

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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Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
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.

September 27, 2020

26TH Sunday In Ordinary Time

In love, God waits for us to turn to him.

The Father calls each of us, daughters and sons, to participate in his work. Will we go to his vineyard? Even if we have said "no" 10 times, we can turn around! With the Father's help, we can turn from disobedience to obedience — from sinfulness to grace. The Father waits patiently, and is always welcoming.

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.

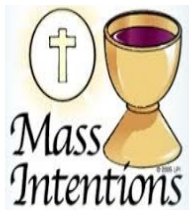
Catechumenate:

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!



Oliver & Wilhelmina Harper

**Requested by Gail, Joyce,
Elise & Richard**

*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*



Offerings for September 20, 2020

Offerings: \$997

Attendance: 42

*Catholic Campaign for Human Development:
\$239*

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:25-28 (pg. 37)

Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 (pg. 38)

Matthew 21:28-32 (pg. 36-39)

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 4, 2020

Isaiah 5:1-7 (pg. 40)

Philippians 4:6-9 (pg. 41)

Matthew 21:33-43 (pg. 42)

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.



September Birthdays

**Tim Sullivan, Belinda Seide, Pat Nguti,
Bethsaida Seide, Karanja Augustine,
Peter Fraver, Mildred Burgess**



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

Reflection: We are ambitious people, We are ambitious about our work, keeping up a public image, and succeeding in life. We are ambitious about maintaining our home. We are ambitious about spending time with family members, neighbors, and friends. We are ambitious about exercising, eating healthy, and enjoying life. We tend to be ambitious for experiences that make us happy and give a sense of personal satisfaction and security.

Yet we must be careful not to be poisoned by blind ambition. Blind ambition is a self-inflicted disease; it is a form of self-imprisonment. Blind ambition makes us self-centered, arrogant, and greedy. We cannot see beyond our own selfish interests and concerns. We have no desire to love. We are incapable of feeling the pain and suffering of others. We are trapped in our loneliness, unhappiness, and despair. We have no meaning and purpose in life. Human ambition without voluntary humility becomes disordered and destructive.

The life of Jesus teaches us how to live the humble life. Jesus is the humble servant of God who always responds with compassion to the needs of people. He never acts out of selfishness or out of the need to dominate others. His only desire is to fulfill the will of God on earth. We are called to be selfless, humble servants of Christ. Our mission in life is to be ambitious in seeking out the poor and responding to them with the compassion of God.

Ponder: When do I act from selfish ambition or conceit?

Prayer: Lord, I am grateful for your example of humble service toward others. Help me to be a humble and loving person toward all people.

Practice: With a grateful heart I will serve others' needs before my own.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual Parish business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held via ZOOM. Meeting materials and sign-on instructions will be sent prior to the meeting.



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses, like flu, this fall and winter is more important than ever. CDC has worked with vaccine manufacturers to have extra flu vaccine available this flu season. Manufacturers have already begun distributing flu vaccine and will continue to distribute vaccine throughout the season. CDC recommends getting a flu vaccination in September or October but getting vaccinated anytime during the flu season can help protect you.



National Black Men's Virtual Conference

October 23 — October 25, 2020

Bowman-Francis Team Ministry will host their first ever all digital Annual National Black Catholic Men's Conference. For more information or to register for the conference visit us on the web at: www.bowmanfrancis.org.

Registration: September 16 - October 21

Registration Fee: \$100/Men ~ \$50/Youth.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 21

November Black Catholic Month

Save the Date
November 18 & 19, 2020
7:00-8:30 pm (each night)

This year, due to the Coronavirus we will be observing Black Catholic Month as a Virtual Event. Our guest Facilitator will be Fr. John T. Judie from the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY

THEME: LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD

Baby Fontenette Comes 17 Days Early!

Congratulations to Adrian & Fabienne Fontenette on the birth of their son, **Hamilton Alpheaus Fontenette**. (Alpheaus was George's grandfather's name). Hamilton was born on Wednesday, September 23, and weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, George and Precious Fontenette.



Racism in Rochester

Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Anne Churches

Join us for a three-part online speaker series on race, racism, and faith in Rochester.

Week 1, October 7: Rev. Judy Davis (Community of the Savior) discusses the challenges of **building a diverse community of faith**.

Week 2, October 14: Sr. Chris Wagner, SSJ (Executive Director and found of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center) identifies **hopeful actions in the community and what still needs to be done**.

Week 3, October 21: Kevin Beckford (Senior Director of Staff Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at UR and Pittsford Town Board Member) reflects on **being Black in the corporate world**.

All meetings are from 8:00—9:00 p.m. via Zoom and include Q&A.

Register in advance by contacting Konnie Collins at konnie.collins@dor.org. Free of charge.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. New York offers absentee ballots by mail to voters who will be unable to vote in person. All other voters are expected to vote in person. New York offers early voting.



For questions or absentee ballot call:

Monroe County Board of Elections
39 Main St. West
Rochester, NY 14614
Phone: 585-753-1550

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Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893***

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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 <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!***