

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.

September 20, 2020

25TH Sunday In Ordinary Time

God's love and mercy are never-ending.

Isaiah advises us to seek the Lord, an activity we might think of as being complete as soon as we come to believe in him. But really, this is an invitation to grace - a grace that is constant, always available, and generous in its forgiveness. It is a promise of deep and perpetual care by a God who is completely different from us in his thoughts and ways, and yet never-ending in his love and mercy.

Holy Days:

Consult bulletin or call parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By Appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

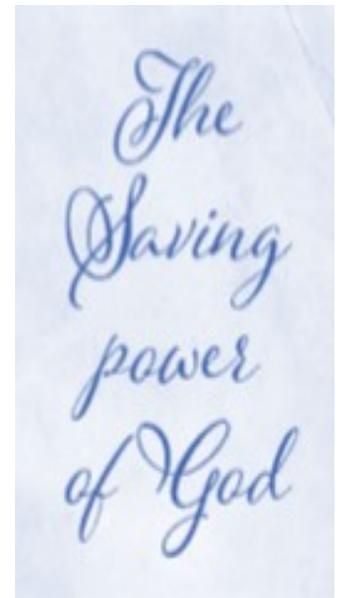
Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism:

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

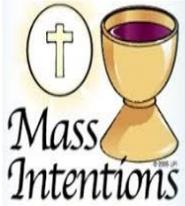
Catechumenate:

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



WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



Rena Lillard

Requested by Carol Wynne

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 September 13, 2020

Offerings: **\$1,139** Attendance: **42**

Holy Land Collection: **\$204**

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Online Giving for July: \$1,230
Please Consider Online Giving

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 20, 2020

Isaiah 55:6-9 (pg. 35)

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a (pg. 36)

Matthew 20:1-16a (pg. 36-37)

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:25-28 (pg. 37)

Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 (pg. 38)

Matthew 21:28-32 (pg. 36-39)

September Birthdays

Tim Sullivan Bethsaida Seide

Belinda Seide Pat Nguti Peter Fraver

Karanja Augustine Mildred Burgess



SEPTEMBER

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

[The landowner said to his laborers] "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Matthew 20:15-16

Reflection: In times of trouble, we want to be the recipients of the goodness and generosity of others. We depend on our family to support us whenever a need arises. We rely on our friends to stand with us when we are in emotional crisis. We count on our employer and coworkers to be understanding when we have a personal problem. We turn to neighboring communities for assistance when disaster comes our way. We feel secure and comforted when the fragile state of our lives is supported by a loving and caring community.

When life is going well, we tend to overlook the concerns and needs of the less fortunate. We are slow to respond to the poor, homeless, depressed, sick, lonely, abused, and troubled persons in our community. We are often blinded by chronic selfishness, pride, and envy. We become judgmental and critical of others. We lack compassion, understanding and generosity. We are unaware of the many people living in fragile social conditions who want to be the recipients of our goodness and unconditional love.

The gospel challenges us to remember that God's love and generosity do not discriminate. God has concern for all people regardless of their position in life. The gospel also teaches us that God's justice and mercy are not conditioned by human affairs. God is free to be God to whomever God chooses. Our love and generosity toward others must be unconditional. Our understanding of justice and mercy must be based on the wisdom of God and not the standards of the world.

Ponder: What causes me to be selfish, prideful, and envious?

Prayer: Lord, I am grateful for the gift of your compassion. Help me to be more generous in sharing your compassion with others.

Practice: With a grateful heart I will help someone I have overlooked.

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are 40 million people in the United States living in poverty. This collection supports programs right here in Monroe County, around the diocese and across the country that empower low income people themselves to address the root causes of their poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous.

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Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses, like flu, this fall and winter is more important than ever. CDC has worked with vaccine manufacturers to have extra flu vaccine available this flu season. Manufacturers have already begun [distributing flu vaccine](#) and will continue to distribute vaccine throughout the season. CDC recommends getting a flu vaccination in September or October but getting vaccinated anytime during the flu season can help protect you.



National Black Men's Virtual Conference

October 23 – October 25, 2020

Bowman-Francis Team Ministry will host their first ever all digital Annual National Black Catholic Men's Conference.



We are committed Black men, principally Catholic, who recognize our need for God's help! We gather in Christ's presence in an atmosphere of trust, equality and anonymity, to share personal feelings and experiences. We unconditionally accept one another

and prayerfully support one another. We feel encouraged by the Holy Spirit to share with one another...Men to Men!

For more information or to register for the conference visit us on the web at: www.bowmanfrancis.org.

Registration: September 16 - October 21, 2020

Registration Fee: \$100; \$50/Youth

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 21, 2020

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. New York offers absentee ballots by mail to voters who will be unable to vote in person. All other voters are expected to vote in person. New York offers early voting.



1. Review the [absentee ballot application](#) and confirm that you meet the eligibility requirements for voting absentee.
2. Fill out the application completely.
3. Submit the request to your [local election office](#). You should request your ballot as far in advance of the election as possible. The deadline to request a ballot by mail is (received by) Tuesday, October 27, 2020.
4. When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions to complete it and return it.

For Questions or Obtain Absentee Ballot call:

Monroe County Board of Elections
39 Main St. West
Rochester, NY 14614
Phone: 585-753-1550

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

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Hair Finale Morgan School of Driving, Orville's Appliances and many more.</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 <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 West Ridge Plaza 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>
<p>In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of CRÉOLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>

*Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!*