

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

## Parish Staff

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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.

*March 14, 2021*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*God sent Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save and to heal.*

*Throughout history, humans have had a tendency to choose what is the easier—but not necessarily the better—path. The easier path often leads away from God and into the darkness of sin. Christ's way is the way of light. We are called to be his disciples, to let go of preferences and actions which keep us in the dark, and to take the path which leads to truth and goodness.*

*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.

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

**Henry Bell Sr.**

**Requested by Rose Stokes**



**Offerings for March 7, 2021**

**Offerings: \$1,539      Online Giving: \$370**

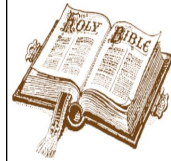
**Black, Native American & Hispanic: \$50**

**Attendance: 43**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



*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, Alice Walters*



## **BIBLE STUDY CORNER**

*But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds are done in God.*

*John 3:21*

**Reflection:** At baptism we entered into communion with God. We became a new creation and children of the light. We were planted in the God zone. As we go through life we realize that our human experiences are not always in the God zone; we forget where we are and abandon our true self. When we remain in the God zone, we remain in a place of unconditional love, goodness, and peace. We must begin each day with the deep awareness of who we are in the God zone. It is our unawareness that causes us to live contrary to our life in and with God. No matter where we are in the world, we need to be God-like and show others the unconditional love, goodness, and peace of God. Everything that we say and do must be a reflection of life in the God zone.

We need to spend more time reflecting on the meaning of our baptism and how it affects our lives. Our daily struggle is to be a new creation in a world that is, at times, uncaring of God's creation, and to be a light of goodness, compassion, and love in the dark places of people's pain and suffering. The spiritual life is rooted in the God zone. The way to remain in the God zone is to read and meditate on the Word of God, pray daily, and show God's love to everyone.

**Ponder:** What does it feel like to be in the God zone?

**Prayer:** Lord, you are the source of love, peace, and justice in the world. Help me to live in communion with you and all people.

**Practice:** I will pray for enlightenment; I will fast from unawareness; I will visit someone I have neglected.

### **Bible Readings for Sunday, March 14, 2021**

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

*John 3:14-21*

### **Bible Readings for Sunday, March 21, 2021**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

*John 12:20-33*



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. You might be wondering if you should still make a gift to the CMA if our church has surpassed its goal. There are two good reasons for making a gift to the CMA today:

1. Fifty percent of all dollars raised over our goal will come back to our church in a check from the Diocese.
2. The other fifty percent will be used to help other parishes that are struggling to get to their CMA goals. In the City of Rochester alone, St. Monica's, St. Boniface, and Blessed Sacrament are all still working to get to their goals. If they don't make their goals, the parish will have to make up the difference. Your gift to the CMA today can help those parishes, by at least partially reducing the gap between what they raise from their parishioners and their CMA goals.

Please contact George Fontenette or Colleen Brade ([Colleen.Brade@dor.org](mailto:Colleen.Brade@dor.org)) if you would like to make your gift today.

## **March Birthdays**

**Ralph Destephano, Patrick Flaherty,  
Marcia Fugate, Kaila Knight,  
Ramona Moore**

## HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

Today we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Palm Sunday ~ March 28 ~ 10:00 am Mass*

*Holy Thursday ~ April 1 ~ 6:00 pm Mass*

*Good Friday Liturgy ~ April 2 ~ 12:00 Noon*

*Easter Vigil at St. Monica ~ April 3 ~ 7:00 pm*

*Easter Sunday ~ April 4 ~ 10:00 am*

## HOLY WEEK ST. MONICA CHURCH *All services live-streamed*

<i>Holy Thursday Mass</i>	<i>Thursday, April 1</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>Good Friday Service</i>	<i>Friday, April 2</i>	<i>3:00 pm</i>
<i>Easter Vigil at Monica's</i>	<i>Saturday, April 3</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>Easter Sunday Mass</i>	<i>Sunday, April 4</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>

**Easter Sunday Mass:** Because of COVID-19, we have certain guidelines we must follow for Mass. We will welcome 150 people into church. Once we reach our COVID capacity, we will welcome people to join us in the parking lot in their cars for Mass by either watching the live stream on YouTube or tuning their car radios to our transmitter frequency, where they will be able to listen to Mass. Communion will be distributed in the parking lot to those in their cars. Church doors will open at 8:00 am and parking attendants will help direct cars. Thank you for working with us for a safe, meaningful Easter for everyone.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Consider requesting a Mass for a deceased loved one for 2021. The offering is \$10.

## Diocesan Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral

The 2021 Diocesan Chrism Mass will take place on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. While ongoing safety precautions for the Coronavirus will greatly limit the number of who can be present in the Cathedral, there is an opportunity for a small representation of the faithful to join the priests who have previously indicated their attendance. If you (and anyone in your household) would like to attend, please email [ChrismMass@dor.org](mailto:ChrismMass@dor.org), before Wednesday, March 17, 2021, and we will try to accommodate you, according to the order in which your emailed request is received. Please only provide your name and the total number of your household wishing to attend. For those unable to be present, the Catholic Courier will live-stream the Chrism Mass on its Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicCourier>

## Financial Fraud and Abuse Hotline

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester has established a financial fraud and financial abuse hotline to report concerns related to financial fraud and abuse at the Pastoral Center, parishes, schools and/or agencies. Anonymous calls can be made to the hotline at 585-328-3228, ext. 1266 (toll free to 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1266). Reports also may be made in writing to: Internal Audit Department Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624.

*If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial*

*Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893*

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