

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.

November 5, 2023

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

At the heart of today's Gospel is this truth: The greatest among you must be your servant. Jesus' scorn for the scribes and Pharisees was based on their inability to understand this. Jesus took on the role of servant, giving his very life on behalf of the world.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Today

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.

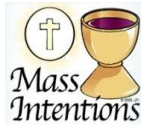
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Eric Guess

Requested by the Fugate Family



Offerings for October 29, 2023

Offerings: \$1,347

Attendance: 68

Online Giving: \$0

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Thank you for your generous support.



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

Bible Readings for Sunday, November 5, 2023

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12



Bible Readings for Sunday, November 12, 2023

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER

Sun. Nov. 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends

Fr. Nov. 10 Veterans Day—Office Closed

Thur. Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed

*Fr. Nov. 24 Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed
St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*

Sun. Nov. 26 Christ the King

November Christian Action

BE GRATEFUL!



- Thank someone who is sitting by you or lives with you or near you.
- Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
- Write a note to someone telling them why you are grateful for them.
- Pray: All that I am, and all that I have is because of you Lord! Remember there's always, always, always something to be thankful for!

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Monday, December 25, 2023

Reader I & II—TBA



MASS INTENTIONS

You can celebrate loved ones and friends with a Mass for an anniversary, birthday, etc. or remember those who have passed away. Call the office to schedule a Mass. The 2024 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions.

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Black Catholic History Month

- Nov. 5 Celebration of deceased loved ones. Isabella Walters & Roxana Weber share their journey as Black Catholics
- Nov. 10 Revival with Fr. Kintiba 6:30pm St. Monica Church
- Nov. 11 Retreat with Fr. Kintiba 10am -2pm ICSB
- Nov. 12 Revival Mass with Fr. Kintiba 9am ICSB
- Nov. 19 Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN, shares her journey to her vocation. Members of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver share information about the organization.
- Nov. 26 George Fontenette shares his family's journey as Black Catholics

Living Faith

Do Good Anyway

And now, O priests, ...if you do not...give glory to my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse.

Malachi 2:1-2

God through Malachi, warns his priests: If they—the person who bring God's blessings into the world—turn away from God's ways, they provoke the opposite. We've witnessed this to be true. We've been hurt and scandalized by the sins of some errant priests and certain leaders. The fallout has been devastating.


In the Gospel, Jesus instructs us to disregard religious leaders who abuse their offices: "...do not follow their example" (Matthew 23:3). These verses remind us that there will always be some leaders who do evil. Amid these challenges we are—priests and laity—called to follow God and his Word, even when it seems hard or unpopular.

Lord God, strengthen us and especially your priests and church leaders with the fortitude to pray, take heart and do good anyway—bearing hope and healing through Christ.

Pat Gohn

Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening!

Revival Weekend



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye land. Serve the Lord with gladness ... come before Him with thanksgiving. Know ye that the Lord is God."
Psalm 100:1-3

Fr. George Kintiba, Revivalist

Friday, November 10, 2023 Revival 6:30pm
St. Monica Church 831 Genesee St. 14619

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Retreat 10am - 2pm
Immaculate Conception/St Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Mass 9am
Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church
Sponsored by the Rochester Black Catholic Coalition
Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's, St. Monica, St. Rita Churches

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure checked before leaving church.



AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING



Come share your time and talent with Dr. Alice Holloway Young School of Excellence (AKA School No. 3), 85 Adams Street. For the remainder of this school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., they would like 8 people to provide one-on-one tutoring and mentoring to help students improve their literacy, math, and life skills.

Please contact Jackie Bryant, Musette Castle, or Marcia Fugate to get started.



Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Go to www.dor.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 you are aware, the CMA has begun. To date, we have reached 29.57% of our goal (\$3,253). 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.



The church office will be closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.

<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, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health Twisted 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 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 Gate Swingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</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>