

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

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 be 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.

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**



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

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.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always 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 victimassistance@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

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CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org	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>	TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i>	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i>	In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i>	In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i>
In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i>	In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i>	In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i>
In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i>	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i>
For all the Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i>