

# *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.

*April 18, 2021*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

The risen Christ forgives our sins and advocates for us before the Father.

In breaking open the Scriptures for the disciples, Jesus dispels their greatest fears and doubts and gently brings them into the fullness of true peace. Because of this they now have the courage to proclaim him before the world—to become his witnesses. Courage and peace are the hallmarks of the believer, and are the gifts necessary to face the challenges of this world.

*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, April 18, 2021**

**Norma Diaz**

**Requested by Rose Stokes**



*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 Readings for Sunday, April 18, 2021**

*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*

*1 John 2:1-5a*

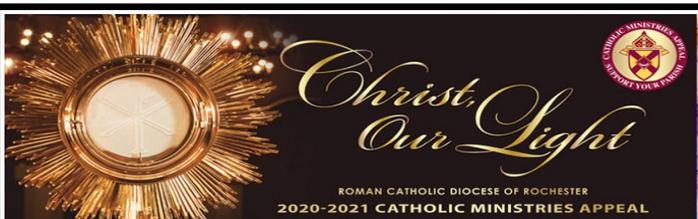
*Luke 24:35-48*

**Bible Readings for Sunday, April 25, 2021**

*Acts 4:8-12*

*1 John 3:1-2*

*Luke 10:11-18*



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. 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.



**April Birthdays**

**James Brooks, Joycelyn Bucchan,**

**Joanne Gordon, Paterne Hicu,**

**Franklyn Horman, Chanty Nsabinama,**

**Chibueze Onwunaka, Donald Toyer,**

**Thelma Uter, Al White,**

**Mary Wingo**

**Offerings for April 11, 2021**

**Offerings: \$1,013    Online Giving: \$120**

**Good Friday—\$75    Attendance: 51**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



**BIBLE STUDY CORNER**

*Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection.*

*1 John 2:4-5*

**Reflection:** At times all of us are guilty of lying, deception, half-truths, gossip and rumors. We lie because we are afraid—afraid that if others knew the truth about us, we would be rejected. We lie because we do not trust the truth. Each time we lie, we betray others as well as ourselves. With each lie, our character is tarnished, our spirit is divided, and our integrity is diminished. When we lie, we cannot be trusted.

Truth is at the heart of the human condition. We trust our elected officials to honor their oath of office. We trust our civic and business leaders to be honest stewards of the community's resources. We trust our spiritual and religious leaders to practice what they preach. We trust our teachers and coaches to model fair play and good judgment.

The truth about God and humanity was revealed in the life of Jesus. Jesus was faithful to God, and God remained faithful to Jesus. The belief in the risen Jesus is a commitment to the truth about God: Life conquers death. Love overpowers hatred. Hope dispels darkness. Faith in the things of heaven brings us ultimate happiness and peace.

As followers of the risen Lord, we remain trustworthy when we respect the dignity of all people, defend the sacredness of life, and respond to the needs of the poor. Belief in the resurrection calls us to be truthful witnesses of love, peace, and compassion in the world.

**Ponder:** When do I find it hard to tell and live the truth?

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, your resurrection revealed to the world the hope and promise of new life. Help me to be a faithful, hopeful, loving presence to all people.

**Practice:** Today I will speak the truth in love.



## April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- ◆ uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- ◆ support families and future generations
- ◆ love the poor and vulnerable
- ◆ advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- ◆ be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- ◆ care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

**Pray:** to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

**Learn:** how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

**Tell:** your local and national leaders to protect creation.

**Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!**

## Social Ministry Conference

Are your parish's social ministry efforts lagging due to the pandemic? Could you use an energy boost to re-ignite your passion for the social justice work of the Church?

Then join Catholics from around the diocese on **Thursday, May 6** for the **annual diocesan social ministry conference**, happening on Zoom— so you don't even have to travel to attend.

- ◆ Reflect on Pope Francis' recent encyclical, [Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship](#).
- ◆ Connect with other social ministry volunteers and with great Catholic organizations to strengthen your parish ministries
- ◆ Join in interactive workshops on issues of Catholic Social Teaching like: Racism—Life Issues—Dignity of Work—Creation Care.
- ◆ Learn how to make your Zoom meetings more fun and energizing!

To register, go to [www.dor.org/conference/](http://www.dor.org/conference/)

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal *Strengthening the Church at Home*

Next Sunday we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

*Saint Rita Racial Justice Ministry  
presents*

## *Voices from Within*

*Sunday, April 25 ~ 6:30 pm—7:30 pm*

*~Witness & Prayer Service~*

A time for reflection and prayer to help recognize and eradicate the sin of racism from our community. Hear life experiences on encountering racism from your fellow parishioners.

**Join Live at St. Rita Church or stream via the  
St. Rita Website or Facebook Page**

*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> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></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>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>JoAnn Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MARY JACKSON</b> <i>Thomas &amp; Nellie Bostick</i></p>