

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



445 Frederick Douglass Street, Rochester, NY 14608
(585) 325-3893 ~ (585) 325-2082 Fax
www.immaculateconceptionrochester.org
rillacul@dor.org

Church Office Days & Hours
Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
8:30 am — 4:00 pm

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Raymond Fleming fr.ray.fleming@dor.org
Assisting Priest	Rev. Robert Bradler
Deacon	Richard Rall
Religious Education Coordinators	Myrtle Fontenette myrtle.fontenette@dor.org Harry Pierre-Philippe harry.pierre-philippe@dor.org
Director of Finance & Administration	Carol Wynne carol.wynne@dor.org
Regional Business Manager	Mark Shevlin mark.shevlin@dor.org
Parish Secretary	Tracy Jordan tracy.jordan@dor.org
Pastoral Council Chair	Chibueze Onwunaka
Finance Council Chair	William Castle

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 10, 2021

Baptism
OF THE
Lord

May our lives always reflect the powerful grace of our baptism.

God reveals the sacrament of baptism with dynamic power. The heavens are torn. The Spirit descends; the Father's voice is heard. Two brief verses paint a vivid picture depicting the unity of the Holy Trinity. Through our baptism, we are joined to the family of God and welcomed into the intimacy of the Trinity. Take hold of this 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 10:00 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 3, 2021

Offerings: \$710 Online Giving: \$880

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 10, 2021

Isaiah 55:1-11

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11

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 STUDY CORNER

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 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 55:10-11

Reflection: At some unexpected moment along life's journey, we awaken to a voice deep inside our hearts that asks us, "What is the meaning and purpose in life?" For Christians, the meaning and purpose of life is revealed in Christ. Christ came into the world to bring all people into communion with God. His work on Earth was to share God's love and compassion with the hungry, the poor, the alienated, and the forgotten.

At baptism, we were incorporated into the body of Christ, the Church. As members of the body of Christ, we share in Jesus' mission of peace and reconciliation. Our lives must be interpreted in light of the life and ministry of Jesus.

Our baptism sets us apart to carry on the work of Christ, to spread the Word of God, to comfort the afflicted, and to be God's messengers of peace and unity in broken and fragile environments. As coworkers with Christ, we must use our gifts and talents for the common good and help bring forth in our world a community wherein all people are loved and respected as children of God. Baptism reminds us that our purpose in life is to be the seed of God's peace and the bread of God's compassion to humanity.

Ponder: What is God's will for me?

Prayer: Lord, help me to discern my gifts and talents and use them for the common good of all people.

Practice: Today I will actively promote peace and unity.



Catholic Ministries Appeal Parish Goal: \$9,910

As of this date, we have raised \$9,060 (91.42% of our goal) with 26 families contributing to the CMA. We thank everyone who responded to the year-end appeal to get to our goal by December 31st. The Diocese is still counting CMA gifts that came in at the end of the year, and it is not too late to join the effort. We only have \$850.00 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 Hicubruni, Yvette Reaves,
Shelly Smith, James Walker

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God help us to hold onto the lessons of this past year, using the points of pain as a map that reveals where to focus our energy to address disparities and injustice. In this way, may we move forward from 2020 not just by turning a calendar page but more importantly by building a nation and a world where the pitfalls that contributed to the tragedies of 2020 are remedied.

Dear community and friends of Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, and St. Monica Church,

We stand shocked and even angry about the violence and desecration that took place yesterday at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Yet our faith challenges us to be people of hope, trusting in God to lead us from inaction to healing, peaceful, and loving action.

Please consider this prayer attributed to St. Francis. We invite you to say it with us daily and to commit our lives to always move toward peace and justice, trusting that God is with us. Join us in praying for the healing of our hearts and our nation.

May Christ's peace reign in our hearts,

The staff at Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church,
St. Monica Church

Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen.

Baptism of the Lord

We end our Christmas season by celebrating the Baptism of the Lord and remembering our own rebirth in Baptism. Baptism is more than a monetary event in our lives. It is a way of life. We live or should live as Baptized people ... people who have been welcomed into a community of faith ... a community not made of perfect individuals but of people who together are trying to make the Kingdom of God a more visible reality in our society.

The Gospel accounts stress the presence of the Holy Spirit at the Baptism of our Lord. This same Holy Spirit was present at our Baptism and continues to be with us throughout our life gifting us with what we need to face our life tasks in a truly Christian way.

We are the beloved children of God. God's favor rests upon us. As we move from the Christmas season back into "ordinary time" it is the grace of our own Baptism that will enable us to see God in the everyday events of our day and to celebrate His presence. Let us pray that we remain open and responsive to God in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our day.

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!



What would Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
do and what would he say?

Dial-202-224-3121

2020 Contributions

2020 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2021. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

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

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE <i>The Augustine Family</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of HENRY BELL SR. & DONALD GORDON <i>The Bell/Gordon Families</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For all the Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>

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