# 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.

# May 28, 2023



*Easter isn't just about Jesus' resurrection from the dead, but our rising to new life.* 

The first Easter - that day in human history where Jesus Christ was raised from the dead - is not simply a historical fact, but a theological and spiritual reality in which we continue to live. We are immersed in the life that was created for us in his rising, and we celebrate that "little Easter" in every Sunday Eucharist. Through the grace received there and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are sent as workers in the kingdom, helping to renew the face of the earth.

Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the 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 office to make arrangements.

*Catechumenate*: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Thomas J. Bostick

Requested by John & JoAnn DeMott



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

### Bible Readings for Sunday, May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



Intentions

Bible Readings for Sunday, June 4, 2023

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday, May 28, 2023</u> Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

<u>Sunday, June 4, 2023</u> Reader I & II—Keith Parris

<u>Sunday, June 11, 2023</u> Reader I & II—André Fontenette

<u>Sunday, June 18, 2023</u> Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

### <u>Sunday, June 25, 2023</u>

Reader I & II—Norma Thom



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## Financial Fraud Hotline 1-800-388-7177 x1266

Reports may also be made in writing to: Internal Audit Department • Diocese of Rochester 1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624 Offerings for May 21, 2023

Offerings: \$2,366

Attendance: 89

**Online Giving: \$195** 

**Online Givers:** 4

Thank you for your generous support.

# June

Sat. June 3	Pastoral Council Meeting-9:30 am
Sun. June 4	Youth Sunday
Sun. June 18	Father's Day
Mon. June 19	Juneteenth—Office Closed
Sat. June 24	St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

### **June Christian Action**

Appreciate your father, grandfather, brother, son, male colleague, neighbor, etc.



Show them your love in a special way.



Mass Intentions can be scheduled for 2023. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10.

## Offering Envelopes

### REMINDER

If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Immaculate

Conception/St. Bridget's donation envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to us.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, June 4th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before you leave church.





**Call for Volunteers** - Have you noticed the new flower beds and planters around the church? Interested in helping to maintain

these new additions? Easy work and a few minutes, water and weed. Many hands make light work.

If so, please contact Robert Hoffmann (Text 585-563-2431). This will be an ongoing project throughout the spring and summer. A great project to get our church ready for the **175th IC/SB Anniversary**, which will be celebrated next year.

#### Living Faith

Come, Holy Spirit!

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim? Acts 2:4

My friend Sara has run a parish women's Bible study for eight years. She doesn't think what she does is a big deal. My friend Colleen has a husband, four adult children, eight grandchildren, a busy day job—and is a daily communicant. She doesn't think what she does is a big deal.

You probably don't think what you're doing in the way you live your faith—day in and day out—is a big deal. But it is. We all proclaim differently—in the words we write or speak, publicly or to an audience of two; in the work of our hands, whether it's in creating a masterpiece of art, hugging a grieving friend or assisting at a pregnancy center. We proclaim in the way God has perfectly suited us to proclaim.

Recognize your gifts, thank God for them—and use them as the Spirit directs.

Holy Spirit, show me how to help you set the world ablaze.

Melanie Rigney



Clarissa Street Reunion Saturday, August 19, 2023 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

#### Pentecost

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, as has been the tradition of the Church since very early times. For the early Church this was the second most



important feast of the year; just behind Easter: The word Pentecost comes from the Greek meaning fifty and comes 50 days after the resurrection.

What we celebrate is not just a dry memory in the history of the Church, but the energizing of the disciples. The Spirit was poured out onto the men and women who were the faithful followers of Jesus; those who remained faithful to Jesus (or came back to the Lord after they ran away during the passion) experienced the ferocity of the Holy Spirit setting them on fire, energizing, compelling them to live the Gospel. The gifts that the spirit of Jesus brought to them were the power to love unconditionally and to transform the world by the power of this love and the power to trust God unconditionally. The plight of those who received the Spirit did not improve but with the gift of love and trust they were empowered to go out and love and serve the Lord beyond their wildest imagination.

The power of the Spirit is with us today. It is the Holy Spirit which gives us courage to take an unpopular stand on a moral issue; it is the power of the Spirit that allows us to perform an act of kindness to a stranger; it is the power of the Spirit which gives us the strength to love our families, even when they hurt or disappoint us. Today more that ever we need the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

### Save The Date Corn Hill Arts Festival

Saturday, July 8, 2022 ~ 10 am—6 pm Sunday, July 9, 2022 ~ 10 am—5 pm

Volunteers are needed to serve breakfast, cook and sell hots and sausage and have a good time for the Corn Hill Arts Festival. Sign up sheets will be available next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> on the table in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please see Don Toyer.

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality	BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626		
A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health ed Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Orville's Appliances.		
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org	Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870 The perfect place for all of your grilling needs	Tom Zubert, Realtor RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)	
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard	In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE Alphonse White	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	
For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church <i>Rose Stokes</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY Blessings Bill & Family	In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER The Wingo Family	
In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST The Wingo Family	In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES Love your Wife & Children	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 JAMES STOKES The Stokes Family	<b>CPR and First Aid Classes</b> For lay and Professional Responders <b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> (585) 615-4379	In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother Linda Nash Lynn Fulmore	
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE The Castle Family	In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE The Nwokelo Family	"In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "	
In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE Love your Grandparents	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER Roxana C. Weber	In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. The Gordon/Bell Families	
In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY Joanne Gordon	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI Love your Wife & Children	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. The Nwokelo Family	
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY James & Melissa McGee	In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b> Love Mom, Michael, Camille	<b>MATH TUTORING</b> MATH COACHING 585-247-4941	