

# *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.

*August 27, 2023*

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Rely on God for wisdom.*

*Simon Peter didn't "figure out" Jesus' identity on his own. Rather, God himself revealed to Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Rather than relying only on our own intellect, we must be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us—or else we may miss something crucial.*

**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.

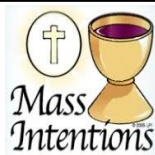
**Catechumenate:** Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

*New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the office at 235-3340.*

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Errington Raymond James**

**Requested by Odula White**



*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 Degan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler*

**Bible Readings for Sunday, August 27, 2023**

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20



**Bible Readings for Sunday, September 3, 2023**

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



**The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen**

The worldly are willing to let anyone believe in God if he pleases, but only on condition that a belief in God will mean no more than belief in anything else. They will allow God, provided that God does not matter. But taking God seriously is precisely what makes the saint.

**Offerings for August 20, 2023**

Offerings: \$2,229

Attendance: 67

Online Giving: \$195

Online Givers: 4

**Thank you for your generous support.**

**August Christian Action**

**Be Kind and Caring!**



- Be the reason someone smiles.
- Visit, email, call or write a note to someone who is lonely.
- Let someone know you are praying for them.
- Lighten someone's load.
- Be the reason someone believes in the kindness of strangers.



**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.

Remember: If you have a milestone anniversary coming up, please let us know so we can print it in a future bulletin.



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**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

***“We’ve Come This Far By Faith,  
See What The Lord Has Done For Us”***

Do you have photos, videos or audio recordings that reflect **“just how far we’ve come by faith”**? Be a part of our celebration by submitting elements of the past for possible submission in our souvenir journal, and collage, that reflects the Immaculate Conception Community.

See Isabella Walters or contact Tracy Jordan (church secretary) for more information. We request all photos, videos and audio recordings be labeled with your contact information and submitted to us by October 1, 2023.

Mark your calendars and save dates from April through December 2024 as we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

***Let’s Show Just How Much God Has Done For Us!***



We will be serving hot dogs “hot off the grill” today following Mass. Please stay and fellowship and enjoy a grilled hot dog.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



If you are looking for a way to help others, make new friends, and stay busy and active – please join us at Monroe Community Hospital! Volunteers are needed to visit with residents; escort them to events and activities on-site; and work in our beautiful Gift Shop and Thrift Shop! To learn more please call Laurie at 585-760-6151 or visit <https://www.monroehosp.org/volunteer>.



First Responders Mass  
Sunday, September 10, 2023 at  
11:15 a.m.

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
296 Flower City Park, Rochester  
All are welcome to come pray for  
and support our first responders!



**Living Faith**

**Jesus Is My Compass**

**[Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”**

Matthew 16:15

During my first year of college, I had gotten used to staying at arm’s length from Jesus. I stopped struggling to get his attention and had put prayer aside. One day Jesus saw me sitting by myself and asked if it would be okay to sit with me. Surprisingly Jesus said, “Finally, I get to spend some quiet time with you.”

These days, depending on where I am and what is going on in my life at that moment, Jesus is a supportive friend who tells me of God’s love when I am brokenhearted. Jesus is my big brother who knows me better than anyone else and keeps my secrets. Jesus is my compass when I am lost in the wilderness of my life. Jesus takes my hand and dances with me when no one wants to dance with me. So, how would you answer Jesus’ question in today’s Gospel?

Lord, you are the one who helps me see and know God. Please never leave my side.

Vivian Amu



Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a breakfast at the **Brook Lea Country Club**, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on **Saturday, September 16th**; the program begins at 9:30am until noon. Seating begins at 8:30am.

Our speaker is **Cece Crawford**. She is part of the Magnificat Service Team, serving as Asst. Treasurer. *“One day while walking to my college dorm, I felt frustrated and melancholy. I said to the Lord: ‘Is this all that life has to offer?’ Come and listen to Cece’s powerful story.*

Reservations \$30.00; after Sept. 9: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline Sept.12th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address.

You can also register via PayPal (\$32.00) on our website at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org). For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: [MagnificatRochester@frontier.com](mailto:MagnificatRochester@frontier.com)



**Westside Farmers Market**

St. Monica Parking Lot  
34 Monica Street, Rochester  
Tuesdays from 4:00—7:00 pm

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b> 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 &amp; Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p><b>Mileage Master Center of Rochester</b> 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p><b>For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>CPR and First Aid Classes</b> For lay and Professional Responders</p> <p align="center"><b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother <b>Linda Nash</b> <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b> <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b> <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>MATH TUTORING</b> <b>MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>