

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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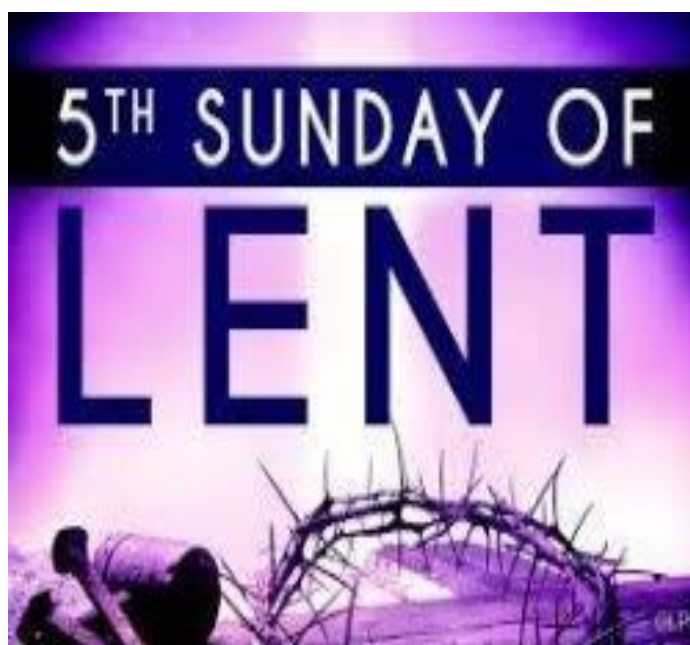
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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

April 3, 2022



Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you, Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

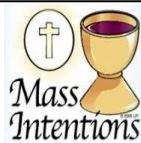
Jn 8:11b

Jesus, who is love and mercy, heals and forgives.

Jesus reveals the heart of the Father, who is love. Although we turn away from him, God does not choose to condemn or turn away from us. Instead, he offers to pay our debt, to take our sins to the cross. He comes to cleanse and heal us and give us a share in his life.

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Rev. Michael Conboy—Bequest



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

Bible Readings for Sunday, April 3, 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

Bible Readings for Sunday, April 10, 2022

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49



Offerings for March 27, 2022

Offerings: \$1,180

Attendance: 59

Online Giving: \$550

Online Givers: 6

Thank you for your generous support.



- Fri. Apr. 8 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm**
- Sat. Apr. 9 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am**
- Sun. Apr. 10 Palm Sunday Mass—10:00 am**
- Tues. Apr. 12 Chrism Mass—6:00 pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral**
- Thurs. Apr. 14 Holy Thursday Mass—6:00 pm**
- Fri. Apr. 15 Good Friday Service—Noon**
- Sat. Apr. 16 Easter Vigil—7:00 pm**
- Sun. Apr. 17 Easter Sunday Mass—10:00 am**
- Sun. Apr. 24 Fr. Ray's 40th Anniversary Mass
10:00 am at St. Monica Church**
- Wed. Apr. 27 Finance Council Mtg.—5:30 pm**
- Sat. Apr. 30 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality**

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Reader I & II—Walter DeRouen

Sunday, April 14, 2022

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, April 15, 2022

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, April 16, 2022

Reader I & II—TBA

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

April Christian Action

Be Joyous!

- * Greet people with "Alleluia, He is risen!"
- * Appreciate all the new birth going on around you.
- * Surprise someone with flowers.
- * Do some kindness for another that you wouldn't normally do.



April Birthdays!

*Kobe Barthelemy, Julian Bell, James Brooks,
Joanne Gordon, Franklyn Horman, Donald Toyer,
Thelma Uter, Mary Wingo*

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace.



Dear Immaculate Conception/
St Bridget Parishioners,

Thank you for all your thoughtfulness and caring as I continue healing from my recent surgery. Your prayers and acts of kindness mean so much during such a difficult time.

Sincere Gratitude,
Marcia Fugate

Living Faith ~ Finding Your Holy Places

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. John 8:1

This is the only place in the Gospels where the Mount of Olives is mentioned outside of the Passion narratives. Its inclusion here tells us something important about Jesus. First, Jesus went to the garden to pray. Prayer was a priority for him. What made this particular place so conducive to prayer? It was outside the gates of the city, beyond its busyness and din. It was a place of peace and solitude after a hectic day. Jesus must have felt close to God within this natural setting. Little wonder he sought out this same holy place the night before he died.

Where is your Mount of Olives, that is, your “holy place” where you feel close to God? Perhaps it is a certain church or chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. Or maybe it’s a park bench beside a lake, a pathway through the woods, a favorite jogging route or even the rocker on your back porch?

Jesus, help me to find holy places that will nourish my communion with you.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

Almsgiving

As part of their Lenten project, The Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Religious Education youth will be collecting non-perishable food items. The collected items will be donated to a local food bank.

The project will run now through June 12. A bin will be placed in the Gathering space for your donations.

Thank you for your help.

The Religious Education Students



Free Meal Home Delivery for City Seniors

The City of Rochester is funding local restaurants and 211/Lifeline to provide free meal delivery to city seniors ages 55 and older who have barriers to accessing nutritious and culturally-appropriate prepared meals.

City seniors may call 2-1-1 to sign up for up to three free meals per week over a period of one month, up to 12 meals per month. Meal deliveries may be requested again at the end of the 30-day period. Call 2-1-1 for details. Seniors may order lunch and dinner deliveries. There are four restaurants near St. Monica Church that are participating in the program.

- The Arnett Café (Southern) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- D’Mangu (Latin) Monday, Friday, Saturday
- D&L Tropical (Jamaican) Monday, Thursday, Saturday
- Hayaat Markets (African) Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Day of Prayer on April 5, 2022 at Notre Dame Retreat House

*"The Hope of Easter" – the Paschal mystery....
Jesus' Resurrection and the hope it gives us!*

Presented by Fr. Tom Travers, C.Ss.R. Day begins at 9:00am and concludes at 3:00pm. There is a \$25.00 Fee. Please call 585-394-5700 or email us at ndretreat@rochester.rr.com to register. Attendance will be capped at 50 people!

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

CYO KICKBALL

SEASON STARTS APRIL 30TH
ENDS JUNE 18TH 2022

We are looking for more players in grades 3-6 for CYO kickball! We will play Sundays April-June at Genesee Valley Park. Contact Tami Divers at tamidivers@icloud.com if interested.

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</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>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p>Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p>Tom Zubert, Realtor RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>This Space Available</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY <i>Love Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH ANN GORDON <i>Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>