

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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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.

October 25, 2020

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Fidelity to God's two great commandments sets a good example for others to follow.

The Old Testament lists more than 600 laws by which the Israelite people were to live. Jesus, in fulfilling the law, tells us that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments: loving God, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Living by God's law is the best advertisement in drawing others to want to know and follow Jesus Christ. Our actions really do speak louder than our words.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday, November 1

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31.

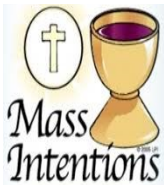
Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call parish office.

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.



Zena Austin

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



Offerings for October 18, 2020

Offerings: \$1,263 Attendance: 43

Online Giving: Week of October 17—\$330

World Mission—\$375

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 25, 2020

Exodus 22:20-26 (pg. 48)

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 (pg. 49)

Matthew 22:34-40 (pg. 50)

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 STUDY CORNER

[Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment."

Matthew 22:37-38

Reflection: Whenever we are in doubt, whenever we don't know how to act or what to say, whenever we are disturbed, upset, or in crisis, we need to put our focus on the greatest and first commandment: Love God with everything we have.

Honoring this commandment not only frees us from our worries and anxieties, it also reaffirms our faith in God's love for us. When we love God with all of our being, we declare our dependence on God, who loved us first. We open a portal of communication with God and receive the comfort and wisdom we need for the moment. We surrender our life and will into God's gentle care. We trust that all will be well because God is in control.

To love God with all our heart, soul, and mind means we are aware of God in the smallest cell of creation. We are accountable for how we use the world's resources and how we show justice, compassion, and love to our sisters and brothers. Although we know we love imperfectly, we must not lose heart but keep on studying Jesus' example and imitating his life to love more fully. Our efforts to love God are always received graciously. In humility, we learn to put our focus on loving God in every circumstance. God gives us the grace to love anew, to love more deeply, to love more willingly, to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind.

Ponder: What do I need to improve my relationship with God?

Prayer: Lord, I am grateful your commandments to love are simple and to the point. Keep my focus on loving you. Stretch my heart to love my neighbor too.

Practice: With a grateful heart I will take five minutes to work on my relationship with God.



The Diocese has launched the 2020-2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), with the theme **Christ, Our Light**. Please take some time this week to view the CMA video at www.dor.org/cma. You will see familiar scenes and faces in the video of the Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's family sharing the light of Christ. A letter from Bishop Matano and Father Ray went out last week to invite your support. If you did not receive a letter and would like to learn more, please reach out to George Fontenette, our parish CMA chair, or Colleen Brade at Colleen.Brade@dor.org. Our goal for IC/SB is the same as last year - \$9,910. Last year we surpassed our goal raising more than \$11,000 with 37 families participating. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Appeal. No matter the size of your gift, your participation in the CMA will make a great difference for our parish and our diocesan family.

Black Catholic History Month

November 18 & 19, 2020

7:00-8:30 pm

(each night)

"A CALL TO ACTION"

THEME: LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD

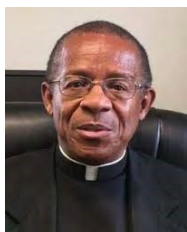
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 ~ HISTORY

*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*

This year, due to the Coronavirus we will be observing Black Catholic History Month as a Virtual Event. Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's invites you to join our guest facilitator Fr. John T. Judie from the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky for this virtual event.



Fr. John Judie is an ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland

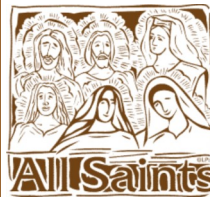
with a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree and a Master of Divinity degree. Fr. Judie was ordained to the priesthood on August 1, 1987. He is now retired from active ministry in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his hope I wait.*

Psalms 130:5

October Birthdays

*Myrna Barthelemy, Raina Bouphavong, Jackie Bryant,
Stephanie Bukuru, Hica Bukuru,
William Castle, Willie Johnson,
Erica Nsabimana, Ifeoma Nwokelo,
Harry Pierre-Philippe, Lee Wingo*



Remembering Our Loved Ones

Next Sunday, November 1, please join us in remembering our deceased family and friends by bringing in a photo of your loved one. The photo will be displayed on a table in front of the altar during Mass. (Be sure to pick up your photo following Mass.)

Early Voting Dates & Times for the November 3, General Election:



- Saturday, October 24, 2020 - 9am-3pm
- Sunday, October 25, 2020 - 9am-3pm
- Monday, October 26, 2020 - 9am-5pm
- Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - 11am-8pm
- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - 9am-5pm
- Thursday, October 29, 2020 - 11am-8pm
- Friday, October 30, 2020 - 9am-5pm
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 - 9am-3pm
- Sunday, November 1, 2020 - 9am-3pm

Early Voting Locations that will be open each date and time listed above:

- David F. Gantt Community Center - 700 North St, Rochester, NY 14605
- City of Rochester Recreation Bureau - 2nd Floor, 57 St Paul St, Rochester, NY 14604
- Genesee Valley Field House - 1316 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14611
- Edgerton Recreation Center - 41 Backus St, Rochester, NY 14608
- SUNY Empire State College - 680 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14620
- Town of Chili Senior Center - 3235 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624
- North Greece Road Church of Christ - 1039 N Greece Rd, Rochester, NY 14626
- Marketplace Mall (North Entrance) - 1 Miracle Mile Dr, Rochester, NY 14623
- Irondequoit Public Library - 1290 Titus Ave, Rochester, NY 14617
- Harris-Whalen Park Lodge - 2126 Penfield Rd, Penfield, NY 14526
- Perinton Square Mall - 6720 Pittsford Palmyra Rd, Fairport, NY 14450
- Webster Recreation Center - 1350 Chiyoda Dr, Webster, NY 14580

***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.cornill.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!***