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.

October 15, 2017
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We must be prepared to heed God’s loving call.

Today’s readings provide both comfort and challenge. We are reminded that God is gracious and merciful, forgiving our sins and providing for our needs. But we must actively listen for his call and heed it when it comes, lest we be unprepared to enter the heavenly kingdom and join in the eternal wedding feast.

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.

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

Church Office Hours
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8:30 am—4:00 pm

Parish Staff
Rev. Raymond Fleming, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Robert Bradler, Assisting Priest
Deacon Richard Rall
Myrtle Fontenette, Religious Education Coordinator
Harry Pierre-Philippe, Religious Education Coordinator
Carol Wynne, Director of Finance & Administration
Mark Shevlin, Regional Business Manager
Stephen St. James, Facilities Director
Tracy Jordan, Parish Secretary
Gloria Brooks, Music Director
Telesta Rice, Liturgical Dance Coordinator
Keith Parris, Pastoral Council Chair
Patricia Nguti, Finance Council Chair

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Mass Intentions
Sunday, October 15, 2017
Jack Treanor
Requested by Bill Gordon

OCTOBER CHRISTIAN ACTION

Offerings for October 8, 2017
Offerings: $1,776  Attendance: 106
Thank you for your generous support!

OCTOBER
Saturday, October 28  St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Altar Servers
Paris Horman—Jonathan Dingwall

Readers
Reader I—Don Toyer
Reader II—Kathryn Castle

Ministers of Communion
Jackie Bryant—Roxana Weber

Ushers
Mike Nwokelo—Tim Sullivan
Wayne Uter—Maria Degnan

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Altar Servers
Paris Horman—Jonathan Dingwall

Readers
Reader I—Marcia Fugate
Reader II—Joanie Fraver

Ministers of Communion
James Walker—Don Toyer

Ushers
Lee Wingo—Bing Reaves
Joe Catalli—Tom Degnan

REFRESHMENT—
A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Refresh your mind—read the bible or other inspirational books.
- Refresh your attitude—think positive caring thoughts and pray for others.
- Refresh your behavior—do random acts of kindness and show compassion for others.
- Refresh our world—“plant” beauty wherever you go and marvel at God’s wonders!

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, October 15, 2017
Isaiah 25:6-10a (pg. 43)
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (pg. 44)
Matthew 22:1-141 or 22:1-10 (pg. 45)

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Isaiah 45:1-6 (pg. 46)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b (pg. 47)
Matthew 22:15-21 (pg. 48)
Religious Education Registration today and classes will begin next Sunday.

Fun, Fun, Fun
Religious Education Overnight Retreat
Date To Be Determined...

October is the Month of the Rosary

Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith. The rosary as we know it today has evolved over time from its original loop of fifty beads marked out three times (to account for 150 prayers representing all the psalms) to its present configuration of five decades with some additional prayers.

The rosary is begun by reciting the Apostles’ Creed while holding the cross that hangs from the loop. The Lord’s Prayer is prayed on the first bead on the way up from the cross to the loop joiner. Then three Hail Mary’s are prayed on the next three beads (often interpreted as prayers for an increase of faith, hope, and charity) followed by a Glory Be.

Another Lord’s Prayer opens the first decade, which continues with ten Hail Mary’s and concludes with a Glory Be, prayed while holding the chain between the final Hail Mary of the decade and the next bead for the Lord’s Prayer.

The prayer and meditation of the five decades is directed to one of the mysteries of which there are four sets (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous). There are booklets that offer scriptural meditations for each of the beads as well, providing an opportunity to enrich this traditional prayer with excerpts from the word of God.

World Mission Sunday

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat With The Pope” to learn more about his missions. Scan this year’s World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at ChatWithThePope.org.

Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
Tuesday evening at 6 pm for the adults
Sunday after Religious Education class for the kids.

It’s that time of year again—To get your knitting and crochet needles out for the Hearts & Hands Knitting & Crocheting Ministry. If you would like to donate yarn for this ministry.

Hurricane Maria and Mexico Earthquakes Funds

In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria and multiple earthquakes in Mexico, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Office of National Collections has set up funds for both disasters to receive any contributions individuals wish to make. Contributed funds will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through Catholic Charities USA (Hurricane Maria) and Catholic Relief Services (Mexico Earthquake). Checks should be sent to:

Hurricane Maria Fund (or) Mexico Earthquake Fund
Office of National Collections
P. O. Box 96278
Washington DC 20090-6278

Please give generously! Kindly indicate in your communication with your check that you are from the Diocese of Rochester.
If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial
Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893

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<td>OPEN HOURS: 11AM – 9PM</td>
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Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again!

We worship every Sunday at 10 am