



Our Lady of Lourdes + St Anne Annual Soup Supper

# Racism in Rochester

## Where Have We Come From and Where Are We Going?

Many of us know that Rochester has one of the highest rates of child poverty in the country. But did you also know that we are also one of the most segregated communities around? Racism and poverty are connected in Rochester. How could this happen in the home of Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony? How does our Christian faith challenge us to reflect on the community that we love? Come join us for the 5 Wednesdays of Lent to learn more about how we got to our present moment and where we might go from here in becoming a more just community.

**Week 1, March 4:** Rochester City school teacher Shane Wiegand discusses **the history of segregation in Rochester** as expressed in our housing policies.

**Week 2, March 11:** Parishioner Ed Doherty, formerly with Rochester Area Community Foundation, shares hard facts about **how Rochester compares** with the rest of New York State and nationally on basic measures of community well being.

**Week 3, March 18:** Parishioner Kevin Beckford, Senior Director of Staff Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at U of R, shares with us about his experience of **being black in the changing corporate world**.

**Week 4, March 25:** Rev. Judy Davis from Community of the Savior joins us to talk about the challenges as an African American who is part of a leadership team **trying to build a diverse community of faith**.

**Week 5, April 1:** Sr Chris Wagner, SSJ, Executive Director and founder of St Joseph Neighborhood Center identifies **hopeful actions in the community and what still needs to be done**.

Each Wednesday we meet from **6:00-7:30 pm in the Social Hall at St Anne Church, 1600 Mt Hope Ave.** for a simple soup supper followed by presentation, Q&A, and ending with evening prayer. Join us!