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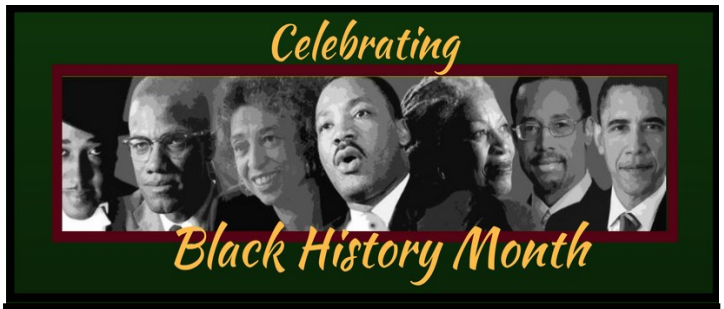
Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve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

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

So often we can be the source of our own suffering. Worldly pursuits and desires for wealth, status, promotion, and the like deceive us into placing our hope in people and things rather than the Lord. This life is fading and only God can offer us true satisfaction in the kingdom of heaven.



7 ways to celebrate Black History Month in 2022

Visit a Black or African American history museum

Learn about Black music history by listening online

Support Black-owned businesses and restaurants

Donate to Black organizations and charities

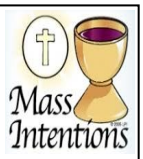
Attend local Black History Month events

Watch Black history documentaries and movies

Find Black authors and stories for yourself and your children

We worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 13, 2022



Charles Guess

Requested by the Fugate Family

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Julie Coe, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. Jim Goode, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, February 13, 2022

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Bible Readings for Sunday, February 20, 2022

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 13, 2022
Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, February 20, 2022
Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, February 27, 2022
Reader I & II—Ruth Miller

Sunday, March 6, 2022
Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, March 13, 2022
Reader I & II—Keith Parris

To love another person is to see the face of God.

Les Miserables

Rosalie Bouphavong

Jaidi Bouphavong

Jonathan Dingwall

Andre Fontenette

Bing Reaves

Lily Tatum

Gail Whitcraft

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ALL

BORN IN FEBRUARY

Offerings for February 6, 2022

Offerings: $1,912 ***Attendance: 59***

Online Giving: $240 ***Online Givers: 4***

Thank you for your generous support.

Mon. Feb. 14 ***Valentine's Day***

Mon. Feb 21 ***President's Day—Office Closed***

Sat. Feb. 26 ***St. Joseph's House of Hospitality***

February Christian Action

LOVING PEOPLE WITH

CHRIST'S LOVE

Be Christ's Love:

* Pay a sincere compliment.
* Surprise someone with a love note.
* Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.
* Leave a generous tip.
* Send a valentine to someone who otherwise might not receive one.

We Have Surpassed our CMA Goal!

We wish to thank our generous Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church family for once again surpassing our CMA goal in support of the Diocese and our parish! So far 34 families have committed $11,525 toward our $7,214 goal. We could not have done this without your steadfast support. If you haven't made your gift yet, but would still like to participate in this year's CMA, it's not too late! You can make your gift any time before May 31, 2022. And if you've pledged to the campaign, you have until May 31st to fulfill your pledge. Fifty percent of every dollar over our CMA goal will come back to our parish in a check at the end of the campaign. For more information or questions, please see George Fontenette.

Film Screening of Clarissa Uprooted: Youth and Elders Uncover the Story of Black Rochester

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Join the RAF during Black History Month for a screening of locally produced documentary Clarissa Uprooted: Youth and Elders Uncover the Story of Black Rochester. The film depicts the Third Ward as a microcosm of Rochester's history and features some of the Elders who lived this history, and the youth who are living with the consequences today.

The film runs just under 30 minutes and a panel of Elders and Youth will follow for a Q&A session immediately following. The screening will take place in Theater 1 at the Little Theater. Doors open at 6:15pm with the film beginning at 7pm. Please note that proof of vaccination, photo ID, and a mask are required upon entry. Learn more about The Little's COVID-19 policies here: https://thelittle.org/covid/

As February is Black History Month, all hosts will be highlighting music composed, performed or conducted by musicians of African descent. We also hope to have a number of new musicians added to our Classical Musicians of African Descent web pages.

Ebony Classics – A Beautiful Flower, Thu 2/17, 3:00-4:00p. Classical music by notable women of color who are composers, conductors, educators, instrumentalists and singers. Artists include Dorothy Maynor, Kelly Hall-Tompkins, Tania Leon, Louise Toppin, Leontyne Price and Florence Price. (WNMU via PRX, 56:24; https://exchange.prx.org/pieces/369808-ebony-classics-a-beautiful-flower)

Deep River: The African-American Choral Spiritual, Wed 2/23, 12:00-1:00p. From the days of slavery 150 years ago, to the concert venues of today, the African-American spiritual grew throughout the world. We'll hear the music and learn how deep the meaning and history run beneath the surface, with commentary from Dr. James Mumford and host Ross Gay. (WFIU via PRX, 59:00, https://exchange.prx.org/pieces/76867-deep-river-the-african-american-choral-spiritual)

Bookmark https://www.wxxi.org/bh to stay on top of all the Black History Month Programming for television and for specials on WXXI Classical!

Black History Month and Rochester's Special Significance

As February begins and the United States observes Black History Month, Sen. O'Brien encourages the people of his district of all races to take some time to reflect on the rich history of African-Americans in the United States and in his district in particular.

"Black history is American history," O'Brien said. "I encourage everyone to take some time to look at Rochester's importance to the African-American community, from its early role as the longtime home of abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass to the civil rights struggle of the 1950s and '60s that continues today."

"It's often challenging to talk about race, both our past and current struggles," O'Brien said. "Sometimes, it involves opening up old wounds. But we certainly don't do anyone a service by sweeping our history under the rug. Our city was the site of a major riot in 1964, that some have called a "rebellion," that left four people dead and left economic wounds to parts of the city that remain today."

"Yet a decade later, the federal government was sending representatives here to model national programs after our local minority business outreach programs," he continued. "Rochester's history of race relations parallels that of our country. We've certainly made incredible strides, but there's still so much that needs to be accomplished."

"Malcolm X came to Rochester in 1965 and spoke at the Corn Hill Methodist Church about how race problems were not an American issue, but a global issue. In part, he said, 'We don't judge a man because of the color of his skin… We judge you because of what you do and what you practice. And as long as you practice evil, we're against you. And for us, the most — the worst form of evil is the evil that's based upon judging a man because of the color of his skin.'"

For more information about the African-American experience in Rochester, the University of Rochester's "Black Freedom Struggle Online Project" brings together a variety of resources, including transcriptions of a series of interviews with leading figures of the local civil rights movement. It is available online at http://www.lib.rochester.edu/index.cfm?page=572.

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

-Booker Washington, 1856

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Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org	**Mileage Master Center of Rochester** **2488 Browncroft Blvd.** **Rochester, NY 14625** **585-586-1870** *The perfect place for all of your grilling needs*	**Tom Zubert, Realtor** **RE/MAX REALTY GROUP** 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)
In Loving Memory of the **QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES** *Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard*	In Loving Memory of My Wife **ILONA WHITE** *Alphonse White*	**Skips on the Ridge** **640 West Ridge Road** **Rochester, NY 14615** **585-865-3896**
In Loving Memory of **HENRY FAISON JR.** *Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre*	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons **ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY** *Blessings Bill & Family*	In Loving Memory of **JOE HAUSER** *The Wingo Family*
In Loving Memory of **DR. NATHANIEL HURST** *The Wingo Family*	In Loving Memory of **DAVID MILES** *Love your Wife & Children*	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the **CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES** *Love Ralph & Maureen*
In Loving Memory of **JAMES STOKES** *The Stokes Family*	In Loving Memory of **JAMES WALTERS** *Alice Walters*	In Loving Memory of **JEFFREY WALTERS** *Alice Walters*
In Loving Memory of **DOUGLAS SIMMONS** *Alice Walters*	In Loving Memory of **GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE** *The Nwokelo Family*	In Loving Memory of **RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE & ADA FULLWOOD** *The Augustine/Fullwood Families*
In Loving Memory of **CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE** *Love your Grandparents*	In Loving Memory of **JOSEPH RONALD WEBER** *Roxana C. Weber*	In Loving Memory of **SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR.** *The Gordon/Bell Families*
For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church *Love Rose Stokes*	In Loving Memory of **JOANNE LESSLEY** *Joanne Gordon*	In Loving Memory of **MARY JACKSON** *Thomas & Nellie Bostick*
In Loving Memory of **ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY** *Love Louise & Shannon*	In Loving Memory of **SARAH ANN GORDON** *Louise & Shannon*	In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.** *The Nwokelo Family*