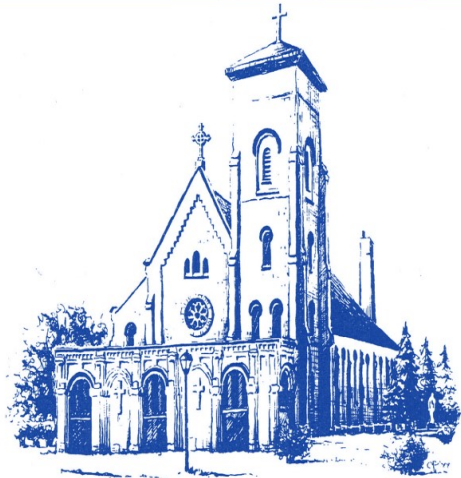


# *Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church*

*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.

*July 26, 2020*

*17th Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*The wise seek God.*

*When Solomon asked for an understanding heart to lead his people, he must have known that it was the one gift that opened the door to every other gift. For wisdom (prudence) is the virtue that guides all other virtues, and grounds judgment. The wise seek God, and those who know him seek to know him more, as Solomon, and the parables, demonstrate.*

**Holy Days:** Consult bulletin or call parish office.

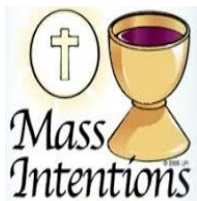
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

**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!**



*Joseph Tomczak*  
*Requested by ~ Bill Gordon*

*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,  
Roxana Weber*



Consider requesting a Mass for a deceased loved one. The offering is \$10.

### ***Bible Readings for Sunday, July 26, 2020***

*1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (pg. 63)*

*Romans 8:28-30 (pg. 64)*

*Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 (pg. 64-65)*

### ***Bible Readings for Sunday, August 2, 2020***

*Isaiah 55:1-3 (pg. 65)*

*Romans 8:35, 37-39 (pg. 66)*

*Matthew 14:13-21 (pg. 67)*

### **Prayer to End Racism**

Lord, Jesus Christ  
who reached across the ethnic boundaries  
between Samaritan, Roman and Jew  
who offered fresh sight to the blind and  
freedom to captives,  
help us to break down the barriers in our community,  
enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry,  
and free us to challenge and uproot it  
from ourselves, our society and our world.

- Fr. John Bucki, SJ

### ***Offerings for July 19, 2020***

*Offerings: \$1,027      Attendance: 34*

***Church in Central & Eastern Europe—\$30***

***Thank you for your generous support.***



### **BIBLE STUDY CORNER**

***“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”***

***Matthew 13:45***

**Reflection:** We value human life. It's our most precious gift. We know from personal experience how fragile life is and how important it is to protect life from mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical harm. We value family life. The family is the foundation of the society; without strong, stable families, children and youth are at risk. We value community life. We rely on our neighbors and friends to support us in times of trouble. We have come to discover that life, family, and community are the pearls of great value necessary for a happy life.

We live in a society where human life, family, and community aren't seen as precious gifts but as commodities to be controlled and manipulated by external forces. The secular world has not interest in the search for the meaning and purpose of life, no regard for the intrinsic dignity of the human person, and no interest in the common good. This is reflected in the endless search for instant gratification, the over-dependency on technology for a sense of belonging, and a growing lack of social responsibility.

As people of faith, we believe the kingdom of heaven is present and active in the earthly world. With the eyes of faith, we can see the kingdom of heaven buried in every life, in every family, and in our relationships with others. We do everything in our power to respond wholeheartedly to the presence of God's kingdom by defending life, showing respect to all people, being compassionate to the poor, and building a just and peaceful world.

**Ponder:** How do I cherish the pearls of life, family, and friends?

**Prayer:** Lord, you reveal the kingdom of heaven on earth. Help me be more aware of God's presence.

**Practice:** Today I will be faithful by spending quality time with a family member or friend.

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*Dear Co-worker in the Lord,*

*With a deep sense of gratitude, we have received the World Mission Sunday offerings from your faith community. We acknowledge your check in the amount of \$463.00.*

*"Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important..."*

*Pope Francis*

*Your people through their prayers and generous response to the World Mission Sunday will enable Our Holy Father to reach out to the countless number of people throughout the world who need our love and support.*

*While World Mission Sunday is celebrated once a year, I hope that in the months ahead you will continue to remember the missionary work of the Church through prayer and generous support.*

*Thanking you again for your enthusiasm and generous participation in this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday, I am.*

*Devotedly in Christ,*

*Rev. Robert C. Bradler  
Diocesan Director  
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith*

### **Christ Our Light!**

Your light rises in our darkness and assures us that you are present with us and that your powerful closeness to us transforms our fear into hope. May we join with our Holy Father, Francis, in spreading a "contagion" of hope "from heart to heart". Protect all your selfless servants who continue to serve the needs of the most vulnerable by both hands and heart. Give our elected leaders wisdom of heart in decision-making that the common good of our human family may be achieved and the gift of each person's human dignity respected. May the new Easter fire of love, energy and resilience burn within our hearts so that we may give witness to the mystery of your resurrected life among us and within us.

Amen



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was

instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

**Please visit our website, we now have Online Giving**

**Parish Giving**  
simple. secure. convenient.

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

### **Learn about African-American History in the Rochester Area**

We all know there is great history here in the Rochester area, but we may drive by it and have no idea it is there. Check out [www.visitrochester.com/things-to-do/african-american-heritage/](http://www.visitrochester.com/things-to-do/african-american-heritage/) to learn more about the many places and opportunities to learn about the contributions of Rochester native African-Americans. Learn about the many stops of the Underground railroad which led to the final stop at Kelsey's Landing in the Maplewood neighborhood. Learn about Fredrick Douglas and the many people who fought for freedom and justice.

***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> <b>West Ridge Plaza</b> 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>	<b>THIS SPACE FOR RENT</b>	<b>THIS SPACE FOR RENT</b>

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