

# *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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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.

*May 16, 2021*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*God is love and whoever remains in love, remains in God.*

*The Gospel takes us back to the Last Supper and Jesus prayer for his followers. Full of concern for our welfare, he wants us to have all the spiritual resources necessary to be faithful and united. He knows there are perils and dangers, but if we keep our eyes fixed on him, remaining in his love and consecrated in his truth, we will succeed.*

*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 16, 2021

Lena Adams—Bequest



Offerings for May 9, 2021

Offerings: \$2,652

Online Giving: \$120

Attendance: 77

Thank you for your generous support.



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 16, 2021**

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

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

**Bible Readings for Sunday, May 23, 2021**

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23



**BIBLE STUDY CORNER**

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

1 John 4:12-13

**Reflection:** We experience the church as a sacred place where God abides. It is a special place set apart from the chaos of the world where we can be in communion with God. We enter the quiet space to pray to God for our family and friends, for the sick and the poor, and for all the suffering people throughout the world. Though we cannot see God, we can encounter God and feel God's Spirit within us.

We find it more difficult to believe that God abides in our hearts. Our hearts, too, are sacred places where God abides. We can sit in the quiet of our hearts to commune with God, to experience God, and to feel God's Spirit in us. Within our hearts we can savor the Word of God. Within our hearts, we can pray to God for the needs of others, for compassion, forgiveness, healing, and peace. Though we cannot see God, we sense God's presence in us.

We know that God is love and that God's preferred dwelling place is in our hearts. Even though the world cannot see God, we reveal God's presence when we love one another. After Jesus rose and ascended into heaven, God's Spirit was sent to dwell in the hearts of the disciples. We have the Spirit of God's love in us. When we love one another, God's love fills the world and transforms the hearts of all people.

**Ponder:** When do I experience the Spirit of God's love?

**Prayer:** Risen Jesus, you abide in our hearts. Help me to make a home for you in my heart.

**Practice:** Today I will dwell in my heart and not in the world.



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](mailto:Colleen.Brade@dor.org)) if you would like to make your gift today.

**May Birthdays**

Julian Barthelemy Maria Degnan

Anthony DeRouen Carrie Fontenette

Joanie Fraver Franc Kisenyi

Sosthenes Pierre-Philippe

Coralie Seide Isabelle Walters

Beloved, if God so loved us,  
We also must love one another.

1 John 4:11

## 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.

## Diocesan Missions Sunday

Today is Diocesan Missions Sunday, acknowledging the missionary efforts of the Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil.

We are called to take part in the missionary work of the Church. We may not all have to move to another town or city to do so, but impelled by the Holy Spirit, each one of us is to move beyond our daily concerns, important as they are, to help others live in the faith that sustains us.

Bishop Salvatore Matano calls us to a responsible sharing in the missionary works of the Diocese of Rochester. No Diocese is truly a diocese unless it extends beyond its own borders and allows itself to be touched by the presence of each churches.

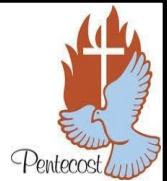
May we share the gift of faith today by helping our missionary friends with our prayers and a generous gift.

In this year of St. Joseph, may God continue to bless these women and strengthen their commitment to follow Jesus.



## Pentecost Sunday

This is an invitation to wear red next Sunday, the feast of Pentecost.



Why red, you might ask. Red has long been associated with the Holy Spirit. One reason for this is that the Acts of the Apostles mentions that the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was seen as tongues of fire over the occupants of the upper room. It is the fire of God, the Holy Spirit that enflames us with enthusiasm to go forth and witness the Word of God. It is the Spirit of God, who is Love, burning deep within our hearts. It is the Spirit of God who purifies us in the fire of God's everlasting love for each of us. The color red is symbolic of this great fire that is the Holy Spirit.

So look around your wardrobe, use your imagination and help to make our Pentecost alive with the color of the Holy Spirit.

*If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial*

*Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893*

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b> A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p><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.</p>	
<p><b>CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p><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></p>	<p><b>TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR</b> RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JEFFREY WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ADA FULLWOOD</b> <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE</b> <i>The Augustine Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY BELL SR. &amp; DONALD GORDON</b> <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i></p>
<p>For all the Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>JoAnn Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MARY JACKSON</b> <i>Thomas &amp; Nellie Bostick</i></p>