

# *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.

*July 12, 2020*

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*The word of God is fruitful, powerful, and meant to bring us to full union with God in heaven.*

*The first reading and Gospel show the potency of the word of God. In fertile hearts, the Word can multiply exponentially, and it can bring about God's will in our lives. The Word comes from God to us, in order that we might be brought to God. Can there be any greater gift?*

**Holy Days:** Consult bulletin or call parish office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

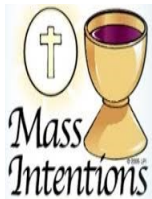
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**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 AM**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**



**Jack Corral**

**Requested by—Maureen Corral &  
Ralph Destephano**

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



### **Bible Readings for Sunday, July 12, 2020**

*Isaiah 55:10-11 (pg. 57)*

*Romans 8:18-23 (pg. 58)*

*Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 (pg. 59)*

### **Bible Readings for Sunday, July 19, 2020**

*Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (pg. 60)*

*Romans 8:26-27 (pg. 61)*

*Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (pg. 62)*

### **July Birthdays**

**Carolyn Walker Lisa Pipitone Colleen Brade**

**Candice Lucas Renata Joseph Nadia Hica**

**Thierry Muhanuka Junior Nsabimana**

**Happy  
Birthday!**

### **VOLUNTEERS**

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating a Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or stop by our rectory office for a packet of information to help you.

### **Offerings for July 5, 2020**

**Offerings: \$2,162**

**Attendance: 35**

**Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe  
\$237**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



### **BIBLE STUDY CORNER**

***“So shall my word be that goes out from my  
mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it  
shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the  
thing for which I sent it.”***

***Isaiah 55:11***

**Reflection:** We feel good about ourselves when our intentions and plans have been brought to fruition. Parents are happy when their children reflect what they’ve learned at home: good manners, self-control, and concern for others. Teachers are proud of their students when they can demonstrate competence in what they’ve learned. Coaches have confidence in the team when their players execute the plays and drills they’ve been taught. Parents, teachers, and coaches share a common purpose and goal: to help children and youth maximize their gifts and talents and be successful.

We want people to know and believe they have a purpose. We want them to be able to accomplish what is in their hearts and to succeed in what brings them a sense of personal satisfaction. We need to be more aware of how we influence people’s lives. Many people around us think they don’t have a purpose; they don’t feel good enough to accomplish anything and are afraid to succeed.

People of faith believe God has given the world a universal purpose. As we grow and mature, we discern a vocation, but our calling is to accomplish the will of God: to love one another.

We were created to accomplish the will of God on earth. We can’t do God’s work alone; we must work together to maximize our gifts and talents to succeed in creating universal love and peace.

**Ponder:** What is my purpose?

**Prayer:** Lord, you completed God’s work on earth. Help me know and accomplish God’s will.

**Practice:** Today I will be faithful by discerning God’s will.

## **Returning to Mass**

Loving our neighbor looks different during a global pandemic. At Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, we follow state and diocesan regulations to keep everyone safe while at church. These safety measures demonstrate our respect for the life and well-being of our neighbors.

### **Wear a mask.**

Wear your own mask or face covering during Mass. Masks are required for anyone age 2 and older.



### **No gloves for Holy Communion**

The Precious Body cannot be distributed or received with gloved hands and will only be received by the hand. The Precious Blood is not offered at this time.

### **Stay home if you feel unwell.**

If you are not feeling well or unsure about maintaining social distancing, please stay home and view Mass online. Bishop Matano has extended his dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.

### **Sanitize your hands.**



Please use  
hand sanitiser  
provided

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol or hand sanitizer. If possible, bring your own bottle for personal use.

### **We are creating a new "normal" together.**

Some entrances and the restrooms will be closed to reduce the areas needing cleaning. We ask that restrooms be used in emergencies only. Please use the front or Edinburgh doors of church to enter. Further information on procedures will be disseminated during Mass. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe and comfortable.

### **Observe social distancing.**

Observe social distancing at all times, including during Holy Communion. Please stay 6 feet apart from anyone who does not belong to your household. There will be markers in church to assist with social distancing. We will observe no physical contact for greetings, the Sign of Peace, and the Our Father prayer. We will use our new method for the sign of peace! Singing by the congregation is discouraged at this time, due to increased respiratory output.



Please visit our website, we now  
have Online Giving



YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION TO  
GIVE ONLINE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

In partnership with OSV, Immaculate Conception now offers our family to give online in a safer and more convenient manner. Give whenever you want with only cheerfulness and joy in your heart.



## **Keep in Prayer**

Please pray for and keep Musette Castle and her family in your prayers.

Musette's sister, Willa Stinson passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2020 in Memphis, Tennessee. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

## **Frederick Douglass Statue**

Fr. Giles Conwell with Frederick Douglass statue in Rochester, NY taken a couple of years ago while preaching Revival. Statue was recently vandalized, toppled and removed from base by disrespectful iconoclasts.



YOU DID IT!  
*Congratulations*

A hearty congratulations to Dr. Adaora Chima who graduated from her residency program in Anesthesiology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Dr. Chima will be leaving Rochester to pursue a one year fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesiology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Ohio.

Adaora's quiet, but loving and giving ways will be greatly missed here at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.

God speed, Adaora! Our love and prayers go with you!

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

<b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b> A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b> 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.	
<b>CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	<b>Mileage Master Center of Rochester</b> 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870 <i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i>	<b>TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)
In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i>	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b> <b>West Ridge Plaza</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>
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>CRÉÔLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i>	<b>THIS SPACE FOR RENT</b>	<b>THIS SPACE FOR RENT</b>

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