

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 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves. From the very beginning, the Lord made us to not be alone: we were created for relationship with him and with one another. There is something truly worthy of awe—awesome—in knowing that God, the Creator of the Universe and all things, desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves. We are not just his Creation, we are his children. His only Son is our brother. The kingdom belongs to us, if we embrace it with the childlike wonder it deserves.

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.

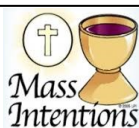
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Zachary Corral

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano



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, Maureen Corral, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

Offerings for September 29, 2024

Offerings: \$1,563

Attendance: 76

Online Giving: \$280

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Reader I & II—Norma Thom



Keep in Prayer

Please pray for Morris Doucette and his family. Morris' son, Leslie Ray Doucette passed away on Tuesday, October 1st in Chicago. Please keep the Doucette family in your thoughts and prayers and pray for the repose of Leslie's soul.

OCTOBER



- Sun. Oct. 6 Religious Education Classes Begin
Blood Pressure Screening following Mass in the Sacristy
Annual Finance Council Parish Meeting following Mass*
- Sat. Oct. 12 Ministry Day—9am - 2:00 pm*
- Mon. Oct. 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day—Office Closed*
- Sun. Oct. 20 World Mission Sunday Collection*
- Fri. Oct. 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*
- Sun. Oct. 27 Youth Sunday*
- Thur. 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.

Census

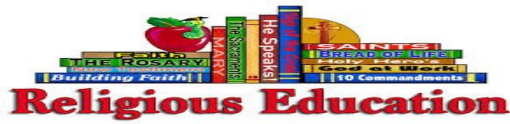
We are pleased to announce that the Parish is currently conducting a census campaign. This initiative aims to bolster pastoral care, stewardship and communication within our community. You will be receiving an email from Fr. Ray Fleming, noreply@qemailserver.com, which is a legitimate email address for the census. Please open the email and click on the link enclosed. If you do not receive an email, please visit the following link to complete the census:

<https://tinyurl.com/2cfg9yx3>

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera to access the census.

Thank you!





Classes for Religious Education begin today along with Parent Meeting and meeting teachers.



Be Ye **Doers** of the Word! James 1:22

Come join us for Ministry Day!

Explore the role of being a disciple for Christ!

Ministry Day October 12, 2024 9am-2pm

Immaculate Conception/ St. Bridget's Church

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Served

Call Tracy at (585) 235-3340 to confirm your space **by October 9th**

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Finance Council will hold its annual parish meeting regarding the parish's finances and budget for 2024-2025 today following Mass. Please plan to attend.

Living Faith A Radical Vision

Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.

Mark 10:15

Jesus said and did many surprising, even revolutionary things, but this might be one of the most world-shaking. His call for us to be like children can, of course, prompt a great deal of fruitful meditation.

Is it a call to be open, trusting, curious?

To understand our dependence on the Father, to approach him aware of our need and with faith in his care for us?

All of this, yes! But even more, consider this historical nugget: Jesus was speaking in a world—not his Jewish world, certainly, but the broader pagan world—in which children were absolutely disposable and exploitable. To hold up a child—a child! - as a model of the spiritual life was unheard of. Absurd, even.

What words of Jesus have the power to challenge and shake my worldview, if I really listen?

Jesus, may I be open to your radical vision.

Amy Welborn



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for a FALL GARDEN CLEANUP around the church

When: Saturday, Oct. 19 & Sunday, Oct. 20

Three Shifts: Sat. 10am & 2pm Sun. 11am

Each shift 2 hours max.

Pick the shift that suits you, then tell Tracy at 585-235-3340.

175th Anniversary Gala



<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 Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother LINDA NASH</p> <p align="center"><i>Lynn Fulmore</i></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>