

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.

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Happy
Mother's Day!*

Our God knows and loves each of us.

What a blessing it is to have a God who knows each one of us. Each of us is created and gifted with our own unique purpose. As Jesus says in today's Gospel: My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. Let us celebrate Jesus' presence in our lives and follow after him.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

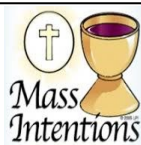
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

Sunday, May 8, 2022

David Stinson & William Stinson
Requested by the Castle Family



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

Bible Readings for Sunday, May 8, 2022

Act 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30



Bible Readings for Sunday, May 15, 2022

Act 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Reader I & II—Walter DeRouen

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Offerings for May 1, 2022

Offerings: \$3,118

Attendance: 65

Online Giving: \$280

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.



Sun. May 8 Mother's Day

Sat. May 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Mon. May 30 Memorial Day—Office Closed

May Christian Action



Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Loving trust is only the fruit of total surrender. You cannot have trust unless you are one with the person. Total surrender and loving trust are twins.



*Julian Barthelemy
Maria Degan
Anthony DeRouen
Carrie Fontenette
Joanie Fraver
Sosthenes Pierre-Philippe
Coralie Seide
Isabelle Walters*



Living Faith ~ We the Sheep

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Psalm 100:3

I have a friend who doesn't like being compared to sheep. She wishes Jesus would have chosen an animal with a higher intelligence (like a dolphin), greater power (like a lion) or more graceful beauty (like a racehorse). But I tell her, maybe that's precisely why Jesus chose the sheep. We humans, like sheep, are not always very bright. We are often weak and powerless. And at times, we act in very ugly ways. And so, like sheep, we desperately need a "Good Shepherd," someone to care for us, guard us and lead us to life-sustaining water and pastures. And that's precisely what Jesus does for us.

There's another way we are like sheep: We need other sheep for companionship and support. As the old proverb warns, "A lone sheep is a dead sheep."

Jesus, Good Shepherd, thank you for caring for me, guarding me and leading me throughout my life. And thank you, too, for my fellow sheep who encourage and inspire me daily by their efforts to follow you.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

God's Special Creation

The hand that rocks the cradle
also makes the house a home.
It is the prayers of the mother
that keeps the family strong.

Mother rises early in the morning
and bathes her day in prayer.
She talks to God about her family
and places them in His care.

Mother communicates her love
in a thousand different ways.
When there's a need, she is there,
whether it is night or day.

Mother seasons life with love
and gives so much of herself.
God placed in her the best He had
and made her unlike anyone else.

When challenges come our way
and when trials block our view,
Mother kneels down beside her bed
and prays the family through.

Mother is God's special creation.
She is a light shining in the dark,
illuminating the path for her family
and pointing them toward God.

Lenora McWhorter

Almsgiving

As part of their Lenten project, The Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Religious Education youth will be collecting non-perishable food items. The collected items will be donated to a local food bank. The project will run now through June 12. A bin will be placed in the Gathering space for your donations.

Thank you for your help.

The Religious Education Students

CORN HILL ARTS FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10

Sign up sheets are available on the table in the gathering space to volunteer for the Corn Hill Arts Festival. If you have any questions, please see Don Toyer or Bill Castle.



Calling all 2022 high school or college graduates! Please send your name in to Tracy Jordan at tracy.jordan@dor.org if you are graduating this year. We want to celebrate your wonderful accomplishment!

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$535 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</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>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><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>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>This Space Available</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY <i>Love Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH ANN GORDON <i>Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>