

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.

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 15, 1929—April 4, 1968

The Lord invites us to come and stay a while with him.

What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while with him. If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

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.

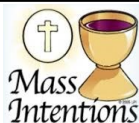
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, January 14, 2024

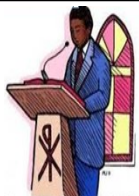
Chazz El Nash-Randall

Requested by Lynn Fulmore



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

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Sunday, January 14, 2024

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Offerings for January 7, 2024

Offerings: \$2,233

Attendance: 44

Online Giving: \$450

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

JANUARY

**Mon. Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office Closed**

Fri. Jan. 26 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

January Christian Action

BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME:

- Brush the snow off someone else's car.
- Shovel someone's walkway.
- Visit someone who is homebound.
- Grocery shop for someone.
- Spend time with a child or someone who is alone.



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2024 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call the office to schedule a Mass.



Reminder that you must be CASE trained to do your ministry. This is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester.

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating A Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or email tracy.jordan@dor.org.



Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Go to www.dor.org • View the video • See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift



**Catholic Ministries Appeal
Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's
Parish Goal ~ \$11,000**

As you are aware, the CMA has begun. To date, we have reached 78.25% of our goal (\$8,608). 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.

2023 Contributions

2023 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2024. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

Living Faith When God Calls

Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10

My wife sometimes has a "Samuel Moment": She thinks she hears me calling from another room and comes and asks, "What do you want? Did you call me?" I tell her no, I was just grumbling at something I was reading. She rolls her eyes and wanders away.

The story of Samuel reminds us God has a way of getting our attention.

Yet, he is surprisingly unobtrusive. God makes himself known through a whisper in the wind or a quiet call in the night. He doesn't bark orders; rather, he invites us to seek him—just as Jesus in today's Gospel invites followers to "Come, and you will see" (v.39). No pressure. No demands. No rolling thunder or flashes of lightning.

God may give us a nudge. But he wants us to find him on our own.

Are you willing to look? Are we willing to listen? Are we open to the possibility of an unexpected call in the night?

Dcn. Greg Kandra

*"I think I have discovered the highest good.
It is love."*



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver

On November 19th, during our 2023 Black Catholic History celebration, Dr. Althea Porter and Sr. Roberta Fulton from the Diocese of Buffalo's chapter of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, spoke on the relevance of this organization today and invited members of ICSB and St. Monica's churches to consider re-activating the Rochester chapter of this organization.

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver was formed in 1909 for service and outreach to the community. Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest, became patron of slaves due to his outreach and ministry to them. The Jesuits set up the Knights of Peter Claver for African Americans who could not join other fraternal organizations. The national goals involve addressing social justice issues, concentrating particularly on human trafficking, dignity, racism, environmentalism, and prison ministry. The Diocese of Rochester had a chapter that began around 1947 but went dormant in the '60's.

If you would be interested in being a part of the re-activation of the Rochester chapter of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver and a chapter for young people, please give Tracy Jordan (our Church's secretary) your name and contact information by calling 235-3340. The Chapter is open to ALL regardless of race.

Just a reminder, the church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

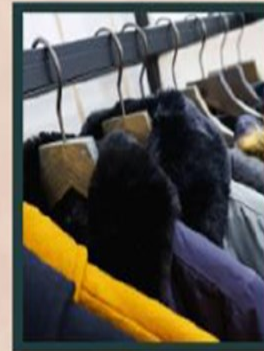


Presentation

Beginning next Sunday, Deacon Jeff will be giving three presentations after Sunday Mass on the liturgies of the early church, including the ancient Christian rites of Africa. Come and learn something new about Christian worship!

MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY

(AND WINTER ACCESSORIES)



COME BROWSE
OUR STORE FOR
FREE WINTER
COATS AND
ACCESSORIES!

Monday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 pm

· **St. Monica Church** ·

831 Genesee St. Rochester, NY 14619

Questions? Contact jessica.tette@dor.org

Hygiene Products for Refugees

We're asking Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, St. Monica's and Emmanuel Church of the Deaf parishes to help us collect basic hygiene products for our families at Mary's Place Refugee Outreach, located in the former Holy Rosary Church on Lexington Avenue.

Mary's Place distributes basic hygiene goods to nearly 300 refugee families on the first Wednesday of every month. Here's the list of hygiene products needed:

- Bar soap
- Large shampoo (no conditioner)
- Large toothpaste (full tubes, not travel tubes)
- Deodorant (stick or roll on)
- Menstrual pads

All donations are greatly appreciated.—Mary's Place Staff

<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, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon 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>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>For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church</p> <p align="center"><i>Rose Stokes</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">CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders</p> <p align="center">EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Son Chazz El Nash-Randall <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <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 <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</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">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>