

# *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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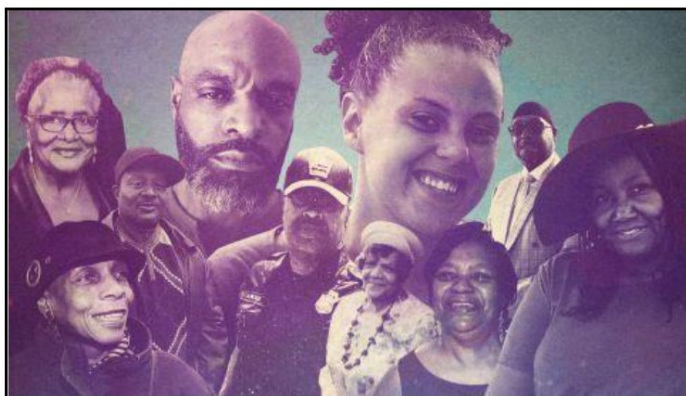
William Castle, **Finance Council Chair**

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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 29, 2022**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**



We remember and honor the 10 people who were killed in the horrific, racially-motivated Buffalo shooting.

Celestine Chaney    Heyward Patterson

Robert Drury        Aaron Salter

Andre Mackniel     Geraldine Talley

Katherine Massey   Ruth Whitfield

Margus Morrison    Pearl Young

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

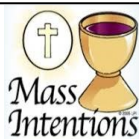
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

**Rev. John Crowley—Bequest**



*Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Corwill, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters*

**Bible Readings for Sunday, May 29, 2022**

*Act 7:55-60*

*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*

*John 17:20-26*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, June 5, 2022**

*Act 2:1-11*

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17*

*John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

Reader I & II—Walter DeRouen

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Belief in Jesus transforms and unites us as beloved sons and daughters of the Father.**

**Jesus prays for believers, asking the Father that we may be brought to perfection as one. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will be transformed. We can turn to Stephen, the first martyr, and the saints for courage as we turn our lives over to God.**

**Offerings for May 22, 2022**

**Offerings: \$2,733**

**Attendance: 64**

**Online Giving: \$240**

**Online Givers: 5**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

**May Christian Action**



Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.

**Do Something Beautiful for God**

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

We are here to be witnesses of love and to celebrate life, because life has been created in the image of God. Life is to love and to be loved. That's why we all have to take a strong stand so that no child—boy or girl—will be rejected or unloved. Every child is a sign of God's love.



- Julian Barthelemy*
- Maria Degan*
- Anthony DeRouen*
- Dorothy Dobson*
- Carrie Fontenette*
- Joanie Fraver*
- Sosthenes Pierre-Philippe*
- Coralie Seide*
- Isabelle Walters*



*Remembering the people who died while serving.*

## Living Faith ~ Prepare for the Holy Spirit

*The Holy Spirit...will teach you everything... John 14:26*

If you had the choice to having Jesus in the flesh in your daily life, as he was with the apostles, or having the Holy Spirit, which would you choose? I would be sorely tempted to choose Jesus in the flesh. Every day I would be walking with Jesus, listening to him, breaking bread with him and witnessing his miracles. But that would be the wrong choice.

Jesus said it was better that he go so that the Father would send another Advocate, the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit comes, it fills our entire being with the presence of God. We do not just listen to Jesus, we become one with him.

The truth of our transformation into Jesus, and our becoming one with the Divine, is the greatest of gifts. All are made possible by the coming of the Spirit.

Pentecost is coming soon. Let us prepare for this, the greatest of gifts.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rosetti



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

Please keep Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski and his family in your prayers.

Deacon Jeff's mother, Kathleen Brooks passed away on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in Morgantown, WV.

Your prayers for the repose of her soul and for the family would be greatly appreciated.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is the only peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking.

**CORN HILL  
ARTS FESTIVAL**

### SAVE THE DATES

**Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10**

## Seeing **Red**

No, this is not an article about someone's anger nor about money problems. This is simply an invitation to wear **red** next Sunday, the feast of Pentecost.



Why **red**, you might ask. **Red** has long been associated with the Holy Spirit. One reason for this is that the Acts of the Apostles mentions that the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was seen as tongues of fire over the occupants of the upper room. It is the fire of God, the Holy Spirit that enflames us with enthusiasm to go forth and witness the Word of God. It is the Spirit of God, who is Love, burning deep within our hearts. It is the Spirit of God who purifies us in the fire of God's everlasting love for each of us. The color **red** is symbolic of this great fire that is the Holy Spirit.

So look around your wardrobe, use your imagination and help to make our Pentecost alive with the color of the Holy Spirit.

Wishing you a peaceful  
and blessed  
**Memorial Day**

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:  
JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.  
AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN  
OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

1 JOHN 3:16

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b> <b>2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</b></p> <p align="center">Visit our two new stores Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Consignkids Clothing and more. City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p><b>Mileage Master Center of Rochester</b> 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JEFFREY WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership <b>Where Leaders are Made</b> For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays except holidays <a href="mailto:E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com">E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MARY JACKSON</b> <i>Thomas &amp; Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY</b> <i>Love Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>