

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 16, 2023



The Lord invites us to touch his wounds and encounter the font of all mercy.

Jesus gives Thomas a great gift when he invites Thomas to touch his wounds. In his wounds, Christ displays his response of mercy to our sinfulness. When we doubt, we can ask the Lord for the grace to touch his wounds through prayer and to receive his mercy for us.

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.

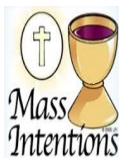
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, April 16, 2023

JoAnne Lessley

Requested by Joanne Gordon



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 16, 2023

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31



Bible Readings for Sunday, April 23, 2023

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

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

Offerings for April 9, 2023

Offerings: \$2,319

Attendance: 82

Online Giving: \$90

Online Givers: 3

Good Friday/Holy Land: \$537

Easter: \$815

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.

I Am With You Always
Matthew 28:20

Parish Goal ~ \$9,000

To date, we have reached 137.33% of our goal (\$12,360). Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. Please pray for the success of reaching our goal. Thank you.



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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

Divine Mercy

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a special day in giving thanks for all the goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery. This day can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week.

A note of thanks from the Bosticks!

The entire family thoroughly enjoyed watching the video together that we received from our parish family at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.



Get your kids and grandkids involved in this awesome soccer clinic run by parishioner John Nkugwa from St. Monica and husband of St. Monica's music director, Angela Nkugwa.

SPORTS
CITY OF ROCHESTER
Athletics and Aquatics

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GIRLS SOCCER

for Beginners **AGES 8-13**

FREE

WHEN:
Mondays & Fridays
April 10 - May 12
6 - 7:30 pm

WHERE:
Rochester Community Sports Complex
460 Oak Steet

Questions? Contact: Eric.Rose@CityofRochester.gov

Nkugwa Team Impact works with organizations to provide boys and girls of all backgrounds with opportunities to succeed in sports environments.

Rcentral online
Participants must register on R-Central to reserve sessions.
Visit CityofRochester.gov/R-Central

Malik D. Evans, Mayor

City of Rochester, NY
Rochester City Council

Holy Week Together

St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, all for which Fr. Ray is the pastor, celebrated Holy Week together this year. It was beautiful to see all our communities come together as one and welcome one another! Visit St. Monica's Facebook page for pictures of each Mass. Jesus is truly risen in the midst of community. Alleluia!



Lighting the fire at the Easter Vigil at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.

Living Faith

No One Is Beyond God's Mercy

...in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope...
1 Peter 1:3

Through my years of priestly ministry, one of my surprises is how many people are overwhelmed by their sins and despair of God's mercy. They are convinced that they are not forgivable and that God will condemn them to hell.

So I understand why Pope John II instituted his Divine Mercy Sunday. How important it is that people realize that God's mercy is greater than any sin they could ever commit. I believe one of Satan's final ploys will be to show people on their deathbeds all their sins and whisper in their ears that they are beyond God's mercy. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Faith is more than simply believing God exists. It involves a personal relationship with God. We trust that God loves us, forgives us and saves us in Jesus. With such assurance in our hearts, we pass our days in peace, and we await the final judgment with confidence.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

Corn Hill Arts Festival - Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9

<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>