

# *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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**We worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Office located at: 34 Monica Street, Rochester, NY 14619  
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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.

**February 27, 2022**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

We all know there are times when something "slips out" in our speech. There are times when we perform some questionable action or react more strongly than we intended. The Scriptures today alert us to the relationship of what is in our hearts and minds with what is on our lips. Only goodness can overcome evil and produce goodness—as incorruptibility and immortality overcome that which is corrupt and mortal, and as Jesus Christ overcame the sting of death.



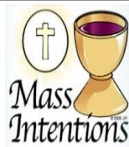
**March 2, 2022**

**Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
6:00 pm**

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

*~Ecclesiastes 3:20*

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**



**Joseph Castle**

**Requested by the Castle Family**

**Offerings for February 20, 2022**

**Offerings: \$985**

**Attendance: 53**

**Online Giving: \$40**

**Online Givers: 2**

*Thank you for your generous support.*



*Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Julie Coe, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. Jim Goode, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters*



**Wed. Mar. 2** Ash Wednesday—Mass & Distribution of Ashes—6:00 pm

**Sat. Mar. 5** Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am

**Sun. Mar. 13** Daylight Saving Time

**Sat. Mar. 26** St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

**Bible Readings for Sunday, February 27, 2022**

*Sirach 27:4-7*

*1 Corinthians 15:54-58*

*Luke 6:39-45*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, March 6, 2022**

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

*Romans 10:8-13*

*Luke 4:1-13*

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

Reader I & II—Ruth Miller

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**



**February Christian Action**

LOVING PEOPLE WITH



**Be Christ's Love:**

- \* Pay a sincere compliment.
- \* Surprise someone with a love note.
- \* Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.
- \* Leave a generous tip.
- \* Send a valentine to someone who otherwise might not receive one.

**† Ash Wednesday**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

Offerings at St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

8:00 am Mass + Ashes **St. Monica Church**

11-11:15 am Ashes St. Monica parking lot

12-12:15 pm Ashes St. Monica parking lot

1-1:15 pm Ashes St. Monica parking lot

6:00 pm Mass + Ashes **Immaculate Conception/  
St. Bridget's Church**

445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



**Do Something Beautiful for God**

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.

*"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude."*

- - Colin Powell



On Wednesday, the season of Lent begins. Traditionally this has been a reason in which the theme of Penance for our sins has predominated. The Lenten Penance has not been abolished. No longer is the Penance imposed from without by Church law; rather it is accepted from within, from your individual sense of love for God.

We hope that all our parishioners will get into the spirit of Lent by doing something that will help them spiritually. **Ashes distributed at the 6:00 pm Mass.**

Receive ashes and wear them humbly. Ashes, an ancient Jewish sign of penitence, begins Lent. Usually during the Mass on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the faithful come forward to have ashes rubbed on their foreheads in the sign of the cross. The ashes come from the burned palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Depending on local practice, the priest or other minister will say one of two formulas repent and believe in the Gospel or remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Ashes—black and gritty, remind us of the somber character of Lent. They symbolize the darkness in our lives which must be confronted and repented. They remind us too, that just as something that has burned is gone, what we have and who we are on this earth is not permanent. There is an urgency in the Lord's call to conversion. Worn publicly, ashes remind us that we call each other to live in the gospel.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church  
Every Friday during Lent  
Beginning Friday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m.  
All are invited!

## Lenten Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- a) Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- b) Everyone between 18 and 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast (one full meal a day and nothing between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.)



## Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

In the Catholic tradition, the forty days of Lent have been a time to pray and fast in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to the beginning of his public ministry. We take time to recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises, measuring our values against those of Jesus.

Through sin we break our relationships within the human family and with God. Lent is a time to repent of our sin in order to restore those relationships. As Catholics, we turn to the traditional disciplines of Lent to help us focus on discerning God's will.

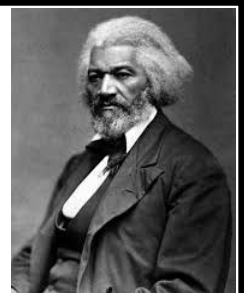
How will you incorporate prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your Lenten experience?

Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, March 5th; seating begins at 9:00 a.m.-meal & program starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon at the Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave). Masks required for those not vaccinated. Our speaker is Sr. Theresa Ruddy. Reservations/\$27.00; Student/\$15.00. Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline March 2nd.



For more information call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, email: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

*"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."* - - Frederick Douglass



<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b> <b>2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</b></p> <p align="center">Visit our two new stores Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Consignkids Clothing and more. City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances.</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</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JEFFREY WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE &amp; ADA FULLWOOD</b> <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>MARY JACKSON</b> <i>Thomas &amp; Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY</b> <i>Love Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>