

# *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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**Church Office Days & Hours**  
**Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday**  
**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.

*September 6, 2020*

*23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Love your neighbor as yourself.*

*Our readings today work together to teach us about the real obligations of the law, which include gently correcting one another so that our communities may be in harmony. Paul explains how we must do this, and do all things, with love. And Jesus promises to remain with us always.*

## **Holy Days:**

Consult bulletin or call parish office.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

By Appointment.

## **Sacrament of Marriage:**

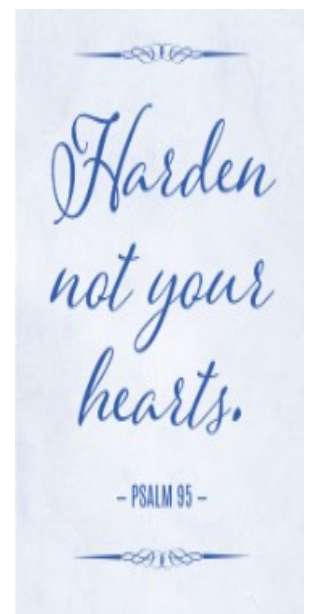
Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

## **Baptism:**

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

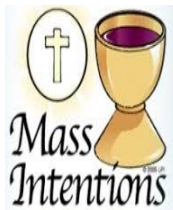
## **Catechumenate:**

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!**



**Beatrice Theriot**

**Requested by the Castle Family**

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



**Bible Readings for Sunday, September 6, 2020**

Ezekiel 33:7-9 (pg. 30)

Romans 13:8-10 (pg. 31)

Matthew 18:15-20 (pg. 32)

**Bible Readings for Sunday, September 13, 2020**

Sirach 27:30—28:7 (pg. 32-33)

Romans 14:7-9 (pg. 33)

Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 34)

**September Birthdays**

**Tim Sullivan**

**Bethsaida Seide**

**Belinda Seide**

**Pat Nguti**

**Peter Fraver**

**Karanja Augustine**

**Mildred Burgess**



**Offerings for August 30, 2020**

Offerings: **\$1,021**

Attendance: **44**

**Diocesan Missions: \$35**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's  
Online Giving—For July: \$1,230**

**PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING**

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.

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

On Sunday, September 20th, we will take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations have been approved for major CCHD national grants, including two in Monroe County. They are City Roots Land Trust, made up of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and Refugees Helping Refugees, an organization empowering their members to know their rights as tenants. Your support of CCHD helps people to address the root causes of poverty and reclaim their human dignity.



### Notre Dame Retreat House is offering “Desert Days”

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

Special days for individuals seeking a ONE DAY retreat alone with God. In these uncertain times, give yourself an opportunity to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart.

In the place of our normally scheduled Fall retreat weekends, Notre Dame Retreat House will be offering single days in silence and reflection entitled “*Desert Day*”. ALL are invited to join us – men, women, couples – and we ask that you please consider signing up for one of these single meditation days. There are twelve (12) dates to choose from between mid-September through the beginning of November. Note that in order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each “*Desert Day*” to fifteen (15) people.

In these troubling times, give yourself a day to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart. Allow yourself time to recover emotional balance, interior unity, inner balance and peace of soul. We will give you the time, space and materials . . . all you need to do is come with a willing heart and an open mind.

For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: [www.notredamaretreat.org](http://www.notredamaretreat.org) Other inquiries, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or [ndretreat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com)

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the **labor** movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.



### BIBLE STUDY CORNER

*[Jesus said] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.”*

*Matthew 18:15*

**Reflection:** We are not yet perfect. We have made many mistakes in life. Sometimes we are unaware that our actions hurt others. We do not realize that we may have been the source of misunderstandings and conflicts. We struggle to understand why it is so difficult to sustain healthy relationships. As we mature over the years, we discover that we have faults and weaknesses. We are blessed with the presence of people who quietly confront us about our shortcomings and give us a chance to mend our ways.

We do not have perfect relationships or live in a perfect community. We have been hurt by the people we love. We have been mistreated by family members. We have been the target of a friend's misplaced anger. We have been the victim of a neighbor's jealousy. We have been unjustly blamed and punished for a colleague's mistakes. In situations like these, our first instinct might be to retaliate. It is hard to stay in a relationship and live in a community when the people have sinned against us.

The gospel teaches us an important first step in dealing with people who hurt us. We cannot allow anyone to continue to harm us and members of our community. We need to discern an appropriate time and place to confront the person. We need to bring attention to the person's harmful behavior in a clear, loving, and gentle manner. We must give the person time to reflect and change. The gospel challenges us to reconcile with our brothers and sisters. Our mission is to share God's mercy and forgiveness with all people.

**Ponder:** How do I deal with those who have sinned against me?

**Prayer:** Lord, I am grateful for your gifts of love, mercy, and forgiveness. Help me to share these gifts with those who have hurt me.

**Practice:** With a grateful heart I will talk to someone who hurt me.

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Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893*

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In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i>	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b> West Ridge Plaza 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JEFFREY WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>ADA FULLWOOD</b> <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE</b> <i>The Augustine Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>CRÉÔLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	<b>THIS SPACE FOR RENT</b>

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