

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.

August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Trust in and follow the way of Jesus.

Peter can be excused for thinking as a human does, for he is human! But what gets him in trouble is his mistaken idea that he knows better than Jesus—that he knows better how Jesus ought to carry out his mission. This is reminiscent of the Fall; Pride in one's own knowledge over that of God's. We're all susceptible to that, and Jesus reminds Peter—and us—that his way is the way. All we need to do is trust, and follow.

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.

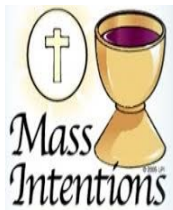
Catechumenate:

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



WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



Isaac Castle

Requested by the Castle Family

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



Bible Readings for Sunday, August 30, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-9 (pg. 28)

Romans 12:1-2 (pg. 29)

Matthew 16:21-27 (pg. 29-30)

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 6, 2020

Ezekiel 33:7-9 (pg. 30)

Romans 13:8-10 (pg. 31)

Matthew 18:15-20 (pg. 32)

August Birthdays

<i>Kathy Wheeler</i>	<i>Aloys Bukuru</i>	<i>Andre Cropper</i>
<i>Maureen Corral</i>	<i>Jean Pryor</i>	<i>Jacob Gasiorek</i>
<i>Paris Horman</i>	<i>Fritz Hyppolite</i>	<i>Brian Rea</i>
<i>Catherine Pappin</i>	<i>Acacia Semler</i>	<i>Lexxis Wingo</i>



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



Offerings for August 23, 2020

Offerings: \$1,350

Attendance: 42

Diocesan Missions: \$280

Thank you for your generous support.



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

But [Jesus] turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Matthew 16:23

Reflection: The path to a good, happy, prosperous, and successful life isn't easy. We're often distracted by personal and worldly matters. We experience a mixed bag of success and failure, happiness and disappointment, order and chaos. We do our best to work through the challenges, remove the stumbling blocks, and overcome the temptations. We're not always successful, but we struggle to move forward.

One of the most difficult challenges is learning the art of self-acceptance. We listen to faulty messages that say we're not good enough. We deny our innate beauty and goodness. We're blind to our unique gifts and talents. We allow fear and self-hatred to become stumbling blocks to our personal growth and development. We're tempted to give up, act irresponsibly, and blame others for our unhappiness. We can't progress until we believe in our own goodness, put fear and self-hatred behind us, and overcome the temptation to make others our scapegoat.

People of faith set our minds and hearts on divine things, not on human things. We believe God has a plan. We're given the grace of discernment and the strength to do God's work on earth. We have confidence as sons and daughters of God that, with the help of the Spirit, we'll remove the stumbling blocks and overcome temptations that prevent us from spreading the Good News.

Ponder: What are my challenges, stumbling blocks, and temptations?

Prayer: Lord, your resurrection conquered sin and death. Give me the strength to overcome pride so I can become a humble servant of your love and peace.

Practice: Today I will be faithful by honestly naming and facing my stumbling blocks.

Congratulations to Tracy Bell and Christopher Spencer on their baptism into the Catholic faith.

Congratulations to Tracy Bell, Carrie Fontenette and Christopher Spencer on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Welcome to Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church Family!

The Lessley, Uter and Wingo Families thank you all for your thoughtfulness, kind words and prayers.

God Bless you all.



***OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS:
THE ENDURING CALL TO LOVE***

“The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life. It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness. As bishops, we unequivocally state that **racism is a life issue.**” *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love*, pastoral against racism – US Catholic Bishops



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“Desert Days”**

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

Special days for individuals seeking a ONE DAY retreat alone with God. In these uncertain times, give yourself an opportunity to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart.

In the place of our normally scheduled Fall retreat weekends, Notre Dame Retreat House will be offering single days in silence and reflection entitled “*Desert Day*”. ALL are invited to join us – men, women, couples – and we ask that you please consider signing up for one of these single meditation days. There are twelve (12) dates to choose from between mid-September through the beginning of November. Note that in order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each “*Desert Day*” to fifteen (15) people.

In these troubling times, give yourself a day to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart. Allow yourself time to recover emotional balance, interior unity, inner balance and peace of soul. We will give you the time, space and materials . . . all you need to do is come with a willing heart and an open mind.

For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: www.notredameretreat.org Other inquiries, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew you mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.

“The ultimate measure of a person is not where one stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where one stands in times of challenge and controversy.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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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>
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In Loving Memory of CRÉÔLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i>	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	THIS SPACE FOR RENT

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