

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

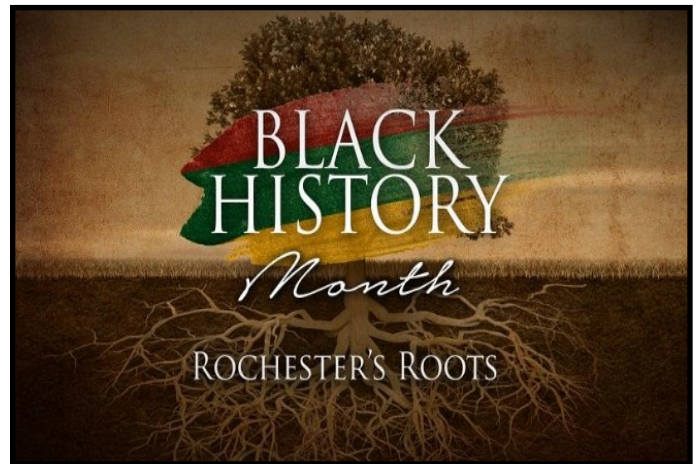
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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



***BLACK HISTORY IS
AMERICAN HISTORY***

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, February 14, 2021

Joan B. Steel

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, February 14, 2021

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Bible Readings for Sunday, February 21, 2021

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



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

Congratulations and thank you! As of this date, we have raised \$9,955 (100.457% of our goal) with 30 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.

February Birthdays

**Jaidi Boupavong, Rosalie Boupavong,
Jonathan Dingwall, Andre Fontenette,
Leslie Pierre-Philippe, Bing Reaves,
Lily Tatum, Gail Whitcraft**

Offerings for February 7, 2021

Offerings: \$4103 Online Giving: \$70

Thank you for your generous support.

**There will be a second collection for the
Black, Native American & Hispanic next
Sunday, February 21, 2021.**



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

A leper came to [Jesus] begging him, and kneeling he said to him "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Mark 1:40-42

Reflection: A person with leprosy was considered unclean and banned from participating in the Jewish liturgical life. Because ritual uncleanness was considered contagious, people with this skin disease were isolated from society to keep those who were clean separated from those who were unclean.

In today's world, a person's race, language, color, ethnic background, culture, tribe, gender, sexual orientation, religious tradition, socioeconomic condition, politics, mental and physical capabilities are often used to determine "insiders" and "outsiders." All kinds of barriers are being created to make some people feel superior and others inferior.

We have all been part of a system—a way of thinking and behaving—that defined who the "lepers" were. As long as such systems continue to exist in our world, there will always be someone who is "clean" or "unclean." When people are separated and isolated from one another, there will be increased poverty, misery, hatred, conflicts, war, and violence.

Jesus is not afraid to share the love and compassion of God with the diseased person. By sharing the love and compassion of God, Jesus dismantles the ritual barrier and restores the person's human dignity. The man with leprosy is reunited with the community.

We need to be more aware of the ways in which we create barriers and discriminate against people. We are given dignity as children of God. Jesus clearly shows us that our work on Earth is to embrace all people and show them the love and compassion of God.

Ponder: Who are the people I keep out of my life?

Prayer: Lord, your love transcends the boundaries of the human condition. Open my eyes to see your, face in all people.

Practice: Today I will not avoid people.

Ash Wednesday

Offerings at St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church



8:00 am	Mass + Ashes	St. Monica Church
10-10:15 am	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
11-11:15 am	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
12-12:15 pm	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot

3-3:15 pm	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
4-4:15 pm	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
5-5:15 pm	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
6:00 pm	Mass + Ashes	Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

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Wednesday, February 17, 2021

PROGRAM COMING TO WXXI IN FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Finding Your Roots Episode 705: 8:00 – 9:00 PM ET

The Black Church Episode 101: 9:00 – 11:00 PM ET

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Nova: Beyond the Elements Episode 3 of 3: 8:00 – 9:00 PM ET

The Black Church Episode 102: 9:00 – 11:00 PM ET

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Volunteer Remote Tutorial Instructors Needed @ Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC)

The REOC Learning Center is looking for volunteers to help tutor students remotely. We need support for basic math and reading, but if you have a specialty in a medical career field, your help would be very much appreciated as well. Hours are flexible and you will be matched with students who can meet on your schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to our Learning Resource Center Coordinator, Ms. Millie Sefranek at msefrane@brockport.edu.

Thank you for your interest!

Happy Valentine's Day

Black History Month Events

FEBRUARY 20 | 6:30 PM EST

BBW Black History Family Night (Recommended for children ages 8 to 12 with Parental/Guardian participation encouraged). Please RSVP before Feb. 16 by sending an email to Angele White (angelecw32@aol.com) Zoom link provided after RSVP Registration is received.

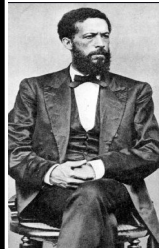
FEBRUARY 21 | 7 PM EST

"THE BLACK CHURCH: This is our Story, This is our Song" Film Screening on PBS – register at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DSGP6ovsT_m_uf_xrHXpQ

FEBRUARY 21 | 3-5 PM EST

For Young Adults Ages 18-39 years old

Journeying Together African American Catholic Young Adult Gathering hosted by the African American family, sponsored by the USCCB. Register at <https://forms.gle/stN3W2pWYujgS2fJ9>



John Mercer Langston

In recognition of Black History Month, the VSU Alumni Association will highlight interesting facts about our alma mater; its alumni; Petersburg and the surrounding area; and other interesting connections that you may or may not have been aware of that tells OUR story.

This week we highlight the life of John Mercer Langston, an American abolitionist, attorney, educator, activist, politician, and the first person to bear the title of President of what is now Virginia State University.

First Lawyer: John Mercer Langston was the first Black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in Ohio in 1854. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America.

President Langston was born a free black in Virginia to a former slave mother of mixed-race and an English planter father. In 1888, he was elected to the U.S. Congress as the first representative of color from Virginia. Until 1992, he was the only black ever elected to the US Congress from Virginia. One of the best known blacks of this day, he was also the first dean of the law school at Howard University and helped create the department.

Here is a connection that you may or may not have been aware of: President Langston was also the great-uncle of the great poet, Langston Hughes. (Records show that Langston Hughes had also been to Virginia State several times to speak).

If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial

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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
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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
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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>