**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church**

**A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition**

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

**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.

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**March 17, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Jesus is beloved Son and fulfillment of God’s promises.

At this early point in our Lenten journey, our readings remind us of God’s promises to humanity and his faithfulness to those promises. Full of the same hope that once spurred Abraham on to leave his homeland and Paul to preach the Gospel with commitment and fidelity, they now seek to encourage us in our Lenten disciplines.

**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** of the parish community are most welcome. See one of the hospitality ministers following Mass or contact the parish office—325-3893.

**We worship every Sunday at 10 am**
Offerings for March 10, 2019

Offerings: $2,422  Attendance: 90

Black, Native American & Hispanic - $369

Thank you for your generous support.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: $9,909
Pledged as of March 15, 2019
$11,145 (112.47%)

We’ve reached our goal!

March The Season of Lent

Fri. March 22  Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
Fri. March 29  Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
Sat. March 30  St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality

MARCH CHRISTIAN ACTION

Be generous with your time:

* Brush the snow off someone else’s car.
* Shovel someone’s walkway.
* Visit someone who is a shut-in.
* Grocery shop for someone.
* Spend time with a child.

You can track your action on the chart on the new bulletin board in the gathering space. Please share your experiences with Parish Council by emailing Maureen Corral at relax29@rochester.rr.com or place your handwritten reflection in the folder attached to the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s parishioners will make the world a better place one action at a time.

Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (pg. 46)
Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 (pg. 47)
Luke 9:28b-36 (pg. 48)

Sunday, March 24, 2019
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (pg. 48-49)
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (pg. 50)
Luke 13:1-9 (pg. 50)

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Readers
Reader I—Colleen Brade
Reader II—Don Toyer

Ministers of Communion
Don Toyer—James Walker

Ushers
George Fontenette—Tom Degnan
Alex Cooper—Joe Catalli

Sunday, March 24, 2019
Readers
Reader I—Kathryn Castle
Reader II—Candice Lucas

Ministers of Communion
Jackie Bryant—Walter DeRouen

Ushers
Wayne Uter—Mike Nwokelo
Lee Wingo—Maria Degnan

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Vincent Carter, brother of Don Toyer, Sybil Doucette, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Thelma Uter
The Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the church on the six Fridays starting March 8 and ending April 12.

Father Jerome Robinson entered into eternal rest, Monday, March 11, 2019. He had been serving at Saint Rita’s parish in Indianapolis. Father Robinson previously served our diocese in a variety of ministries. He was 71 years of age.

Let us keep Father Robinson and his family in our prayers.

Father Robinson’s first assignment after ordination was here in Rochester. He served on Bishop Hogan’s staff. He was the founding director of black ministries for the Diocese of Rochester. When Bishop Hogan decided in 1979 to retire he made the decision to go to Nigeria where Fr. Robinson lectured at the Dominican Theology School and learned the language of the northern part of the country and ministered in that area as well. He was there a year.

Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, March 23rd; seating begins at 8:30 a.m. - program starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12 Noon at the Diplomat Banquet Center, 1 Diplomat Way, (off Lyell Ave) Gates. Confessions will be heard at 8 a.m. and again at the end of the program.

Our speaker is Aimee O’Connell. She is the founder of the Mission of Saint Thorlak, an online apostolate inspired by its namesake “to understand, recognize, address and prevent spiritual starvation, letting people with autism lead us on our way.”

Reservations $20.00; after March 16th: $22.00; Student $12.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal ($21.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759 or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

Congratulations to Tracy Jordan on her 20th anniversary here at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church as the parish secretary.

We would say here’s to another 20 years but Tracy might want to retire before then! Thanks for all her hard work and dedication to the parishioners and staff at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church.

Fr. Raymond Fleming
Fr. Robert Bradler
Deacon Richard Rall
Parish Staff

Young Adult Chrism Mass Pilgrimage

Tuesday, April 16
7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral

SAVE THE DATES!

Corn Hill Arts Festival
Saturday, July 13, 2019
10 am—6 pm
Sunday, July 14, 2019
10 am—5 pm

Parish Picnic
Saturday, July 27, 2019
Ontario Beach Park/Shoreline Shelter
If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial
Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893

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| Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard                  |                   | Love your Grandparents |

| In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR.  | THIS SPACE FOR RENT | FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE |
| Love your Mom, George, Adrian Andre         |                   | FROM CONCEPTION TIL NATURAL DEATH |
|                                          |                   | Tom McAfee |

| In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST | THIS SPACE FOR RENT | In Loving Memory of CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES |
| The Wingo Family                        |                   | Love Ralph & Maureen |

| THIS SPACE FOR RENT                      | THIS SPACE FOR RENT | In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS |
|                                        |                   | Love Alice Walters |

| In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS      | THIS SPACE FOR RENT | In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE |
| Alice Walters                           |                   | The Augustine Family |

| In Appreciation of Our Friends at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s | THIS SPACE FOR RENT | In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD |
| Tom & Karen Dowd                                                           |                   | The Augustine/Fullwood Families |

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