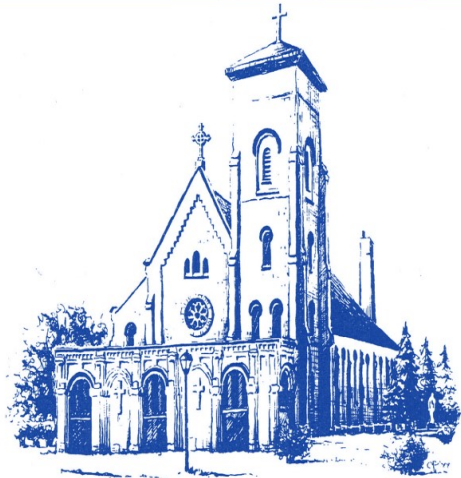


# *Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church*

*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 23, 2020*

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

*We are reminded in the reading from Romans that God is the ultimate authority. It is God who gives all, who creates all, and for whom all exists. Let us, then, through prayer and deeds, humbly and confidently acknowledge Jesus as the Son of the living God.*

## **Holy Days:**

Consult bulletin or call parish office.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

By Appointment.

## **Sacrament of Marriage:**

Pre-Can a is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

## **Baptism:**

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

## **Catechumenate:**

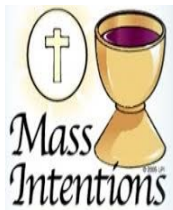
Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

*Pray to Jesus  
as the apostles  
did: "Lord,  
teach us to  
pray."*

— ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

**WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**



*Willa Marie Stinson*

*Requested by—Rose Stokes*

### *Offerings for August 16, 2020*

*Offerings: \$1,525*

*Attendance: 38*

*Thank you for your generous support.*

*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 23, 2020*

*Isaiah 22:19-23 (pg. 26)*

*Romans 11:33-36 (pg. 27)*

*Matthew 16:13-20 (pg. 27-28)*

### *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)*

### *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!**



### **BIBLE STUDY CORNER**



*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

*Matthew 16:19*

**Reflection:** We have keys to our home, car, office, storage room, safe-deposit box, locker, and other important areas. We know the keys can't open and close on their own; the person with the keys is the controlling agent. We're responsible for the keys and must use them with awareness. We don't want the keys to be lost or to fall into the wrong hands, lest all our possessions and valuables be taken. We discern whether a person is trustworthy before handing over our keys.

We have other keys—freedom, knowledge, wisdom, love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace. We know these keys have no power to do anything on their own.

We must discern how, when, and where to use these keys. We can use these keys to open our minds and hearts to the beauty of creation, life, and humanity. We can use these keys to liberate people from oppression, illiteracy, ignorance, hatred, suffering, conflict, and violence. We must be careful not to lose these keys or have them taken away against our will.

People of faith understand that we've been entrusted with the keys to the kingdom of heaven. We've been given access to god's love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of the community, we carry out God's mission by spreading the Good News of the kingdom to people everywhere.

**Ponder:** Do I take responsibility for my actions?

**Prayer:** Lord, you entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven to your people. Help me be your wise and responsible servant.

**Practice:** Today I will be faithful by visiting being more aware of my personal responsibilities.



### Keep in Prayer

Please pray for Thelma Uter, Mary Wingo and their families. Thelma & Mary's sister, JoAnne Lessley passed away on Saturday, August 15. JoAnne was a long time member of Immaculate Conception Church. Please pray for the repose of her soul as well as thoughts and prayers for her son, Kenny Lessley.



Frederick Dicks has recently resigned his position of Music Director to pursue his doctoral studies.

We are looking for a new Music Director for Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. Qualified candidates should send their resume to Fr. Raymond Fleming, as well as questions should be directed to Fr. Fleming at [fr.ray.fleming@dor.org](mailto:fr.ray.fleming@dor.org).

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

### Diocesan Missions Sunday

Because of the pandemic, we were not able to celebrate Diocesan Missions Sunday in May. Bishop Matano has given permission to honor the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy. For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Many people already have supported the sisters by mail to the parish and giving online during the past months. The Sisters are most grateful to you, and we would like to give the opportunity to help the missionary works of the sisters through a special collection. This weekend, you are invited to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift so that they may continue to bring Christ to the world.

The church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died, and is risen: through him God bestows new life that is divine and eternal. This is the Good News which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear. "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

### THE 2020 WOMEN'S VOTE CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. This historic centennial offers an unparalleled opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy and to explore its relevance to the issues of equal rights today. The Women's Vote Centennial Initiative, a collaboration of women-centered institutions, organizations, and scholars from across the US, works to ensure that this anniversary, and the 72-year fight to achieve it, are commemorated and celebrated throughout the United States.

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

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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> West Ridge Plaza 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>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	<b>THIS SPACE FOR RENT</b>

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