

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 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those who witness Jesus' authority and healing power are amazed.

In today's Gospel account of Jesus entering Capernaum, those who heard his teaching and witnessed him drive out an unclean spirit are astonished. Their amazement is due to the authority of Christ, who is God himself. Are we, too, in awe at the work of God in our lives?

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 24, 2021

Offerings: \$415 Online Giving: \$430

Thank you for your generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Bible Readings for Sunday, February 7, 2021

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

“What is this? A new teaching-with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once [Jesus’] fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Mark 1:27B-28

Reflection: Since Jesus is God, he possesses divine power. When Jesus speaks, he speaks with the authority of God. God’s word has the power to drive out every unclean spirit, thus making all things new.

The Christian community that prayerfully reads and acts on the Word of God has the power to drive out any unclean spirits that rob the Earth and humanity of their intrinsic goodness and dignity.

The Gospel gives us some insight into what it means to be a Christian witness in the world today. We can live and work in the world with the strength and power of the Word of God in our hearts, knowing that God’s Word of peace, love, compassion, and forgiveness can overcome all the hatred and bitterness that keep people apart.

When we are filled with the healing power of God’s Word, we can offer compassion to the poor by using our gifts, talents, and resources to feed the hungry throughout the world. We have the power to restore lives and eradicate global poverty.

When we are illuminated with the wisdom of God’s Word, we can give witness to our faith in God by being actively engaged in those activities that promote life and the nonviolent development of all peoples.

When we are guided by the transformative Spirit of God’s Word, we can be lights of hope and liberate people from the unclean spirits of despair, fear, loneliness, and rejection.

When we faithfully live the Word of God each day, we help to spread the kingdom of God everywhere.

Ponder: What does it mean for me to be a Christian in today’s world?

Prayer: Lord, you created me to live in the freedom of your love. Give me the courage to share your love with all people.

Practice: Today I will carry a positive attitude in my heart.



Parish Goal: \$9,910

We’ve Surpassed our CMA Goal!

Congratulations and thank you! As of this date, we have raised \$9,955 (100.457% of our goal) with 30 families contributing to the CMA. We thank everyone who responded to Father Ray’s rally and our year-end appeal. What a great way to boost Father Ray through health challenges and to wish Father Bradler “Happy Birthday”! It is not too late to join the effort - 50¢ of every dollar raised over our goal will come back to our parish in a check. Please contact George Fontenette or Colleen Brade (Colleen.Brade@dor.org) if you would like to make your pledge today.

February Birthdays

**Jaidi Bouphavong, Rosalie Bouphavong,
Jonathan Dingwall, Andre Fontenette,
Leslie Pierre-Philippe, Bing Reaves,
Lily Tatum, Gail Whitcraft**



Please join Series Host and Executive Producer
Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
and
PBS Chief Programming Executive
Sylvia Bugg
to discuss the upcoming PBS special
The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song
Thursday, February 11, 7:00-8:15 p.m. EST
via Zoom Webinar

Premiering in February, this new, two-part, four-hour documentary reveals the broad history and culture of a living institution in African American life - the Black church.

From enslavement to emancipation, the civil rights struggle to political action at every level of society, explore how African American faith communities have forged interracial ties and have been on the frontline of uplift and change.

Enjoy a 15-minute preview of this insightful new program, followed by a live Q&A with key participants (TBA).

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#). Once registered, you'll receive a unique, non-transferable link to this exclusive, virtual event.

CHURCH TO REOPEN FOR MASS

We are pleased to announce that we will resume offering mass at 10am on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Governor Cuomo lifted the extra restrictions in areas designated as yellow and orange zones in most areas of the state, including Monroe county.

This means all churches in the Diocese of Rochester can now operate at 50% of maximum capacity while continuing all efforts associated with cleaning of public spaces, hygiene, wearing of masks and social distancing.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!!

Keep in Prayer



Please pray for Fr. Bradler, his sister, Mary Hilburger and their family. Mary's husband Jack Hilburger passed away on January 22, 2021. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers and pray for the repose of his soul.

PROGRAM COMING TO WXXI IN FEBRUARY

There is a new 4 hour series called The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song, airing February 16th and 17th and repeating on Saturday. Prior to the airing of the program, you can register to join a Zoom Webinar February 11th, hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr. to get a sneak peak. Attached you will find date and time of the Webinar and how you can register. The two part "The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song" which starts 2/16 at 9pm.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Finding Your Roots Episode 705: 8:00 – 9:00 PM ET
The Black Church Episode 101: 9:00 – 11:00 PM ET

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Nova: Beyond the Elements Episode 3 of 3: 8:00 – 9:00 PM ET
The Black Church Episode 102: 9:00 – 11:00 PM ET

Also, next month in case you missed it or would just love to see it again, please tune in to **Akoma: 25 Years of Gospel Sisterhood** on February 26, 2021. Don't forget to call in to the station and tell them what you think!!

After AKOMA? An in week repeat of Independent Lens "Mr. Soul"
<https://www.pbssocal.org/programs/independent-lens/mr-soul-trailer-aqjqf7/>

If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial

Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893

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<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 <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 your 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>
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<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 HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i></p>
<p>For all the Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>