

# *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 6, 2023*

## *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

*The Father instructs us to listen, and the Son encourages us, do not be afraid.*

*On the mountaintop we hear two direct commands: Listen to him and Do not be afraid. Think of what we might be afraid of. Maybe following Jesus will change us. Perhaps God's call will mean facing things that are unpleasant. We may even be afraid that decisions made on the mountaintop with Christ will be hard to live out in normal life. Listen to the Lord, and fear not—trust in the power of God.*

**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.

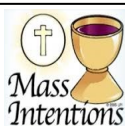
**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**Edward Cullen**

**Requested by Ralph Destephano & Maureen Corral**



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, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

**Bible Readings for Sunday, August 6, 2023**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9



**Bible Readings for Sunday, August 13, 2023**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**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



**Offerings for July 30, 2023**

Offerings: \$2,775

Attendance: 66

Online Giving: \$270

Online Givers: 5

*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!***

Clarissa Street Reunion  
August 19, 2023  
10:00 am—8:00 pm

### **St. Phoebe**

St. Phoebe was a woman of great courage and deep love. She answered God’s call to minister to God’s people during the earliest days of the Church, when persecution against Christians was strong. She earned the trust of St. Paul, who depended on her to handle communications with the ecclesial community in Rome. In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul commends St. Phoebe to the church in Rome, introduces her as a deacon (diakonos) of the church at Cencreae, and asks that they “receive her in the Lord” (Romans 16:1-3). Come celebrate St. Phoebe’s Feast Day as church leaders prepare to gather in Rome in October for the General Assembly of the Synod. Among the themes considered at the synod will be women’s participation in the Church, both broadly and specifically as deacons.

Dates: Second Tuesday of each month in 2023:

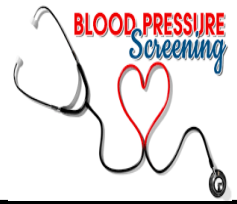
August 8, September 12, October 10  
November 14, December 12

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Mercy Spirituality Center

Fee: \$25 each

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



### **Red Wings Baseball Game**



Immaculate Conception, St. Monica & ECD  
Friday, August 11, 2023 @ 6:45 pm  
Tickets—\$10

**Please see Precious Fontenette for tickets.  
Last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, August 6.**

From the Catholic Courier:

**Mass Matters:** We want to hear directly from parishioners across the Diocese of Rochester for our social media series “Mass Matters!” Parishioners can submit brief videos (15 seconds to 1.5 minutes, shot holding the phone vertically) of themselves addressing what attending in-person Masses and receiving the Eucharist mean to them.

Visit <https://bit.ly/44Slzas> to submit a video  
or <https://bit.ly/3QbsNIZ> to submit a written response.

### **Charity Is . . .**

Silence when your words would hurt.  
Patience when your neighbor’s curt.  
Deafness when a scandal flows.  
Thoughtfulness for others’ woes.  
Promptness when stern duty calls.  
Courage when misfortune falls.

## **SEEKING BALANCE?**

7 WEEKS COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE

discovering  
Christ

For more information: [julie.cohn@dor.org](mailto:julie.cohn@dor.org) or 671-1100 ext. 103

St. Rita Church  
1008 Maple Dr.  
Webster, NY

beginning Tuesday, September 19  
To register:

<https://tinyurl.com/DiscoveringChrist2023>

<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>