

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.

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



The Lord rejoices over us.

According to the prophet Zephaniah, the Lord rejoices—yes rejoices—over us in gladness, and Saint Paul says to have no anxiety at all. If we trust in the unconditional love God has for us, our hearts and minds will know the true peace that only he can give.

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.

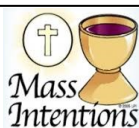
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Dorothy Dobson

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Nellie Bostick, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

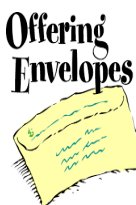
Offerings for December 8, 2024
Offerings: \$2,438 **Attendance: 98**
Online Giving: \$180 **Online Givers: 3**
Immaculate Conception: \$92
Thank you for your generous support.

DECEMBER
Tues. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed
 Christmas Eve Mass—St. Monica-4 pm
Wed. Dec. 25 Christmas Day—Office Closed
 Christmas Day Mass—ICSB-10 am
Thur. Dec. 26 Day after Christmas —Office Closed
Fri. Dec. 27 St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality
Tues. Dec. 31 New Year’s Eve—Office Closed

LECTOR SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 15, 2024
Reader I & II—Don Toyer
Sunday, December 22, 2024
Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette
Sunday, December 29, 2024
Reader I & II—Keith Parris



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.



December Christian Action
BE THE GIFT!

- Visit someone who is lonely
- Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays
- Help someone with a task
- Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter
- Surprise someone with a kind note
- Call someone you haven’t spoken to in a long time
- Give someone a hug
- Tell someone you love/appreciate them
- Tell someone you’re sorry
- Send a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.

MASS INTENTIONS
The 2025 Mass Intention book has arrived. You will now be able to schedule Mass intentions for 2025. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ’s Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Parish—Goal \$12,000

As of this date, 17 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 47.79% of our goal (\$5,735). Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. Please pray for the success of reaching our goal. Thank you.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:
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

**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
175th Anniversary Closing Mass**

Greetings Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our 175th Anniversary Celebration. Our events over the past nine months have been well received. Yes, it was a lot of work and effort to reactivate everyone's enthusiasm about our parish. We tried to have events that would be appealing to all. Thanks to Fr. Ray, Deacon Rick, Parish



Council, Finance Council and the Steering Committee for your support. Also, thanks to our small but mighty choir, Art & Environment and Hospitality Ministries for all your help over the past year. To Vincent, Yvette and Precious, who took pictures and passed them along to us so that we could document the events, thank you!



On Sunday, Fr. Carl Gales gave a wonderful homily and tribute to Fr. Norman Fischer who was scheduled to close out the Anniversary Celebration. After Fr. Fischer's untimely death, Fr. Carl agreed to come back to help us despite his very busy schedule.



Congratulations to our 4 Stewardship Award Winners.

Tracy Jordan has been serving our faith community with a smile for 25 years.

Precious Fontenette has been our Religious Ed Coordinator for 35+ years, teaching our children the importance of having a relationship with God

Isabella Walters, co-chair of the 175th Anniversary is the quiet storm, always working along with her team behind the scenes. She also researched and put on display; all of the historical pictures located in the gathering space.

Ramona Moore helped plan meaningful liturgies, music workshops and the songfest throughout our celebration. Ramona's award was in honor of her dedication to this church.

Lastly, I thank you all for honoring me with an award and gifts. I love the faith community of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church and I appreciate you all.

Blessings!

Joanne



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent:

Advent Response:

Our Prayer: Thank you for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for Christ to come again, that you remain present with us. May we do your will by sharing your joy with each other.



The Catholic Courier's annual digital Advent Calendar is back for the 2024 season. The calendar will be available starting Dec. 1 at <https://catholiccourier.com/adventcalendar2024/>, features 25 windows hiding daily multimedia "treats". Visitors will be able to open a new window each day through Dec. 25.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD
HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

All Masses ASL interpreted.

Christmas Eve Mass Tuesday, December 24:
4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church

Christmas Day Mass Wednesday, December 25:
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

New Year's Day Mass Wednesday, January 1:
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church



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ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

Third Advent Candle/Sunday: Joy – "Gaudete Sunday"

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

<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">Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions and 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><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p align="center">Jack & Elvira Powell</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE</p> <p align="center"><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 RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</p> <p align="center"><i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</p> <p align="center"><i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN/CORRAL/DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</p> <p align="center"><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In this Season & Always For Your Life & Love, We Give Thanks Linda Nash Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</p> <p align="center"><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE</p> <p align="center"><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</p> <p align="center"><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</p> <p align="center"><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</p> <p align="center"><i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</p> <p align="center">585-247-4941</p>