do good in the world. We want to play our part in bringing the good news of God's kingdom of love to everyone we meet. At times, however, we close our minds, hearts, ears, and eyes to opportunities to love. We may hold a grudge against someone we feel has hurt us. We may refuse to cooperate within our family, letting others cook, clean, shop, and do errands without offering to help. We may condemn immigrants who don't speak our language instead of finding ways to ease communication. We may try to control the lives of people around us instead of allowing them to make mistakes and find their own way through the maze of life.

Each day we must set our intention on doing the work of love in the world. Each day we must practice treating others with respect. We must act honorably, seeking to be honest and truthful in our dealings with others. We must practice gratitude for all that God does for us, even when the lessons we have to learn may be painful in the moment. We must actively cultivate the fruits of the kingdom: love, compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.

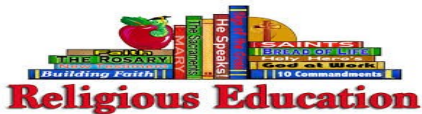
Ponder: What fruits do I cultivate with my words, actions, and behaviors?

Prayer: Lord, I am grateful for your vineyard of love. Remove my shortcomings that I may cultivate your gifts of compassion and peace.

Practice: With a grateful heart I will bring healing to a divisive situation.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual Parish business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held via ZOOM. Meeting materials and sign-on instructions will be sent prior to the meeting.



There will be a Parents/Teachers Meeting to discuss the Religious Education program on Sunday, October 18 following Mass in the church gathering space.

Annual White Mass for Health Care Professionals Sunday, October 18th at 2pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park



The Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will celebrate the White Mass for Health Care Professionals. The Mass is sponsored by the Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and is particularly relevant to all doctors, nurses, and allied health care professionals, as well as chaplains and clergy. Family and friends are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP TO: white.mass.flg@gmail.com
More Info at: FingerLakesCMA.org/upcoming-events/

November Black Catholic History Month

Save the Date
November 18 & 19, 2020
7:00-8:30 pm (each night)

This year, due to the Coronavirus we will be observing Black Catholic Month as a Virtual Event. Our guest Facilitator will be Fr. John T. Judie from the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY

THEME: LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



Congratulations to Adrian & Fabienne Fontenette on the birth of their son, **Hamilton Alpheaus Fontenette**. (Alpheaus was George's grandfather's name). Hamilton was born on Wednesday, September 23, and weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, George and Precious Fontenette.

REPAIR OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Swiatek Studios of Buffalo will begin the repair of our stained glass windows around mid-October. Since the window sections will need to be removed for repair, the opening will be temporarily covered with plywood. The plan is to repair a total of 14 sections. They will repair 4 sections at a time and expect to complete this work by the end of the year.

This is Phase 1; there will be multiple phases needed to complete all the repairs needed.

Register to Vote!



Election day is quickly coming up and the **deadline for registering to vote in New York is October 9th**. Earlier this week was "National Voter Registration Day" and we want to make sure everyone reading this who is eligible will vote!

Go to verify.vote.org verify you are registered to vote.

If you are, please go to voterlookup.elections.ny.gov to verify your voting location.

If you are not registered, go to www.ny.gov/services/register-vote to register. To do it online you will need

- NYS driver license, permit, or non-driver ID card
- ZIP Code currently on record with the DMV
- Social Security Number

If you do not have these readily available, contact your County Board of Elections for guidance on how to register.



***If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial
Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893***

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 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.	
CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 133 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870 <i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i>	TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i>	Skips on the Ridge West Ridge Plaza 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i>	In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i>	In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i>
In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i>	In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i>	In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i>
In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i>	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i>

***Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!***