

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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8:30 am — 4:00 pm

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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.

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

We follow and serve with hearts remade in Christ.

To make us his people and show us his love, God established a covenant with us. Christ came to usher in a new covenant - one that would reconcile us to God and draw all people to himself. With hearts remade, we follow and serve him.

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.

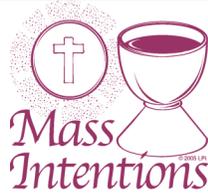
Baptism: Please call the church office to make arrangements.

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, see one of the hospitality ministers following Mass or call the parish office at 325-3893.

Sunday, March 21, 2021

**Christopher Rutherford
Requested by Rose Stokes**



Offerings for March 14, 2021

Offerings: \$1,142 Online Giving: \$295

Catholic Relief Services: \$288

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, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, March 21, 2021

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Bible Readings for Sunday, March 28, 2021

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15, 47 or 15:1-39



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33B

Reflection: One of the fastest ways to get a message to someone, share a thought or idea is by text messaging. It is amazing how many text messages are sent each day, connecting people and updating them on a variety of personal, social, and business interests. Text messaging eliminates the interpersonal encounter, removing the components of emotional involvement and physical presence.

In a sense, God text messaged us when the law of God, the law of love, was written on our hearts. Unlike the text messages that flood our cell phones, we cannot erase God's love from our hearts. This is God's permanent law that permeates our mind, heart, soul, and interaction with others. Our thoughts must be inspired with this love. Our spirituality must reflect the spirit of God's love. All our relationships in life must be grounded in love of God and love of neighbor.

The truth is that whatever we say and do, people will be able to read the text message that is written on our hearts and know that it is from God. Since every person on this earth has the law of God written on his or her heart, it means that God desires to be in communion with us, to remain faithful to us, and to care for us. God's text message of love is cellular; it is in our DNA. We cannot ignore the fact that our true nature in God is love. This is the message that goes forth to be shared with all of humanity.

Ponder: Do I feel and act upon the love of God?

Prayer: Lord, your love is written on my heart. May your love inspire and empower me to love people from all walks of life.

Practice: I will pray for a spirit of love; I will fast from hatred of others; I will make an effort to overcome my prejudice of others.



Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who have supported the Catholic Ministries Appeal this year! If you have not made your gift yet, it is not too late. You might be wondering if you should still make a gift to the CMA if our church has surpassed its goal. There are two good reasons for making a gift to the CMA today:

1. Fifty percent of all dollars raised over our goal will come back to our church in a check from the Diocese.
2. The other fifty percent will be used to help other parishes that are struggling to get to their CMA goals. In the City of Rochester alone, St. Monica's, St. Boniface, and Blessed Sacrament are all still working to get to their goals. If they don't make their goals, the parish will have to make up the difference. Your gift to the CMA today can help those parishes, by at least partially reducing the gap between what they raise from their parishioners and their CMA goals.

Please contact George Fontenette or Colleen Brade (Colleen.Brade@dor.org) if you would like to make your gift today.

March Birthdays

**Ralph Destephano, Patrick Flaherty,
Marcia Fugate, Kaila Knight,
Ramona Moore**



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**.

Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

Diocesan Chrism Mass
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cathedral

The 2021 Diocesan Chrism Mass will take place on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. While ongoing safety precautions for the Coronavirus will greatly limit the number of who can be present in the Cathedral, there is an opportunity for a small representation of the faithful to join the priests who have previously indicated their attendance. If you (and anyone in your household) would like to attend, please email ChrismMass@dor.org, before Monday, March 22, and we will try to accommodate you, according to the order in which your emailed request is received. Please only provide your name and the total number of your household wishing to attend. For those unable to be present, the Catholic Courier will live-stream the Chrism Mass on its Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicCourier>

HOLY WEEK

ST. MONICA CHURCH

All services live-streamed

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| <i>Holy Thursday Mass</i> | <i>Thursday, April 1</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Good Friday Service</i> | <i>Friday, April 2</i> | <i>3:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Easter Vigil at Monica's</i> | <i>Saturday, April 3</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> |
| <i>Easter Sunday Mass</i> | <i>Sunday, April 4</i> | <i>9:00 am</i> |

Easter Sunday Mass: Because of COVID-19, we have certain guidelines we must follow for Mass. We will welcome 150 people into church. Once we reach our COVID capacity, we will welcome people to join us in the parking lot in their cars for Mass by either watching the live stream on YouTube or tuning their car radios to our transmitter frequency, where they will be able to listen to Mass. Communion will be distributed in the parking lot to those in their cars. Church doors will open at 8:00 am and parking attendants will help direct cars. Thank you for working with us for a safe, meaningful Easter for everyone.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday ~ March 28 ~ 10:00 am Mass

Holy Thursday ~ April 1 ~ 6:00 pm Mass

Good Friday Liturgy ~ April 2 ~ 12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil at St. Monica ~ April 3 ~ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday ~ April 4 ~ 10:00 am

The Mission of My Life

Adapted and excerpted from a prayer by Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

God has created me to do some definite service.

God has committed some work to me which God has not committed to another.

I have my mission.

I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bound of connection between persons.

God has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do God's work.

I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep God's commandments.

God knows what God is about.

Therefore I will trust God, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, may my sickness serve God, in perplexity, may my perplexity serve God.

If I am in sorrow, may my sorrow serve God. God does nothing in vain.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR ALL

Thousands of New Yorkers, including many farmworkers, don't have health care coverage due to their immigration status. Especially regarding our pandemic response, any response which does not include all members so the community is inequitable and inefficient. Check out www.coverage4all.info for more information about temporary health care coverage for the undocumented adults who have had COVID-19.

If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial

Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893

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| <p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p> | <p>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p>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 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 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>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>JoAnn Gordon</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p> |