

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 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent



Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

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.

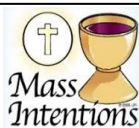
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Gary Jolly

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Offerings for December 3, 2023

Offerings: \$2,009

Attendance: 77

Online Giving: \$450

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.



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

DECEMBER

Mon. Dec. 25 Christmas—Office Closed

Tues. Dec. 26 Office Closed

Sun. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

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 someone a Christmas card who is not expecting one from you.

Bible Readings for Sunday, December 10, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



Bible Readings for Sunday, December 17, 2023

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Reader I & II—Andre' Fontenette



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 56.53% of our goal (\$6,218). 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." – Pope Francis. The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

HOLIDAY MASSES

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

Saturday, Dec 23: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Monica
Sunday, Dec 24: Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass with pageant @ St. Monica

Monday, December 25: 10:00 am Mass @ St. Monica

Saturday, Dec 30: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Monica
Sunday, Dec 31: Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule
**Monday, January 1: 10:00 am Mass at Immaculate
Conception/St. Bridget's**

ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

Thank You for Gracing our Gardens

"The rejuvenation of the gardens around Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget have gone well. The north side of the church has a new flower bed, Our Lady's grotto was all a blossom with colorful begonias and mums. The church entrances are now graced with tubs of flowers. The circle garden in front of the old rectory has new azaleas that should sparkle next spring. The huge overgrown lilac bush is back under control and the barberries trimmed. The daffodils that graced the altar last Easter are now in the ground, sleeping, ready to pop up next spring.

Time, now, to acknowledge the people who helped make the change happen: Judy, Isabella, Ralph, Kobe, Vince, Dan, Lee, George, Vasyl, Kevin, Jackie and the students in the Religious Ed program who started the coleus plants from seed in paper cups. Abundant thanks to all.

Robert Hoffmann."

The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver

On November 19th, during our 2023 Black Catholic History celebration, Dr. Alberta 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.

Did you know...?

ICSB LIVE STREAM PRODUCTIONS

This information can be found on the ICSB Facebook page. Please join us for our weekly Mass on Sunday at 9:00 am. The mass will also be live-streamed conveniently for you. This mass and the livestream will start at 9:00 am and it covers the entirety of mass. We look forward to you joining us. Click here or the button below to access the livestream link or click on the Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's website.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2416e8Evwoqibg5YWjAs9Q>

<https://www.immaculateconceptionrochester.org/>

Advent Calendar

The Catholic Courier's annual digital Advent calendar is back for the 2023 season. The calendar, which started Dec. 3 at CatholicCourier.com/adventcalendar2023, features 23 windows hiding daily multimedia "treats." Visitors will be able to open a new window each day through Dec. 25.



<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>