

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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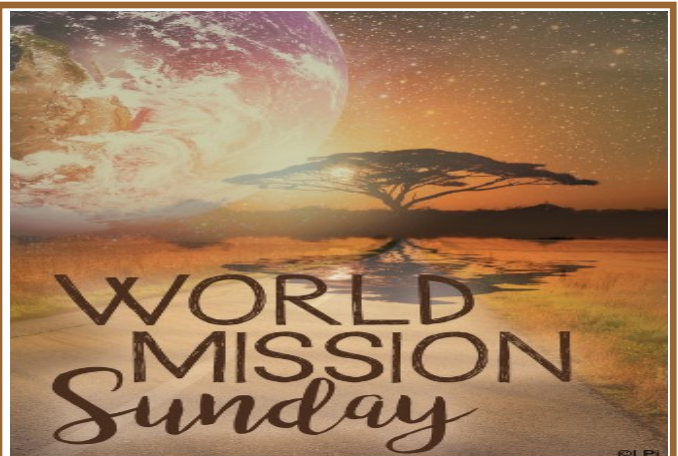
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WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

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 18, 2020

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time



Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Just like Jesus, the greatest evangelizer, we are called to help spread the word of God. We encourage you to give generously to help others in their missionary work around the world!

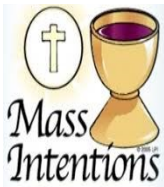
Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call parish office.

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.



Curvin Castle Jr.

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, Sybil Doucette, Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters



Offerings for October 11, 2020

Offerings: **\$2,529**

Attendance: **37**

Online Giving: Week of October 10—\$420

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 18, 2020

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (pg. 46)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b (pg. 47)

Matthew 22:15-21 (pg. 48)

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)



Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.

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



BIBLE STUDY CORNER



Then [Jesus] said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Matthew 22:20-21

Reflection: We live in this world and have certain needs. We need food, clothing, and shelter. We need education and work. We need friends who care. We need someone to love. We also have obligations in this world. We have to attend school until we are sixteen. We have to have a driver’s license to operate a motor vehicle. We have to obey traffic laws. We have to have a passport to travel to a different country. We have to pay back college loans. We have to pay bills on time. We have to pay taxes.

As we struggle to balance our human needs and obligations with our spiritual lives, we need to remember that God knows we are human and have needs and obligations. God is our ultimate source for everything, and when we find ourselves in need, we must turn to God in faith and ask for help. God will answer us. God will help us. God will set us on a path that will lead to serenity, joy, and fulfillment.

Our daily practice of listening for God’s guidance helps us to develop our godlike qualities of patience, compassion, and kindness. We become more accepting and less judgmental. We become more loving and less fearful. We learn to give God the things that are God’s—gratitude, trust, love, and a peaceful heart.

Ponder: What belongs to the world and what belongs to God?

Prayer: Lord, I am grateful for the power of your love and grace. Teach me to trust that you care about my human needs and obligations.

Practice: With a grateful heart I will give God my whole attention for five minutes.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God, in truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine allegiance?

Wedding Announcement

Our heartfelt best wishes to Jean Manirampa & Anuarite Hica on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

May the Lord's blessings and goodness be upon them abundantly.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Manirampa

REPAIR OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Swiatek Studios of Buffalo will begin the repair of our stained glass windows around mid-October. Since the window sections will need to be removed for repair, the opening will be temporarily covered with plywood. The plan is to repair a total of 14 sections. They will repair 4 sections at a time and expect to complete this work by the end of the year.

This is Phase 1; there will be multiple phases needed to complete all the repairs needed.



ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

November Black Catholic History 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 History Month as a Virtual Event. Our guest facilitator will be Fr. John T. Judie from the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky

THEME: LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER 2020-2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Christ,
Our Light*



Go to www.dor.org
• View the video • See how
the funds are distributed • Make your gift

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.

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

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CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 133 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.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!***