

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

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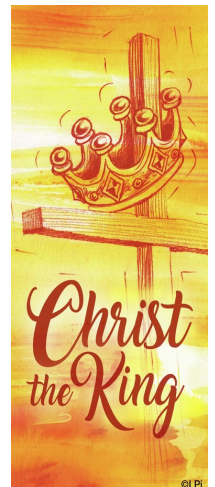
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**Mission Statement:** The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

## November 22, 2020 Solemnity of Christ the King

Jesus is the mighty King who reigns in our hearts.

There are compelling images of Christ on this solemn feast today. One is of the shepherd who lovingly and humbly cares for his sheep. The other is of a mighty king, ruler of the universe, and heaven and earth. In this image, he judges on how well we cared for one another, saying, Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.



**Holy Days:** Consult bulletin or call parish office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

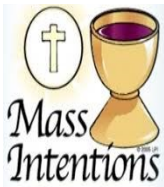
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**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!**



**Will T. Batiste**

**Requested by Rose Stokes**

*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 November 15, 2020**

**Offerings: \$866**

**Attendance: 45**

**Online Giving: Week of November 14—\$390**

**Thank you for your continued and generous support.**

### **Bible Readings for Sunday, November 22, 2020**

*Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (pg. 59)*

*1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (pg. 60)*

*Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 60-61)*

### **Bible Readings for Sunday, November 29, 2020**

*Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7*

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

*Mark 13:33-37*



### **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**Parish Goal: \$9,910**

**Pledged as of November 17, 2020**

**\$4,025 (40.62%)**

### **CMA Update: How the CMA helps our Parish**

As of this date, 12 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. One example is the Zoom license funded by CMA donations. Through Zoom, we are able to host virtual meetings with parish staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and also to provide religious education to our youth. Diocesan staff have helped us to learn how to use Zoom, and are available on a moment's notice. Please join our appeal and give what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

For more information about the CMA, please see George Fontenette or go to [www.dor.org/cma](http://www.dor.org/cma).

### **BIBLE STUDY CORNER**



*The king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."*

*Matthew 26:34-36*

**Reflection:** Jesus is very clear about the concrete actions we must take to serve God in the world. Whenever we make a heartfelt offering of food, drink, hospitality, clothing, care, or our presence to those in need, we answer the call to follow Jesus. Our ability to help is not limited by our physical resources. Our prayers emotional support, spiritual insights, and belief in the power of love and compassion make a positive impact in the lives of those who are suffering. People are made hungry and thirsty, lonely, alienated, ill and imprisoned by any number of situations. It is our calling to discern where our time, talent, and treasure will meet the needs of those who require attention.

When we serve the hungry, thirsty, lonely, alienated, ill, and imprisoned, we acknowledge all people's likeness to God and learn to walk with reverence, respect, and gentleness in the presence of everyone. We allow the love in our hearts to flow out to meet the love in the hearts of others. We get a tiny glimpse into the awesome beauty of the kingdom of God, where all people are welcome and treated with equal dignity, where all are healed and made holy, one people of the one God who loves us without end.

**Ponder:** What prevents me from seeing the face of God in others?

**Prayer:** Lord, I am grateful that you are my gentle shepherd. Show me how to care for your people with the same love and compassion you show me.

**Practice:** With a grateful heart I will feed someone who is hungry.

## Black Catholic History Month

There are six Black Catholics who are on the path to sainthood at the present time.

### Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853)



Venerable Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti. Philanthropist & Founder of many Catholic charitable works. He is buried in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. He is the first layperson to be buried there.

### Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange (1784-1882)



Mother Mary Lange was the foundress and first Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (1829-1832), the first congregation of African American women religious in the history of the Catholic Church. She is believed to be Cuban born of Haitian descent.

### Venerable Henriette Delille (1813-1862)



Venerable Henriette Delille was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she lived all of her life. In 1842, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family. This was the second congregation of African-American women religious in the USA.

### Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)



Fr. Augustus Tolton was the first Roman Catholic priest in the United States publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton studied formally in Rome. He was ordained at St. John Lateran (Rome).

### Julia Greeley (1833 and 1848-1918)



Julia Greeley was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848. Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, she joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918. She is buried in Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

### Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA (1937-1990)



Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA was born in 1937 and reared in Canton, Mississippi. As a child she converted to Catholicism. She was Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. During her short lifetime (52 years), she was dedicated to preparing priests and seminarians working in the African-American parishes and institutions in the USA.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

## Keep in Prayer

Please pray for Walter DeRouen and his family. Walter's cousin, Wendy DeRouen passed away on November 11th. Please keep the DeRouen family in prayer and pray for the repose of Wendy's soul.

## Blacks In Catholic History

November 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Did You Know... that a black African Catholic, Saint Anthony of Alexandria, is known as the patriarch of Monks?



He was born at Aama, a village south of Memphis, near Thebes. His parents were rich Christians. Shortly after inheriting his parent's fortune, he sold all his vast fortune and gave the proceeds to the poor, sent his sister to a nunnery and retired to an old ruin of a tomb. He ate only every three or four days and spent his time at manual labor and prayer.

## A Prayer for Thanksgiving

*Loving God,*

*We turn our hearts to you on this  
day for giving thanks, mindful of  
your many gifts.*

*For each one, we are grateful.*

*For each one, we are blessed.*

*For each one we are opened to the  
abundance of your love.*

*May this Thanksgiving Day offer a  
reminder to be generous with others,  
as you are with us.*

*We praise you.*

*We rejoice in you.*

*We give you thanks.*

*Amen.*





# **Christmas Assistance For Eastern Service Workers Association Families**

**We will once again be assisting families of ESWA with gifts and food baskets for the Christmas Holiday.**



**If you are interested in helping a family please see Lee Wingo or give him a call—247-6575/414-3950**



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

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

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