

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.

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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.

New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 325-3893.

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Special Intentions For All Mothers

Mass Intentions for All Deceased Mothers



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, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, May 9, 2021

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

Bible Readings for Sunday, May 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19



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) if you would like to make your gift today.

May Birthdays

Julian Barthelemy

Anthony DeRouen

Joanie Fraver

Sosthenes Pierre-Philippe

Coralie Seide

Maria Degnan

Carrie Fontenette

Franc Kisenyi

Isabelle Walters

Offerings for May 2, 2021

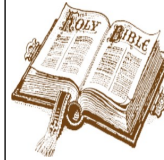
Offerings: \$1,482

Online Giving: \$290

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$90

Attendance: 53

Thank you for your generous support.



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

Reflection: Love is a powerful force. Love is the foundation of family life. Love brings people together and builds community. Love nurtures and sustains friendships. Love enlightens us to value life. Love moves us to show compassion to those who are suffering and in pain. Love enables us to feed the poor, to visit the sick and the imprisoned, to shelter the homeless, and to welcome the stranger. Love gives us the courage to work for peace and justice. Love humbles us to offer forgiveness to others.

When love is absent from our hearts, we feel empty, afraid, sad, and hopeless. When we refuse to love others, there is conflict and division, violence and war, racial discrimination and hatred, misery and poverty. When we withhold love from the poor, the sick, and the suffering, people die. When we fail to teach our children and youth how to love others, life is endangered.

The resurrection of Jesus is God's gift to humanity. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in God's love as the source and foundation of the universe. The risen Jesus is the living presence of God's love in the world. The universal message of the resurrection is that God's love is available to all people and that we have been given the power to love one another.

There is great hope for us and the whole world. We can overcome all obstacles with love. Believers and unbelievers alike can experience the transforming power of the resurrection and know God when we love one another.

Ponder: How do I come to know God?

Prayer: Risen Jesus, you command us to love one another. Help me to show your love to all people.

Practice: Today I will show no partiality and will treat everyone with love.



Parish Pastoral Council

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church is seeking volunteers to serve as Parish Pastoral Council members. If interested please see Deacon Rick Rall. The specific purposes of the Pastoral Council are:

- to develop a common vision and purpose, actively advocate for the poor and the powerless, and to extend Christian commitment to the surrounding neighborhoods and communities;
- to orchestrate a statement of mission for the parish community and become the reference point for activity in the parish;
- to provide recommendations for parish priorities, directions and policies through pastoral planning for worship, evangelization, outreach, stewardship, etc.;
- to promote communication, understanding, and collaboration among parish organizations and between the parish, the bishop, the diocese and the universal Church.

Pastoral leadership is a ministry of service. Pastoral leadership and authority cannot be separated from the action of service which builds up community and empowers its members to reach their full individual stature.

Accordingly, Council members must meet the following criteria:

- be fully initiated Roman Catholics in good standing with the Church;
- be registered and supporting members of the parish;
- be participants in parish life and worship;
- be committed to prayer, study, listening and dialogue;
- be committed to giving the time needed for participation; and be aware of and comply with the Parish Conflict of Interest Policy.

In addition, he or she should possess the following gifts necessary for pastoral leadership:

- a desire for spiritual growth in oneself and in the parish;
- eagerness to participate in parish decisions about its direction;
- willingness to listen, speak openly and honestly, and to work toward consensus;
- integrity in articulating what one has heard and what one believes; • the ability to inspire and empower other and to delegate; and
- cooperation, flexibility and openness with people and ideas.

The term of office is three years. Terms should be staggered so Council membership rotates. A member may serve for two consecutive three year terms. After one year of a break in service, a new cycle may commence.

A BLESSING AND PRAYER TRIBUTE TO ALL MOTHERS

"Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.

-Susan Kramer

Diocesan Missions Sunday

Next Sunday, May 16th we shall observe Diocesan Missions Sunday. Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of the Church. This is the message of the new evangelization.

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."

Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel" (127)

Our dedicated Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil have been on pilgrimage sharing their gifts of faith and service to God's people.

We are called to help them on next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

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>	In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>JoAnn Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i>