

# *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.

*January 16, 2022*



"I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land."

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

God intends to make each one of us a new creation in Jesus Christ.

Isaiah encourages the people, giving them hope for the future and reminding them of God's love for them. We can take encouragement from these same words, especially since Christ has come for us. The Lord longs to breathe his divine life into each of us, making us new and whole.

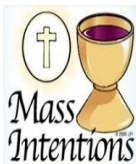
**We worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

**New Members Welcome!**

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

**Louis Castle**

**Requested by the Castle Family**



**Offerings for January 9, 2022**

**Offerings: \$847**

**Attendance: 52**

**Online Giving: \$260**

**Online Givers: 4**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



**Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Julie Coe, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. Jim Goode, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters**



**Mon. Jan. 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed**

**Wed. Jan. 26 Finance Council Mtg.—5:30 pm**

**Sat. Jan. 29 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality**

**Bible Readings for Sunday, January 16, 2022**

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

*John 2:1-11*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, January 23, 2022**

*Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

*Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

**January Christian Action**



**Do little acts of kindness:**

- \* 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!

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**



**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

Reader I & II—TBA

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

Reader I & II—Walter DeRouen

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Earl Barnes  
 Phyllis Barnes  
 Nellie Bostick  
 Rev. Robert Bradler  
 Sandra Brooks  
 Alex Cooper  
 Lauren DeRouen  
 Tom Fugate  
 Joyce Gainey  
 Christopher Hicuburundi  
 Scholastique Hicuburundi  
 Ruth Johnstone  
 Yvette Reaves  
 Shelly Smith  
 James Walker



**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped support the families of the Eastern Service Workers Association for Christmas. Your generosity is always appreciated and a blessing to those you helped provide for during the holiday season.

Reverend and dear Father Fleming and devoted Parishioners,

I write to express my most sincere gratitude to you for exceeding your assigned goal in contributions and pledges for the 2021-2022 *Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)*. Your generosity allows us to continue the ministries of the Diocese when they were needed most. I am grateful for your steadfast support.

In keeping with the theme of this year's Appeal, Forward in Faith, you are leading the way forward so that we can set about the work to reinvigorate, rebuild, and renew our Church. I am so very thankful for and deeply encouraged by your continued commitment and dedication in these most challenging of times.

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your parish family. Be assured of my prayers for you, and please, in your kindness, remember me in your good prayers,

Renewing my sincere gratitude, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

*The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano*  
Bishop of Rochester



## We Have Surpassed our CMA Goal!

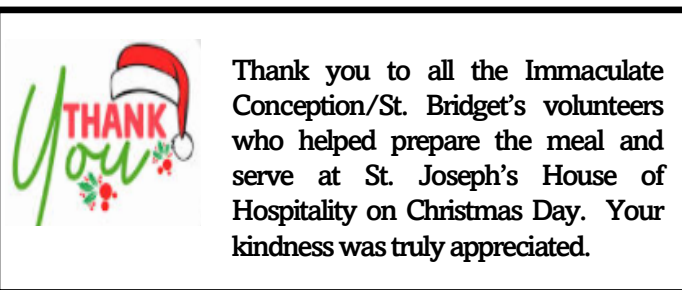
We wish to thank our generous Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church family for once again surpassing our CMA goal in support of the Diocese and our parish! So far 31 families have committed \$9,625 toward our \$7,214 goal. We could not have done this without your steadfast support. If you haven't made your gift yet, but would still like to participate in this year's CMA, it's not too late! You can make your gift any time before May 31, 2022. And if you've pledged to the campaign, you have until May 31<sup>st</sup> to fulfill your pledge. Fifty percent of every dollar over our CMA goal will come back to our parish in a check at the end of the campaign. For more information or questions, please see George Fontenette.



*So I say to you, seek God and discover Him and make Him a power in your life. Without Him all of our efforts turn to ashes and our sunrises into darkest nights. Without Him, life is a meaningless drama with the decisive scenes missing. But with Him we are able to rise from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope. With Him we are able to rise from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy. St. Augustine was right—we were made for God and we will be restless until we find rest in Him.*

*“Love yourself, if that means rational, healthy, and moral self-interest. You are commanded to do that. That is the length of life. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. You are commanded to do that. That is the breadth of life. But never forget that there is a first and even greater commandment, ‘Love thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and all thy mind.’ This is the height of life. And when you do this you live the complete life.”*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Thank you to all the Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's volunteers who helped prepare the meal and serve at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality on Christmas Day. Your kindness was truly appreciated.

## Keep in Prayer

Please keep Alice Walters and her family in your prayers. Alice's brother, Dr. Leon Weaver passed away on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in Maryland. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family.



<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> <b>2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</b></p> <p align="center">Visit our two new stores Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Consignkids Clothing and more. City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.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>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JEFFREY WALTERS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE &amp; ADA FULLWOOD</b> <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MARY JACKSON</b> <i>Thomas &amp; Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY</b> <i>Love Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>