

# ***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.

***April 25, 2021***

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***



**Congratulations to Fr. Ray on his 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of Ordination on April 24, 2021!**

**I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine and mine know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.**

**-John 10**

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

**Deacon Anthony Mercadel**

**Requested by Jean Pryor**



**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, Margaret Saint Joy, Alice Walters**

**Bible Readings for Sunday, April 25, 2021**

*Acts 4:8-12*

*1 John 3:1-2*

*Luke 10:11-18*

**Bible Readings for Sunday, May 2, 2021**

*Acts 9:26-31*

*1 John 3:18-24*

*Luke 15:1-8*



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

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**  
***Strengthening the Church at Home***

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**Offerings for April 18, 2021**

**Offerings: \$1,896    Online Giving: \$290**

**Attendance: 55**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



**BIBLE STUDY CORNER**

***"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."***

***John 10:11***

**Reflection:** We need good role models to teach us how to become mature, caring, and responsible persons. Good parents model mutual love, understanding, self-control, respect for others, kind speech, and concern for the needy. Good teachers model a passion for teaching, fairness in the classroom, civility, a love of knowledge, and the search for truth. Good nurses model care, teamwork, and prudence. Good public officials model strong leadership, ethical behavior, and concern for the common good. Good spiritual leaders model humble service, trustworthiness, and compassion for all people.

When we refuse to be models of goodness, love, compassion, and peace for one another, we know what happens in our families, in our communities, in the marketplaces, and in the world. Life is threatened, peace and security are compromised, the weak are overpowered, the needs of the poor are ignored, relationships are broken, and people are unwilling to work together for the good of all.

Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd who watches over us, protecting us from harm. Jesus assures us of his unconditional love. He will never abandon us and offers his life as a gift so that we may live.

Jesus invites us to live in the uncomfortable manner of the Good Shepherd. We are called to risk our lives for the sake of others. Our belief in the resurrection means we are willing to risk being the good shepherds of love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace when the forces of hatred, selfishness, resentment, and violence tear our world apart.

**Ponder:** How can I be a better role model in my community?

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, you are the Good Shepherd who watches over us and protects us from all harm. Give me the courage to be a loving shepherd and advocate for the poor and vulnerable.

**Practice:** Today I will model goodness, humility, and kind speech.

# THE VALUE OF A CORNERSTONE

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

St. Monica's! Come join us for this amazing community event in collaboration with the University of Rochester and the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward neighborhood. Join in the conversation beforehand in church by adding your voice on a Post-It note to our blank placard.

There are several ways to get involved the day of the event:

Come the whole day and carry our St. Monica placard while getting to know the other community members. If interested, fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/3n57q55> and you will receive an email about where to meet. This is 10-11:30 and then a break until we start at 12:30.

Join us for the walk following behind the dancers (meet at the corner of Ford Street and Wilson Blvd — behind the Episcopal Church) around 12:00/12:15.

Find us along the way at any of our stops:

Ford Street Bridge at 12:30

Lunsford Circle Park around 12:45

Phillis Wheatley Library around 1:00

School No. 4 around 1:15

Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy around 1:30

St. Monica parking lot around 2:00

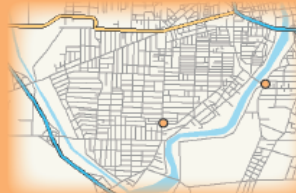
**We hope you can join us!**  
**Contact [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) to get involved or help with setup.**

# BLANK PLACARD DANCE RESTAGED

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**  
**12:30pm-2:30pm**

(train date is May 2, 2021)  
**START: Ford Street Bridge**  
(intersection of Wilson Blvd and Ford St)

**END: St. Monica Church**  
831 Genesee St. Rochester, NY 14619



**Find us along the way  
or join us at the end!**

Originally choreographed by Anna Halprin  
Restaged by the UR Program of Dance and Movement  
with support from The Tamalpa Institute  
in consultation with Rosario Sammartino

This moving art installation will be made up of UR students and Rochester area community members who process through town with blank placards, collecting the voices of people encountered along the way in answer to the question "What is important to you?" Poetry readings and spoken word events will happen along the route, culminating in a community ritual of listening.

**Featuring Spoken Word by Artists:**

**Almeta Whitts, Bart White, Jennifer Maloney, Lavonne Barfield, Karen Faris Grace Lynch and more.**

For more information, visit our website at [sa.rochester.edu/dan](http://sa.rochester.edu/dan) or email [rose.beauchamp@rochester.edu](mailto:rose.beauchamp@rochester.edu)





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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>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY BELL SR. &amp; DONALD GORDON</b> <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>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>JoAnn Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>MARY JACKSON</b> <i>Thomas &amp; Nellie Bostick</i>