

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.

October 22, 2023

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Let us build communities of peace and justice.

Christ came to restore our relationship with God and one another: There is no God besides [him]. Christians cannot be content to lead prayerful lives in private. We have a right and a responsibility to build communities of peace and justice in our homes and nations.

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.

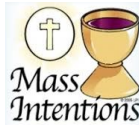
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Bill Castle

Requested by the Castle Family



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

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 22, 2023

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21



Bible Readings for Sunday, October 29, 2023

Exodus 22:20-26

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

Offerings for October 15, 2023

Offerings: \$1,204

Attendance: 77

Online Giving: \$295

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.

OCTOBER



Fri. Oct. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Tues. Oct. 31 Happy Halloween

October Christian Action

INVITE SOMEONE TO SUNDAY MASS!

While talking with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, associates, etc., invite them to join you for Mass on Sunday.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, December 3, 2023

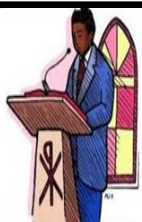
Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

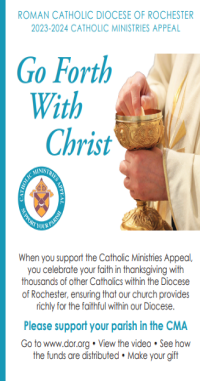


Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

As of this date, 4 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all

the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



MASS INTENTIONS
You can celebrate loved ones and friends with a Mass for an anniversary, birthday, etc. or remember those who have passed away. Call the office to schedule a Mass. The 2024 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions.

Living Faith

Truth, a Holy Word

Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man... Matthew 22:16

We are truly blessed to have such an outstanding teacher as Jesus. It is a unique privilege to be able to walk, talk, think and live according to his way of life, recorded for us in Sacred Scripture. Our teacher possesses many impressive and superior qualities, one of which is he faithfully proclaims to the world the consistent, honest and universal truth.

Truth should be considered a holy word because it is the basis for all our understanding, communicating and survival. Truth is reality; it has veracity and integrity. It is not distortion; it is not deception; it is not falsehood. Truth does not rejoice over telling lies; it rejoices in loving others. Sometimes we may act in a very immature manner, but the truth that lives within the soul will hopefully inspire a person to put aside foolish things to become a truthful adult.

When the student is ready, the teacher will be waiting.

Fr. James McKarns



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.

Please join us: Dr. Janice Harbin is retiring.

Please join us in celebrating Janice's 30+ years of service to others on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm at the Astor on Main (Hyatt).

Kindly RSVP: ewarren@jordanhealth.org by November 30

A suggested donation of \$30 will help support the work of the Jordan Health Foundation. Donations can be made by going to www.jordanhealthfoudation.org or by sending a check made out to the Jordan Health Foundation: 214C Lake Avenue, Rochester NY 14608.

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests religious lay leaders who offer the Lords mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING



Come share your time and talent with Dr. Alice Holloway Young School of Excellence (AKA School No. 3), 85 Adams

Street. For the remainder of this school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., they would like 8 people to provide one-on-one tutoring and mentoring to help students improve their literacy, math, and life skills.

Please contact Jackie Bryant, Musette Castle, or Marcia Fugate to get started.

MENS RETREAT NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE NOV.17-18, 2023

This 24 hour Retreat experience for men will focus on the Eucharist in our lives as men of faith. There will be sharing and time for quiet reflection and prayer following short presentations on the centrality of the Eucharist. The experience begins at 3pm on Friday afternoon at the Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. Three meals are included as well as overnight accommodations in private rooms at the Retreat house. Fr. Ed Palumbos, a Pastor of 40 years, priest of 51 years and experienced retreat Leader will be our guide. For more information to register contact Phil Palumbo at 585-455-8793 and for Notre Dame Retreat House call Nancy Lynch at 585-394-5700.

<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.cornhill.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 Mother Linda Nash <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">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">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>