

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.

March 17, 2024



Choose the path of surrender in service to the Lord. We want to serve and follow the Lord, but we also want to enjoy our lives and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a good life. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves him. Choosing the path of surrender in service to him glorifies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

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.

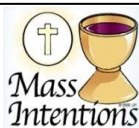
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Harry Bassett

Requested 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 Corwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquie Dobson, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, April 14, 2024

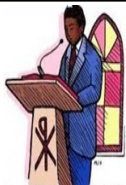
Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



Offerings for March 10, 2024

Offerings: \$2,365

Attendance: 71

Online Giving: \$430

Online Givers: 3

Catholic Relief Services: \$420

Thank you for your generous support.

MARCH

Fri. Mar. 22 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

Fri. Mar. 22 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Thur. Mar. 28 Holy Thursday—Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Monica

**Fri. Mar. 29 Good Friday Service—12:00 Noon
Church Office Closed**

Sat. Mar. 30 Easter Vigil—7:01 pm at St. Monica

Sun. Mar. 31 Easter Sunday—Mass at 10:00 am at St. Monica

March Christian Action

MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Change a bad habit.

Help a stranger.

Do more than is expected.

Say God bless you!

Hold the door open for someone!

Let someone go ahead of you!

Say please and thank you!

Listen instead of speak!

Pray for someone!



Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Go to www.dar.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 of the date, 30 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 102.80% of our goal (\$11,308). We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

**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

Holy Week 2024

St. Monica Church,
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
and Immaculate Conception/
St. Bridget's Church

Palm Sunday Mass: 9:00 am - Immaculate Conception
March 24 10:00 am - St. Monica Church &
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: 7:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
March 28 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

Good Friday Service: Noon - Immaculate Conception
March 29 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter: 6:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Easter Vigil: 7:01 pm
March 30 St. Monica Church

MASS CHANGE!
Easter Sunday Mass: March 31
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
All are welcome, especially you!



Parish Bookkeeper - seeking qualified applicants for this 25-hr position that will oversee all disbursement and collection activities of multiple parishes. Degree in accounting or finance required. Please send resume to Carol Wynne at carol.wynne@dor.org.

JOIN US APRIL 8TH, 2024

Eclipse Block Party

2:00-4:00 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT
831 GENESEE STREET

Excitement and entertainment,
and blessings from our ministers!
Eclipse glasses available.

St. Monica CHURCH



CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF FAITH

AWARDS LUNCHEON

PRESENTED BY
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/
ST. BRIDGETS CHURCH**

PRICE : \$40 ADULT \$25 CHILDREN
TIME : AT 11:00 A.M.
DATE : APRIL 28TH, 2024

ADMIT ONE

ADDRESS:
RED FEDELE'S BROOK HOUSE
920 ELMRIDGE CENTER DR,
ROCHESTER, NY 14626

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS




Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Luncheon Ticket

Apr 28, 2024, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Red Fedele's Brook House
920 Elmridge Center Dr, Rochester, NY 14626

Tickets can be purchased on our website or through Tracy at the church office.

Tickets are \$40 per person; \$25 for children under 12

This ticket includes access to the awards ceremony and food. The food served will be: Olives and Fresh Fruit Tray, Mixed Greens w/Dressing Served, Family Style Hot Vegetables, Pasta with Red Sauce, Fresh Italian Rolls, Sliced Top Sirloin, Roasted Chicken

Ticket Sale ends Apr 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM

175th Anniversary

Opening Mass with Bishop Matano
April 7, 2024

Songfest—April 27, 2024
Mass with Fr. Carl Gales
April 28, 2024

Living Faith
Willing to Grow

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produce much fruit. John 12:24

My mother is an avid gardener, and we have had many chat about what she likes to call “the persistence of nature”: those weeds that come back just a week or so after being pulled, the dandelions peeking up from the cracks of an urban sidewalk, the new tree shoots that were unintentionally planted by eager squirrels. What is seed will travel; what is planted will grow.

So it is with faith. Jesus is teaching us in this passage about the “persistence of faith,” if you will. If we, like the seed, are willing to move, to be planted outside of our comfort zones—to die to ourselves—then the fruit born will be immeasurable. Our faith and love will bloom and grow in places and ways we never imagined.

Today, may I be willing to lose myself so that your Love may grow.

Sarah Hart

<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>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">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</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>