

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.

April 23, 2023



Salvation through Christ broken and shared was always God's plan.

God sent his only Son, who would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood. The disciples did not always understand this, as much as Jesus had proclaimed it. The risen Christ broke bread and shared it with them, and they began to truly see and comprehend.

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.

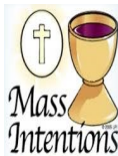
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Bishop Fernand Cheri

Requested by Jean Pryor



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, April 23, 2023

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35



Bible Readings for Sunday, April 30, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Offerings for April 16, 2023

Offerings: \$1,155

Attendance: 55

Online Giving: \$195

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

April

Wed. April 26 Finance Council Meeting—4:00 pm

Sat. April 29 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

April Christian Action

Be Joyous!

Greet people with “Alleluia He is risen!”

Appreciate all the new birth going on around you.

Surprise someone with flowers.

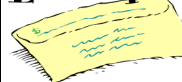
Do some kindness for another that you wouldn't normally do.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled for 2023. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10.

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.



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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

I Am With You Always
Matthew 28:20

Parish Goal ~ \$9,000

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$12,460). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was—God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Strengthening the Church at Home

Next Sunday we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Corn Hill Arts Festival

Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9

Keep in Prayer



Please keep Nellie Bostick and her family in your prayers. Nellie's husband Thomas Bostick passed away on Thursday, April 13. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Thomas Bostick's funeral service will be held on Monday, April 24 at Noon at St. Monica Church and will be live-streamed. You can access it by going on St. Monica's website. stmonicaofrochester.org. Click on live-streamed.



Coffee Hour will be held on the second Sunday of each month. Please consider hosting a coffee hour for a special event or for a loved one. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space. Please sign up! For more information or questions please see Isabelle Walters or Ruth Miller. Thank you

The next Finance Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 4:00pm in the parish center.



Living Faith

'Their Eyes Were Opened'

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him...
Luke 24:31

The first time I toured Rome, I saw all the usual sites: St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, the Appian Way. Yet, it wasn't until I visited the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls that I suddenly realized...this was the same Rome that Paul visited, the one where Peter was martyred. I'd read their letters, of course, I knew their stories, but in some unconscious corner of my brain, they were just that: stories. Standing in that holy place, I understood viscerally for the first time that Peter and Paul were real.

Strange, isn't it? I imagine that was sort of how the disciples felt on the road to Emmaus. They'd heard a rumor of the Risen Lord and were discussing it with a stranger on the way. Then suddenly, there he was: the Risen Christ, right there in their midst! What else might we see of we allow the Lord to open our eyes?

Risen Lord, open my eyes to your presence.

Karla Manternach

GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!
St. Monica 2023
Vacation Bible School
AUGUST 14-18
8:45 am - noon * Grades K-12
Register at stmonicaofrochester.org

St. Monica CHURCH

<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>Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health Twist- ed 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>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>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 <i>Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother Linda Nash <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">Space Available</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>