

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.

September 24, 2023
25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God rewards generously those who place their trust in him.

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised what is just. They trusted in the owner's concept of "just." Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give.

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, September 24, 2023

Tim Sullivan

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Offerings for September 17, 2023

Offerings: \$1,401

Attendance: 69

Online Giving: \$195

Online Givers: 4

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development
\$430**

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 Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16



Bible Readings for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Matthew 21:28-32

SEPTEMBER

Fri. Sept. 29

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality



OCTOBER

Sun. Oct. 1

Religious Education Registration/Parent Mtg./Meet Teachers

Sat. Oct. 7

Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am

Sun. Oct. 8

*Religious Education Classes Begin
Blood Pressure Screening following Mass in the Sacristy*

Mon. Oct. 9

Indigenous Peoples' Day—Office Closed

Wed. Oct. 18

Finance Council Mtg.—4:00 pm

Fri. Oct. 27

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Tues. Oct. 31

Happy Halloween

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer



September Christian Action

BE WELCOMING!

- Greet others with a smile!
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them!

Offering Envelopes



REMINDER

If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's donation envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to us.



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

Learning God's Perspective

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. Isaiah 55:8

My children often don't understand the rules, decisions and traditions that my wife and I have established for our home. This isn't unusual; children must grow in knowledge and wisdom before they appreciate the scope of vision adults see and must attend to. As parents, we help them by teaching and reinforcing the lessons we wish them to learn.

We too, must grow in wisdom and knowledge to understand the commandments and teachings of Jesus. His perspective is vastly more expansive than ours! By regularly reading the sacred Scriptures, participating in the sacraments (especially Confession and the Eucharist) and spending time in prayer, we can come to know the heart and mind of God.

Jesus, help me to understand your thoughts and ways a little more today.

Jonathan F. Sullivan

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2023-2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad—through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to earn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our Diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We cannot close our eyes to these needs. Starting next weekend, we will have more information to share with you about this year's appeal.

St. Monica and Community Christian Church invite you to

Come celebrate with us!

The First Annual Prayer Service for All Creation
Let Peace and Justice Flow

Sunday, October 1
Staybridge dockside along the Genesee River
2:00-2:30 pm

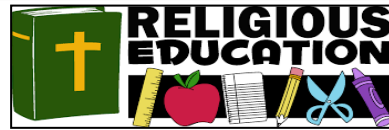
Parking at Brooks Landing Plaza
Corner of Genesee Street and Plymouth Avenue

This event, to reflect on our place in Creation, is part of a global movement of the Season of Creation.

We look forward to seeing you.

Following Mass on Sunday, October 1st, the Finance Council will hold its annual parish meeting regarding the parish's finances and budget for 2023-2024. Please plan to attend.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



It's almost that time for Religious Education.

Registration/Parent Meeting and Meet Teacher on
Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Mark your calendar for the first day of class on
Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 1st.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, October 8th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Free concert by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra at St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Rd., on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.



St. Monica Church—NCYC

Be a part of our NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) team - buy your t-shirt to support our NCYC 2023 pilgrims! This t-shirt was designed by our teen pilgrims. Our pilgrims will be wearing the same shirts at the conference November 16-18 and will say a special prayer for all who are wearing their shirts to support us from home. Thank you for helping us with the cost of our pilgrimage, which will be very meaningful and life-changing. Shirts are \$18 each. Thank you, and we love you!

How to order:

Online at <https://forms.office.com/r/z27reEgyge>

Call the office at 585-235-3340

Order in-person at Mass

<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>