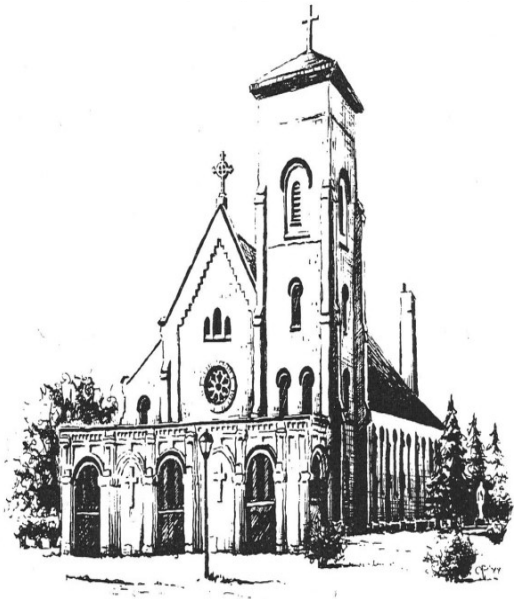


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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.

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 15, 1929 ~ April 4, 1968

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

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Giles Conwill, Sarah Gordon, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters



Offerings for January 10, 2021

Offerings: \$700 Online Giving: \$530

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



Catholic Ministries Appeal Parish Goal: \$9,910

As of this date, we have raised \$9,580 (96.67% of our goal) with 28 families contributing to the CMA. We thank everyone who responded to the year-end appeal to get to our goal by December 31st. It is not too late to join the effort. We only have \$330.00 to go! Did you know that you can make your pledge today, and you have until May 31, 2021 to pay it in full? Please contact George Fontenette or Colleen Brade (Colleen.Brade@dor.org) if you would like to make your pledge today.

January Birthdays

Earl Barnes, Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler,
Nellie Bostick, Sandra Brooks, Alex Cooper,
Lauren DeRouen, Joyce Gainey,
Scholastique Hicubundi, Yvette Reaves,
Shelly Smith, James Walker



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

John 1:35-39

Reflection: John the Baptist turns the attention of his disciples away from himself and points them in the direction of Jesus, the "Lamb of God." John is aware of his disciples' desire to know and enter into a relationship with Jesus.

In the flow of life, we encounter people whose humble witness to the Gospel provokes the presence of Jesus. These self-effacing persons reawaken in our hearts a curiosity to know and follow Jesus.

We can't give authentic witness to Jesus if we have never had an experience with him. We cannot invite others to come and see someone we don't know. To be an authentic Christian in the world demands a deeper knowledge of the life and teachings of Jesus.

We can encounter Jesus and come to know him in the prayerful reading of the gospels, in the sacraments of the Church, and in serving the needs of the poor. Each of our hearts holds a seed of curiosity, an instinct to know Jesus on a personal level. Like John, we need to provoke the presence of Jesus in all sectors of life, sparking a curiosity in the hearts of others to know and follow Jesus.

Ponder: How do I provoke the presence of God?

Prayer: Lord, draw me close to your heart that I may come to know and love you more deeply.

Practice: Today I will find a Bible and begin to read one of the gospels.

Now is the time to make justice a reality to all of God's children.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a preacher and also a civil rights leader. He became well known for his efforts of equal justice for black Americans. Dr. King wanted equal treatment for all people. He was against people being judged because of the color of their skin. Dr. King was very articulate and graceful. He preached nonviolence resistance to unjust laws and practices. Nonviolence was a method he adopted from an Indian leader. As a result of his civil rights efforts, the following laws were passed; the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Although Dr. King was always trying to help others, there were plenty of people who disliked him because of the stand he took for justice. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He had gone to Memphis, Tennessee to support the striking sanitation workers. Dr. King was murdered in 1968; however, it was not until 1983 when Congress voted to make his birthday, January 15, a national holiday (celebrated on the third Monday of the month.)

St. Monica's Annual Coat Giveaway: Sunday, January 24, 1-3 pm

WE NEED COATS!

(AND WINTER ACCESSORIES)



WE ARE IN NEED OF WARM, CLEAN COATS, HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES FOR MEN, WOMEN, TEENS, AND CHILDREN.

Donations can be dropped off Sunday, January 17 from 10-11:30 am (ring the bell at the rectory back door) or at the office Mondays & Wednesdays from 10 am – 2 pm (ring the bell at the front office door.)

To arrange another drop off time, contact jessica.tette@dor.org.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!

Keep in Prayer

Please pray for Peter Fraver and his family. Peter's sister, Martha Fraver-Blum passed away on January 6, 2021. Please keep the Fraver & Blum families in your prayers.



The 2021 Josephite Calendars

Even though the church office is closed, you can still stop by and pick up a calendar. If you would like a calendar please call the office. Thank you.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped provide assistance for Christmas for the families of the Eastern Service Workers Association. During these challenging times with the pandemic of 2020 it was especially thoughtful that we were able to provide help for families in need. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated by ESWA and the families they support.

Thank you for being a blessing in 2020!

2020 Contributions

2020 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2021. Please call the church office if you have questions.

Thank you for all you did in 2020 and for all you do!



We pay tribute to a man whose pursuit of equality and justice helped shape a vision of America as a country where all people could live and work together without regard to their color, creed or religion.

***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.	
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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>	SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i>

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