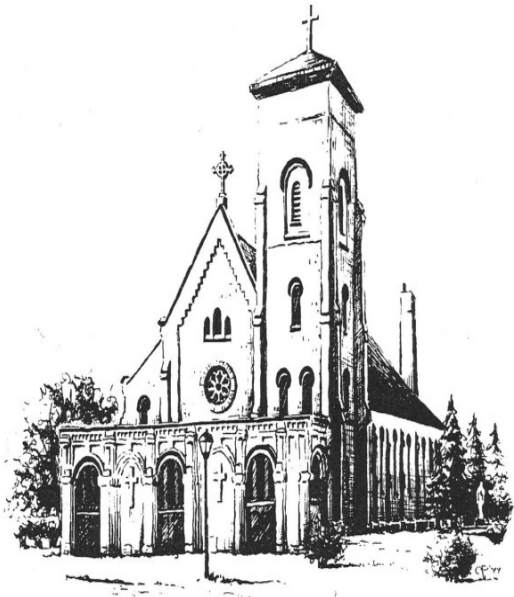


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



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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.

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prepare each day for the end of our earthly lives.

There is an ancient practice of reflection on mortality that goes as far back as Socrates: *Memento Mori*, or, *Remember, thou art mortal*. Today's Scriptures are perfect for the Christian spiritual practice of thinking about our life, and eventual death – a reminder that our ultimate goal in faith is to live with God after this life. Awareness of our own mortality should spur us to act righteously each day.

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.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Giles Conwill, Sarah Gordon, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters



Offerings for January 17, 2021

Offerings: \$840 Online Giving: \$580

Thank you for your generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:16-18

Reflection: Simon and his brother were comfortable in their job. They were busy doing what they were trained to do: catch fish. With all their mind, heart, soul, and strength, these fishermen earned a living to provide for their families.

On the surface, leaving a job to follow a stranger does not make sense. Yet Simon and Andrew and all the others called by Jesus learned how to fish for people by listening to the teachings of Jesus and watching his work among the people.

Some people get up each morning to do a job; they do what they were trained to do. Some people get up each morning to go in search of a job so they can earn a living and take care of their families. Whether employed or unemployed, we are invited to do the work of God. God needs faithful workers to help build the kingdom of God on Earth.

Each day our work is to give witness to the Word of God. Training for this work requires a commitment to prayerfully read the Word of God and be mindful enough to share the wisdom of God's teaching with others.

Catching people is like catching fish. We need to be patient. We catch people for the kingdom of God with the grace-filled Word of God. When we set out to do the work of God, we go with the bait of love, compassion, peace, and forgiveness in our hearts, hoping to attract people to Jesus.

Ponder: What is the meaning and purpose of my work?

Prayer: Lord, you call me to do the work of God in the world. Help me to say yes to your work of peace and reconciliation.

Practice: I will share today's reflection with a friend or colleague.



Parish Goal: \$9,910

As of this date, we have raised \$9,580 (96.67% of our goal) with 28 families contributing to the CMA. We thank everyone who responded to the year-end appeal to get to our goal by December 31st. It is not too late to join the effort. We only have \$330.00 to go! Did you know that you can make your pledge today, and you have until May 31, 2021 to pay it in full?

Please contact George Fontenette or Colleen Brade (Colleen.Brade@dor.org) if you would like to make your pledge today.

January Birthdays

Earl Barnes, Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler,
Nellie Bostick, Sandra Brooks, Alex Cooper,
Lauren DeRouen, Joyce Gainey,
Scholastique Hicubruni, Yvette Reaves,
Shelly Smith, James Walker



Pope prays President Biden works to heal divisions, promote human dignity.

Pope Francis delivered a prayer for President Biden found below.

On the occasion of your inauguration as the forty-sixth President of the United States of America, I extend cordial good wishes and the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high office. Under your leadership, may the American people continue to draw strength from the lofty political, ethical and religious values that have inspired the nation since its founding. At a time when the grave crises facing our human family call for farsighted and united responses, I pray that your decisions will be guided by a concern for building a society marked by authentic justice and freedom, together with unfailing respect to the rights and dignity of every person, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those who have no voice. I likewise ask God, the source of all wisdom and truth, to guide your efforts to foster understanding, reconciliation and peace within the United States and among the nations of the world in order to advance the universal common good. With these sentiments, I willingly invoke upon you and your family and the beloved American people an abundance of blessings.



New members are most welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, see one of the hospitality ministers following Mass or call the parish office at 325-3893.

Keep in Prayer

Please pray for the family of Julia Johnson. Julia passed away on January 19, 2021. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers and pray for the repose of her soul.

There will be a memorial service for Julia Johnson at a later date.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Emergency Food: If you are in need of emergency food and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619 and 14624, please contact the SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY WEEKEND

February 13/14, 2021

**Advocacy Issue: Funding for
NOURISH NEW YORK INITIATIVE**

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit everyone hard. In particular, the pandemic has focused a spotlight on two vulnerable groups in New York State: farmers and our neighbors who are food insecure—many are newly hungry due to job losses caused by the pandemic. The Diocesan Public Policy Committee invites us to join in helping both on Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend (February 13/14) by calling on state leaders to allocate \$50 million to continue the NOURISH NEW YORK initiative during state fiscal year 2021-2022.

*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 style="text-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>CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 133 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p>Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For all the Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>

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