

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 9, 2023



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Today's readings describe the effects of Jesus' resurrection on those who walked with him, and also what the resurrection has accomplished for us. In Acts, Peter testifies that belief in the risen Lord leads to the forgiveness of sins. Saint Paul tells the Colossians that our death and life in Jesus will result in our glorification. Everything that Jesus did, he did 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.

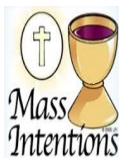
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Sarah Gordon

Requested by Joanne, Julian, Alana, Alia



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 9, 2023

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10



Bible Readings for Sunday, April 16, 2023

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Offerings for April 2, 2023

Offerings: \$630

Attendance:

Online Giving: \$500

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.

April

Sun. April 9 Easter Sunday Mass—9:00 am

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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 9, 2023 (Easter)

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

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

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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Happy Easter

The message of Easter is life and where there is life, there is always hope. The opening prayer of the Easter Mass says, "The Lord has indeed risen, Glory and Kingship are His forever and ever." The Resurrection of Jesus turned the Apostles, His Mother Mary, the other women and the disciples into a people of ecstatic joy for fear and despair were gone.

The first Easter strengthened them to trust there is a God of heaven and earth whose love not even death could kill. From then on, there was no stopping the disciples. The good news of the risen Christ has come to every generation since then with power, wonder and the promise of a future.

Easter is about living in hope, not the hope of wishful things, but that which is deep within us. The Resurrection propels us into whatever we are facing with the faith that God's love is with us and that love will see us through. Easter empowers us to face every death with confidence for it is only a prelude to a new and greater life.

May the joy of the Resurrection that is Easter be yours to live and to share, especially with those who need to know there is hope for a greater life.

*Father Raymond Fleming
Deacon Richard Rall
Lay Staff*

SAVE THE DATES

Corn Hill Arts Festival

Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9



Easter Sunday Mass: April 9
9:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church
10:15 am - St. Monica Church + Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am - Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
All are welcome, especially you!

Living Faith

The Holiest Sunday of the Year

...[we] ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Acts 10:41

We often honor our achievements, victories and significant anniversaries by celebrating with family and friends at a dinner. It is a time to reminisce, relax and remember. When Jesus accomplished his earthly years of salvation ministry, he concluded with the notoriously heavy Cross and horrific death. Then, from the dark, damp, rock-hewn tomb, he emerged triumphantly into the golden glory of victorious resurrected life. Jesus had to celebrate with his Apostles and friends. Peter, the spokesman for the group, ecstatically informs us that they ate and drank with the Lord at the grand post-resurrection dinner. We also need to celebrate Easter as the greatest and holiest Sunday of the year. On this day, we want to give time for meditation, Scripture reading, prayer, singing and especially eating and drinking as we receive the sacrament of the holy Eucharist. Eastertide inspires us to uplift our *Alleluias* and rejoice in God's saving grace.

Fr. James McKarns

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia is not a word. It is a shout of joy which cannot be defined. Likewise, the mystery of Christ's resurrection unfolds not only during the seven weeks of Easter but calls for daily reflection for the rest of our lives. Easter is the power of God's action in our world and the power of God transforming death unto life. The church's Easter season lasts 50 days plus forever.



SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2023

AUGUST 14-18
8:45am-noon * Grades K-12

THEME ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON!
Register at stmonicaofrochester.org

the LORD is truly risen, Alleluia!



Happy Easter

<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 style="text-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>All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership Where Leaders are Made For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1st & 3rd Mondays except holidays E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</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>