

# *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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**Church Office Days & Hours**  
**Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday**  
**8:30 am — 4:00 pm**

## Parish Staff

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<b>Finance Council Chair</b>	William Castle

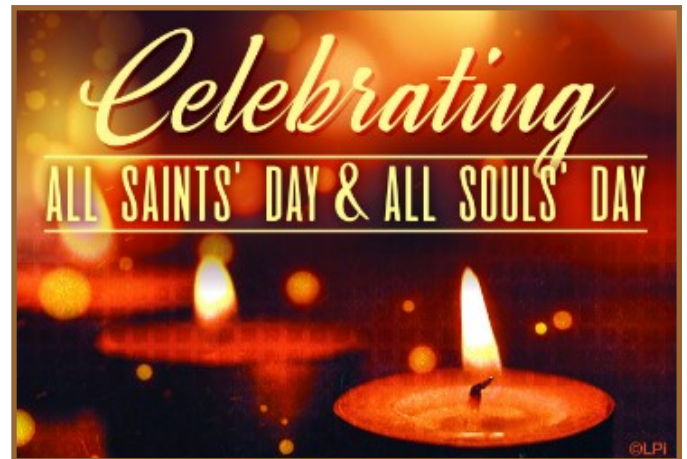
**WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

**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.

*November 1, 2020*

*Solemnity Of All Saints*

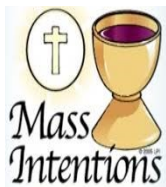


**We are all called to be saints.**

Gathered at each Mass, we are like the crowd in today's Gospel, sitting at the feet of Jesus and seeking direction through his Word and spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist. Placing our hope in God and striving to lead virtuous lives, we look toward salvation and eternal life, and are reminded that we are all called to be saints.

*Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love is to be loved, as joy to be given, as peace to be spread.*

*~St. Francis of Assisi*



## Joseph Castle

*Requested by the Castle Family*

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



### **Bible Readings for Sunday, November 1, 2020**

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (pg. 50)

1 John 3:1-3 (pg. 51)

Matthew 5:1-12a (pg. 52)

### **Bible Readings for Sunday, November 8, 2020**

Wisdom 6:12-16 (pg. 53)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (pg. 54)

Matthew 25:1-13 (pg. 55)



### **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**Parish Goal: \$9,910**

**Pledged as of October 30, 2020**

**\$2,375 (4.76%)**

### **Every Gift to the CMA is Important**

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. We urge all IC/SB parishioners to go to the parish Website or [www.dor.org/cma](http://www.dor.org/cma) to view this year's video. By now past CMA donors have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you would like an envelope to make a gift, please see George Fontenette. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's campaign. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church, and comes back to help our parish. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

### **Offerings for October 25, 2020**

**Offerings: \$740**

**Attendance: 60**

**Online Giving: Week of October 24—\$220**

**World Mission—\$35**

**Thank you for your continued and generous support.**



### **November – National Black Catholic History Month**

The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC) of the United States voted on Tuesday, July 24, 1990 while meeting in convention at Fordham University in New York, to establish November as Black Catholic History Month. The reason behind the selection of the month of November was the number of important dates to Catholics of African descent that fell within this month.

**Nov. 1 ~ All Saints Day** ~ an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of Saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.

**Nov. 2 ~ All Souls Day** ~ a time to remember all those African lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

**Nov. 3 ~ Martin de Porres** became the first black American saint. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God's love for all people, regardless of their level in society.

**Nov. 13 ~ The birth of St. Augustine** in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa.

**Nov. 20 ~ The death of Zumbi of Palmares** in Brazil, South American founder of a free state for Blacks.

The first celebration of Black Catholic History Month began in November of 1990 in various cities in the United States with the celebration of St. Martin de Porres Feast day. The liturgy celebrated the 350th anniversary of St. Martin's transition from this life to eternal life.

## Black Catholic History Month

**November 18 & 19, 2020**

**7:00-8:30 pm**

*(each night)*

**"A CALL TO ACTION"**

**THEME: LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020 ~ HISTORY**

*How the Internal Structure of the  
Catholic Church Functions*

**Thursday, November 19, 2020 ~ LEADERSHIP**

*Go Into The Vineyard and Do The Work That God  
Calls Us To Do*

Virtual Event with guest facilitator Fr. John T. Judie  
from the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky

**TO REGISTER GO TO THE WEBSITE:**

[www.immaculateconceptionrochester.org](http://www.immaculateconceptionrochester.org)

Go to the Events Page—follow instructions

November 1 ~ Saints Julian and Basilissa, though married, lived in chastity by mutual consent about 304, in Antioch during the reign Diocletian. They used all their money in relieving the sick and converted their home into a hospital which sometimes housed thousands. Saint Basilissa tended the sick women on one part of the house while Saint Julian ministered to the men in another part. Saint Julian came to be known as the hospitalarian.

Saint Basilissa died before Saint Julian after several persecutions; Saint July lived many years longer. Although they both died in peace, the Church calls them martyrs.

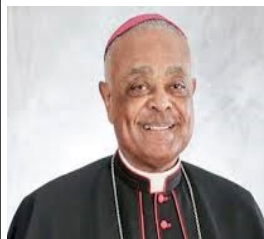
## November Birthdays

Tracy Bell, Wasa Bouphavong, Adaora Chima,

Rita Gasiorek, Michelle Horman,

Anuarite Manirampa, Deacon Rick Rall,

Bilaine Seide, Vincent Stroud



Archbishop Wilton Gregory  
to become the first  
African American Cardinal

The African American Catholic Community rejoices with the announcement that Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Wilton Gregory to be the first African American Cardinal.

Wilton Daniel Gregory was born on December 12, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois to parents Ethel Duncan Gregory and Wilton Gregory. The Gregory family was Baptist, but young Wilton Gregory converted to Catholicism as a child. He would go on to receive his education and ministry formation at St. Joseph College Seminary, Loyola University Chicago and the University of St. Mary of the Lake. He was ordained on May 5, 1973.

Wilton Gregory quickly rose from priest to bishop and, at age 36, was one of the youngest bishops to be named as an archbishop- the only African American to ever be given this position. He served as archbishop of Belleville, Illinois from 1994-2004, then served in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was known to be a moderate on political and racial issues, but was, nonetheless, a "persistent and consistent" voice for dignity for all.

In the early 2000's, Archbishop Gregory served as the head of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as this body grappled with the clergy sex abuse scandals. He was then called to become the archbishop of Washington, D.C. on May 5, 2019.

Please keep Archbishop Gregory in prayer. He will be installed as Cardinal Gregory on November 28, 2020. (NBCCongress.org; The Washington Post; Wikipedia)



**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

**ELECTION DAY**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

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

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

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