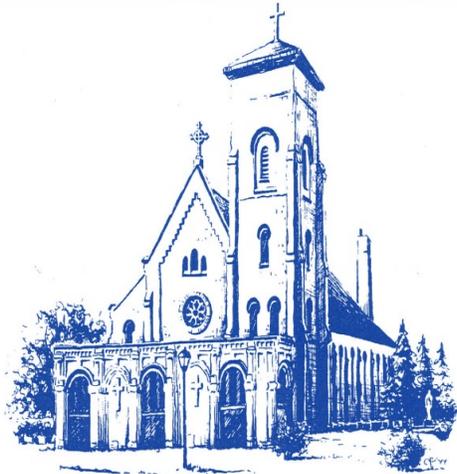


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



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8:30 am — 4:00 pm

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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 19, 2020

16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God is patient and kind.

Growing in faith is like striving to grow as wheat in a field mixed with weeds. We are faced with temptations, we do not pray as we ought, we are weak and in need of forgiveness. But God is just and kind; he judges with leniency, sends his Spirit to our aid, lovingly nurtures us, and patiently awaits our growth.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

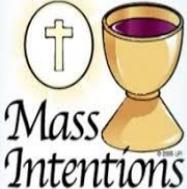
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

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!



Larry Demarse
Requested by—**Bill Gordon**

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, Roxana Weber



Bible Readings for Sunday, July 19, 2020
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (pg. 60)
Romans 8:26-27 (pg. 61)
Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (pg. 62)

Bible Readings for Sunday, July 26, 2020
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (pg. 63)
Romans 8:28-30 (pg. 64)
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 (pg. 64-65)

July Birthdays

<i>Carolyn Walker</i>	<i>Lisa Pipitone</i>	<i>Colleen Brade</i>
<i>Candice Lucas</i>	<i>Renata Joseph</i>	<i>Nadia Hica</i>
<i>Thierry Muhanuka</i>	<i>Junior Nsabimana</i>	

Happy Birthday!

VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating a Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or stop by our rectory office for a packet of information to help you.

Offerings for July 12, 2020

Offerings: **\$1,269** Attendance: **33**

Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
\$25

Thank you for your generous support.



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

[Jesus] told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

Matthew 13:33

Reflection: We’re cautious about how we involve ourselves in other’s lives. We keep ourselves busy, leaving very little time to be with a family member, visit a neighbor, or write a note to a dear friend.

We look at life from a distance. We limit our involvement in the community because we don’t want to complicate our lives. It’s too messy to work with the poor and homeless, to visit someone in jail, to work with troubled youth, and to listen to stories of the abused. We don’t get mixed up in situations that might bring more emotional and physical stress.

We underestimate the power of love expressed in simple ways. A simple hello, a written note, a short visit, kind word, and a little support can change a person’s outlook. The donation of pocket change, a few cans of food, and some items of clothing can help eliminate despair and poverty. Volunteering in the community promotes nonviolence and peace in our neighborhoods.

People of faith believe the kingdom of heaven is planted in our hearts. We understand that the kingdom of heaven is a life-changing force on earth. We manifest the kingdom of heaven in the environment through simple acts of love, compassion, forgiveness, and nonviolence. We show the power of our faith when we involve ourselves in the human condition.

Ponder: Where can I make a difference?

Prayer: Lord, you revealed the power of the kingdom of heaven on earth. Help me plant the seeds of love, compassion, and peace in the hearts of all people.

Practice: Today I will be faithful by making a donation to a charity.

Bible Verse of the Week

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.
Romans 15:5 (NIV)

Quote of the Week

Without community, there is no liberation...but community must not mean a shedding of our differences, nor the pathetic pretense that these differences do not exist.

Prayer of the Week

God, remind us of the power of the Spirit's influence in community to transform us individually and collectively.

Wear a mask.

Wear your own mask or face covering during Mass. Masks are required for anyone age 2 and older.



No gloves for Holy Communion

The Precious Body cannot be distributed or received with gloved hands and will only be received by the hand. The Precious Blood is not offered at this time.

Stay home if you feel unwell.

If you are not feeling well or unsure about maintaining social distancing, please stay home and view Mass online. Bishop Matano has extended his dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.

Sanitize your hands.

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol or hand sanitizer. If possible, bring your own bottle for personal use.



Please use
hand sanitizer
provided

We are creating a new "normal" together.

Some entrances and the restrooms will be closed to reduce the areas needing cleaning. We ask that restrooms be used in emergencies only. Please use the front or Edinburgh doors of church to enter. Further information on procedures will be disseminated during Mass. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe and comfortable.

Observe social distancing.

Observe social distancing at all times, including during Holy Communion. Please stay 6 feet apart from anyone who does not belong to your household. There will be markers in church to assist with social distancing. We will observe no physical contact for greetings, the Sign of Peace, and the Our Father prayer. We will use our new method for the sign of peace! Singing by the congregation is discouraged at this time, due to increased respiratory output.



What do I do about my offering?

Life looks different during the COVID-19 pandemic. While we re-open for Mass, not all are comfortable or well enough to gather in person. You can still give during this time. Weekly offering envelopes, can be brought to Mass or mailed to:

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Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY



Keep in Prayer

Please pray for and keep Vincent Stroud and his family in your prayers. Vincent's sister, Rena Lillard passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2020 in Atlanta. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Please visit our website, we now have Online Giving

Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION TO
GIVE ONLINE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

In partnership with OSV, Immaculate Conception now offers our family to give online in a safer and more convenient manner. Give whenever you want with only cheerfulness and joy in your heart.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

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

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p>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>CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 133 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p>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></p>	<p>TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge West Ridge Plaza 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SPACE FOR RENT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SPACE FOR RENT</p>

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