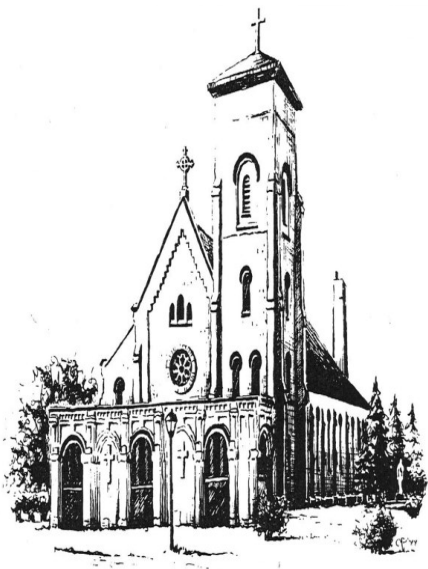


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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.

June 6, 2021

**THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Jesus establishes the new covenant between God and his people with his body and blood.

Since the beginning of time, God has loved and delighted in the people he created to share fully in his love. Despite their repeated rejection and betrayal of him, God's love for his people never ended. In Jesus, and the giving of his body and blood, God offers us the way to become one with him and know his love completely.

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.

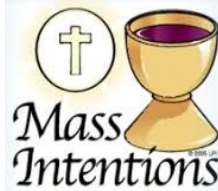
Baptism: Please call the church office to make arrangements.

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

New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 325-3893.

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Lena Adams—Bequest



Offerings for May 30, 2021

Offerings: \$1,136

Online Giving: \$290

Attendance: 49

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, Fr. Giles Conwill, Sarah Gordon, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, June 6, 2021

Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Bible Readings for Sunday, June 13, 2021

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

**Catholic Communication Campaign
Sunday, June 13, 2021**

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rochester to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

June Birthdays

Joe Catalli

Elise Clinkscales

Julian Dingwall

Myrtle Fontenette

Rachael Kisenyi

Ruth Miller

Michael Nwokelo

Kevin O'Hagan

Douglas Parker

Barbara Turner

"Do not be afraid; just have faith."

Mark 5:36



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."

Mark 14:22-24

Reflection: The Eucharist teaches us some important lessons for living in the world. When we gather around the table of the Lord, we learn how to live and act like Jesus. In the Eucharist, Jesus teaches us that life is a blessing. No matter what we experience in life, all is a blessing and we need to give thanks to God.

Jesus teaches us in his own life that brokenness is an essential aspect of the Christian life. Unless we are broken, we cannot share in and understand the human condition experienced by many people throughout the world. When we experience the pain of brokenness, we are made vulnerable and are united with the suffering of others. When we recognize that we share in the common weakness of the human condition, we are more likely to pour out love and compassion.

At the heart of the Eucharist is the act of self-giving. The actions of Jesus found in the Eucharist must become our way of acting in the world. The Eucharist becomes a way of life, a countercultural sign against selfishness, greed, the abuse of power, and violence. All who are united in the Eucharist are called to give to others what they have received through the sacrifice of Christ: the love, compassion, and peace of God.

Ponder: Why am I afraid to be vulnerable?

Prayer: Lord, out of brokenness and weakness you saved my life. Help me to embrace my weakness so that I can walk in solidarity with the poor and suffering.

Practice: Today I will be more sensitive to the pain and suffering of the people around me.

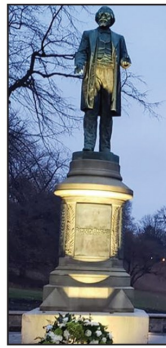
FREDERICK DOUGLASS' MONUMENT: A FIRST

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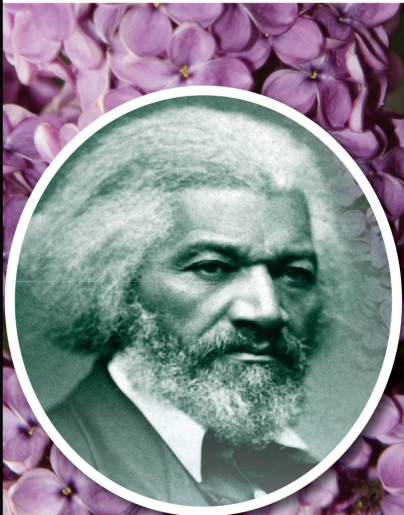
JUNE 9, 2021 • 5:30 PM
FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL PLAZA
 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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A commemoration of the **June 9, 1899** unveiling of the Frederick Douglass Monument will be held 5:30 PM, June 9, 2021, at the Frederick Douglass Memorial Plaza in Highland Park [corner of South Avenue and Robinson Drive, 14620]. Experts will share little known facts about this first U.S. monument dedicated to an African American, with remarks from the Douglass family, city and county officials and lively music in the fresh, lilac-scented air for about an hour.



FREE. Open to the Public. Masks advised.



FREDERICK DOUGLASS FREEDOM FESTIVAL The 122nd Salute to America's First Monument Honoring an African American

The **Frederick Douglass Freedom Festival** will be held at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, June 9** in Frederick Douglass Memorial Plaza at the corner of South Avenue and Robinson Drive. The annual event, celebrating the June 9, 1899 unveiling of the Frederick Douglass Monument to an audience of over ten thousand led by John W. Thompson of Eureka Lodge No. 36 of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons, will include remarks from City of Rochester and Monroe County officials along with family members of Douglass.

"The commemoration will take place for the first time in its history at the monument's new location, which is not far from where it stood for years on a hillside in the Highland Bowl outdoor amphitheater," said the Rev. Juanitaelizabeth Carroll, chief operating officer of the Pitts Friends of Frederick Douglass. "We're paying homage to a great champion for civil rights and the everyday people that he inspired through his unrelenting fight for "colored men" to be accepted into the U.S. military. Initially created to honor colored soldiers and sailors, the monument has come to mean many things to many people. This commemoration recounts the story of the courageous fight, the determination and perseverance of those "everyday" people to give us this monument. In today's "reckoning over race," those same qualities are essential to achieve racial justice and harmony," said Carroll.

In 2019, the Monroe County Parks Department moved the monument—the first ever erected in the U.S. honoring an African American—from the Highland Bowl to a site along South Avenue. County Legislator Vince Felder was a major supporter of the relocation project, paid for by funds from Monroe County and a state grant, and included construction of a new plaza for the monument that is now more visible to passing motorists and pedestrians. "Besides being an international abolitionist, statesman, and author, Douglass was publisher of the anti-slavery newspaper, *The North Star*," said Rev. Carroll, "And it's so fitting that the plaza, which is lit up at night, is adorned with sculptures representing the North Star and other constellations." The approximately hour-long commemoration at Frederick Douglass Memorial Plaza will include experts sharing little known facts about the monument and inspirational music. Admission is free to the public; **masks are encouraged.**

For more information, contact the **Rev. Juanitaelizabeth Carroll** at (847) 436-1982 or jffd1966@gmail.com.

*Fr. Ray celebrated his 70th birthday
 on Saturday, June 5, 2021.*



Happy 70th Birthday!

*May you continue to be blessed
 throughout the year.*

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Jesus is the reminder of who God is in our lives and through the Eucharist he remains present in our lives in an ordinary but extraordinary way. He uses the ordinary things of life—bread and wine—to stay with us. We believe that he is really though mysteriously, present through the ordinary signs of bread and wine.

You and I constantly need reminders of what is most precious in life. It is all too easy to forget what is of the greatest value. The Eucharist is a way of keeping the memory of Christ alive in our hearts. Just as you and I don't always think of what our friendships and marriages mean in our lives, but need reminders now and then, so too do we need to be reminded of who we are in God's sight and in the sight of one another.

We need to be faithful to the signs we make to God and to one another. The signs have to be true. Most of us feel revolted by the phony kiss or endearing words that some people use. These signs are not true to what they profess to say. When we take the Eucharist we are pledging our faithfulness in love to God and to each other. Jesus has been faithful to death and we are called to be faithful during our whole lives.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. ~John 6:51

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For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i>	In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i>
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