

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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Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
8:30 am — 4:00 pm

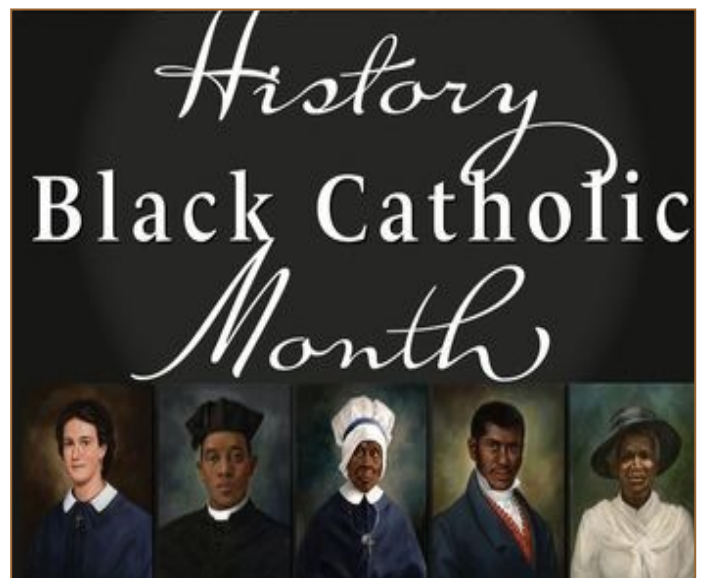
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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another,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

November 15, 2020

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time



Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

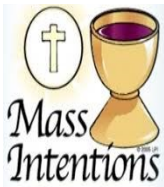
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

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!



JoAnne Lessley

Requested by Rose Stokes

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Thomas Bostick, Fr. Giles Conwill, Sybil Doucette, Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters



Offerings for November 8, 2020

Offerings: **\$1,311**

Attendance: **53**

Online Giving: Week of November 7—\$250

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, November 15, 2020

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (pg. 56)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (pg. 57)

Matthew 25:14-30 (pg. 58)

Bible Readings for Sunday, November 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (pg. 59)

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (pg. 60)

Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 60-61)



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away."

Matthew 25:14-16

Reflection: We are surrounded by people with diverse talents. Some people have a talent for cooking, weaving, embroidering, designing, building, landscaping, painting, plumbing, teaching, counseling, coaching, public speaking, advertising, business accounting, playing a musical instrument, writing, drawing, photography, leadership, administration, management, health care and human services, and physical training. We recognize and support people who demonstrate extraordinary ability in their particular craft.

We focus more on the talents of people that can be demonstrated and observed. We assess their value, usefulness, and effectiveness based on outcomes. We give little attention to the talents of kindness, love, compassion, peace, patience, forgiveness, and justice that reside in our hearts. These universal talents are given to us, intended to be used for the common good, no matter what our position in life. These are the talents that are often ignored, understated, and undervalued. We do not see the connection between these talents and our physical talents. We fail to bring forth into our work these talents that can make a positive impact on people's lives and change the world.

The gospel keeps us focused on God, the source and foundation of our lives. We can do nothing apart from God. Every gift and talent we possess comes from God. We do not exercise our gifts and talents for our own benefit, but to build up and make present in our lives the kingdom of God on earth. As Jesus' disciples, we are empowered with God's gifts to increase love, compassion, and peace among all people. We are called to use our gifts and talents to do God's will.

Ponder: What are my gifts and talents?

Prayer: Lord, I am grateful for all your blessings. Help me to use your gifts of love and compassion to rebuild people's lives.

Practice: With a grateful heart I will use my gifts and talents for good.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: \$9,910

Pledged as of November 10, 2020

\$3,800 (38.35%)

CMA Update: How the CMA helps our Parish

As of this date, 10 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. One example is the Zoom license funded by CMA donations. Through Zoom, we are able to host virtual meetings with parish staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and also to provide religious education to our youth. Diocesan staff have helped us to learn how to use Zoom, and are available on a moment's notice. Please join our appeal and give what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

For more information about the CMA, please see George Fontenette or go to www.dor.org/cma.

November
Black Catholic History Month

Virtual Presentation



Guest Facilitator Fr. John T. Judie from the
Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky

"A Call To Action"
Theme: Listen, Learn, Lead

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 ~ HISTORY
*How the Internal Structure of the Catholic Church
Functions ~ 7:00-8:30 pm*

Thursday, November 19, 2020 ~ LEADERSHIP
*Go Into The Vineyard and Do The Work That God
Calls Us To Do ~ 7:00-8:30 pm*

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER
GO TO THE WEBSITE:**

www.immaculateconceptionrochester.org
Events page and follow instructions to register

**The following prayer of Saint Katharine can be
integrated into our daily lives.**

*Lord where do You dwell? He dwells in the little
opportunities which arise of doing well, or of
suffering well. He dwells in the humble homes as
in His consecrated hosts and beneath the
appearance of chance annoyances, of disagreeable
illnesses, of unprofitable work, of sacrifices
claimed, of meritorious obedience... under these
appearances, He is morally present as He is
corporally present under the Eucharistic species.
And my life passes close to these His dwellings and
my days meet them at each moment. Open my eyes
for me, O Lord, and may I learn to know You in the
sanctifying grace of daily duties.*

(Saint Katharine was one of the saints canonized
by Pope John II on October 1, 2000. she was
known for her dedication to correct injustice and
racial discrimination towards African American
and Native Americans.)

LIVE THE LITURGY ~ Inspiration for the week

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours; a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God has given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of not use to either God or ourselves.

Blacks in Catholic History

November 15th ~ Did You Know...



...that a canonized saint who described herself as "the mother and servant of the Indian and Negro races," helped finance Holy Redeemer Parish and School in Washington, DC?

Holy Redeemer is the only parish founded by Black Catholics still housed in its original site in the city.

In 1858, Saint Katharine Drexel was born into great wealth in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As she grew up, Saint Katharine's parents taught her that their money was meant to be shared with others. Saint Katharine took this to heart throughout her long life, especially in service to suffering Native and African Americans. She gave more than 21 million dollars of her own money to help found dozens of churches, schools and hospitals across the United States. Besides founding her own religious congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Saint Katharine also established Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. It's the only Catholic African American College in the country. Saint Katharine Drexel died in 1955 and became a saint in the year 2000.

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

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Hair Finale Morgan School of Driving, Orville's Appliances and many more.	
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 West Ridge Plaza 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>

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