

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 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Jesus commands us to love one another.

Jesus wants us to love as he loves. Our faithfulness and attentiveness to right and wrong, to holiness, and to the practice of faith is important. Yet Jesus furthers our understanding of following him by making clear the greatest commandment of every disciple: to love as he loves.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

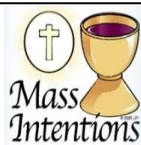
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Lena Adams—Bequest



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, May 15, 2022

Act 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35



Bible Readings for Sunday, May 22, 2022

Act 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Reader I & II—Walter DeRouen

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**CORN HILL
ARTS FESTIVAL**

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10

Offerings for May 8, 2022

Offerings: \$1,924

Attendance: 60

Online Giving: \$320

Online Givers: 6

Thank you for your generous support.



Sat. May 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Mon. May 30 Memorial Day—Office Closed

May Christian Action



Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Don't search for Jesus in far lands—He is not there. He is close to you; He is with you. Just keep the lamp burning and you will; always see Him. Keep on filling the lamp with all these little drops of love, and you will see how sweet is the Lord you love.



*Julian Barthelemy
Maria Degan
Anthony DeRouen
Carrie Fontenette
Joanie Fraver
Sosthenes Pierre-Philippe
Coralie Seide
Isabelle Walters*

**"Love one another."
John 13:34A**

Living Faith ~ Convicted By Love

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.
John 13:35

Someone once asked me this question in a faith-sharing group: If you were arrested today for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? The question stopped me in my tracks back then, as it continues to do today. It is perhaps the perfect question to ask ourselves as a daily examination of our lives.

But like a good courtroom drama, we need to remember that circumstantial evidence rarely holds up in court. Wearing crosses, reading the Bible, praying before meals and even routinely going to Mass may look at first glance like Christianity, but judge and jury can easily see through those outward signs. Unless we love, those outer trappings of faith hold no evidence of our relationship with Christ. Only in true love can we be convicted of true faith.

Today, may I be accused and convicted of faith in you, Lord.



Congratulations to André & Carrie Fontenette on the birth of their daughter, **Annie Bernice Fontenette**. Annie was born on Friday, May 6, 2022, and weighed 7 lbs. 12.8 oz., 20 inches long.

Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, George & Precious Fontenette.



Almsgiving

As part of their Lenten project, The Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Religious Education youth will be collecting non-perishable food items. The collected items will be donated to a local food bank.

The project will run now through June 12. A bin will be placed in the Gathering space for your donations.

Thank you for your help.

The Religious Education Students



Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a breakfast at the Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on **Saturday, June 11th**; seating begins at 9:00 a.m.- and program ends at 12:00 noon.

Our speaker Kim Rodriguez-Torres is a wife, mother and grandmother. She has been involved in ministries for the past 30 years. Kim was on the Central Service Team for Magnificat, which governs this World-Wide Int'l Ministry to Catholic Women. She is the founder of "**Bella's Blanket of Blessings**" a prayer blanket ministry that was started after her 4-year-old niece; Bella, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. These prayer blankets are for the sick, suffering and anyone else who needs prayer.

Reservations \$25.00; after June 4th: \$27.00; Student \$15.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline June 8th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$26.40) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p align="center">Visit our two new stores Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Consignkids Clothing and more. City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p>Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p>Tom Zubert, Realtor RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>This Space Available</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY <i>Love Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH ANN GORDON <i>Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>