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.

March 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Eliminate what distracts us from God.

The first of God's commandments—that he alone is God and we shall not have other gods or idols—reaches beyond simply "not offering sacrifices to pagan deities." Rather, it includes avoiding anything that we "rank above" God or that prevents us from worshipping him. The importance of this commandment is seen in the way Jesus reacts against those who have made commerce—selling animals and changing money—their gods, their idols.

We worship every Sunday at 10 am

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call church office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

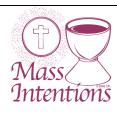
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the church office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Clarence Henry Requested by Rose Stokes





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 7, 2021 Exodus 20:1-27

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Bible Readings for Sunday, March 14, 2021

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21



Parish Goal: \$9,910 We've Surpassed our CMA Goal!

Congratulations and thank you! As of this date, we have raised \$10,655 (107.52% of our goal) with 33 families contributing to the CMA. We thank everyone who responded to Father Ray's rally and our year-end appeal. 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.

March Birthdays

Ralph Destephano, Patrick Flaherty, Marcia Fugate, Kaila Knight, Ramona Moore Offerings for February 28, 2021

Offerings: \$1,672 Online Giving: \$440

Black, Native American & Hispanic: \$637

Attendance: 43

Thank you for your generous support.



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name."

Exodus 20:7

Reflection: It is disrespectful to curse and swear at others using the name of God. The habit of cursing and swearing dishonors our relationship with God and shows a lack of care and concern for the Creator. But this commandment is not just about cursing and swearing; it is concerned with the ways in which we use God's name to justify things that are contrary to the ways of God.

Some people misuse God's name to justify killing others. Some people misuse God's name to manipulate and oppress others. Some people misuse God's name and blame God for natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods. Some people misuse God's name to enforce unjust laws and inflict punishment on others. Some people misuse God's name to keep people in bondage.

Our relationship with God must reflect the God of the Covenant who promised to be faithful to the people, to show love and compassion in times of need, and to be merciful and forgiving. As partners of God's Covenant, we, too, promise to bel like God in the world: faithful, loving, compassionate, merciful, and forgiving toward all people. When we speak and behave negatively toward others, we not only misuse the name of God, we also misuse the power and wisdom of God.

Ponder: When do I misuse the name of God?

Prayer: Lord, you instill within me your power and wisdom. Help me to discern more clearly how to use your power and wisdom in service of my brothers and sisters.

Practice: Today I will pray for discernment; I will fast from misusing God's name; I will speak about God in a respectful, reverent manner.



Consider requesting a Mass for a deceased loved one for 2021. The offering is \$10.

Do Something Beautiful for God Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance.

A Prayer for Pope Francis

On March 13th, we celebrate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election! Say a prayer for the Holy Father.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

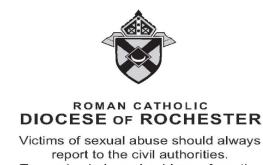
who lives and reigns with you in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced

refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at *www.usccb.org/catholic-relief*.



report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555 or by e-mail to victimsassistance@dor.org.

Church News

We have received a very generous bequest from Paul E. Haney in memory of his grandparents, Edward and Margaret Colliton Goetzmann and their daughter, Elizabeth V. Goetzmann Haney.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

In the Catholic tradition, the forty days of Lent have been a time to pray and fast in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to the beginning of his public ministry. We take time to recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises, measuring our values against those of Jesus.

Through sin we break our relationships within the human family and with God. Lent is a time to repent of our sin in order to restore those relationships. As Catholics, we turn to the traditional disciplines of Lent to help us focus on discerning God's will.

How will you incorporate prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your Lenten experience?



When is daylight savings time 2021? When do we change our clocks this spring?

Daylight Saving Time, also colloquially referred to as "daylight savings," begins on the second Sunday in March. That means you need to move your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 14, 2021, and we "**lose**" an hour of sleep as we "**spring forward.**"

Many digital clocks, such as on phones and computers, automatically change the time overnight, but other clocks should be moved ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13.

EMERGENCY FOOD

If you are in need of emergency food and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619 and 14624, please contact the SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

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

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality	BUCKMAN'S PLAZA	
A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community	2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester	
402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607	Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa,	
585-232-3262 CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD	Red Cross, Hair Finale Morgan School of D Mileage Master Center of Rochester	
ASSOCIATION	2488 Browncroft Blvd.	RF/MAX REALTY GROUP
133 S. Fitzhugh Street	Rochester, NY 14625	585-721-1313
Rochester, NY 14608	585-586-1870	zubert.tom@gmail.com
www.cornill.org	The perfect place for all of your grilling needs	(ICS Graduate)
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard	In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE Alphonse White	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY Blessings Bill & Family	In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER The Wingo Family
In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST The Wingo Family	In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES Love your Wife & Children	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES Love Ralph & Maureen
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of
JAMES STOKES	JAMES WALTERS	JEFFREY WALTERS
The Stokes Family	Alice Walters	Alice Walters
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of
DOUGLAS SIMMONS	ADA FULLWOOD	RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE
Alice Walters	The Augustine/Fullwood Families	<i>The Augustine Family</i>
In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of	In Loving Memory of
CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE	JOSEPH RONALD WEBER	HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON
Love your Grandparents	Roxana C. Weber	The Bell/Gordon Families
For all the Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church Love Rose Stokes	SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON Thomas & Nellie Bostick