

# *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.

*September 10, 2023*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Jesus is present when we gather together and love one another.*

*The liturgical gathering makes Christ present in numerous ways, such as through the proclamation of the word of God and in the Eucharist. Perhaps the most overlooked reality of Christ's presence comes through the physical gathering of God's people, who are instructed to owe nothing to anyone except love. This love between us makes God presence visible on earth.*

**Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Days:** Consult bulletin or call the office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

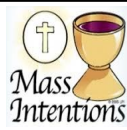
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**Lena Adams—Bequest**



**Offerings for September 3, 2023**

**Offerings: \$1,588**

**Attendance: 71**

**Online Giving: \$420**

**Online Givers: 5**

**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 Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler*

**SEPTEMBER**

Sun. Sept. 10 National Grandparents Day

Sun. Sept. 17 Second Collection-Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**Bible Readings for Sunday, September 10, 2023**

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



**Bible Readings for Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

**September Christian Action**

**BE WELCOMING!**

- Greet others with a smile!
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them!

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

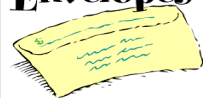


**MASS INTENTIONS**

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.

**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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**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

## Grandparents

Today we celebrate Grandparents Day. The idea behind this observance is to honor grandparents and to celebrate the strength and wisdom older people can offer. Take time today to visit them or give them a phone call. Remember to keep all grandparents, living and deceased, in your daily prayers.

For love lavished beyond all measure  
For happy hours always to reassure  
For bounteous meals at holiday season  
For wealth of memories beyond all reason  
For gifts of love fashioned with care  
For secrets shared on occasions rare  
For quality of life that examples impart  
I love my grandparents with all my heart.

Happy Grandparents Day to the wonderful people of our faith community who have the title of grandmother, or grandfather. We salute you today and ask God's blessings upon you for all that you do in bringing joy to your family.

**GRANDPARENTS FILL THE  
WORLD WITH LOVE**



Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a breakfast at the **Brook Lea Country Club**, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on **Saturday, September 16th**; the program begins at 9:30am until noon. Seating begins at 8:30am.

Our speaker is **Cece Crawford**. She is part of the Magnificat Service Team, serving as Asst. Treasurer. *"One day while walking to my college dorm, I felt frustrated and melancholy. I said to the Lord: 'Is this all that life has to offer?' Come and listen to Cece's powerful story.*

Reservations \$30.00; after Sept. 9: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline Sept.12th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address.

You can also register via PayPal (\$32.00) on our website at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org). For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: [MagnificatRochester@frontier.com](mailto:MagnificatRochester@frontier.com)

## Break the Cycle of Poverty:

### Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next Sunday, we will be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provides employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. In addition, 25% of the funds will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.

## Living Faith

### Confrontation With Intercession

*...if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray... Matthew 18:19*

Today's readings are difficult for me because confrontation is not my thing. I'm just not good at it! It's as if I were passed over when God was giving out the skills you need—those that help the other person's ears and heart remain open to our needed conversation and not slam shut, resulting in that person never speaking to me again.

I do know Someone who is excellent at it. I do my part by praying to him on the person's behalf. If God can move mountains, he can change hearts and redeem actions. Knowing each one of us intimately, God uses the exact approach that inspires a realignment when we've gone astray.

If and when someone is in dire need of correction, I step it up and ask others to join me in my petitions. Jesus himself says that when two or more pray together for any cause, it shall be granted.

*Mighty Redeemer, motivate us to return to the path that leads directly to you.*

Claire McGarry



**Give yourself the gift of a weekend away with God to start the Fall in peace and hope**

Come to beautiful **Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua** for

our **September Men's Retreat: Keep Hope Alive** with Fr. Anthony Michalek, CSsR, Fr. Daniel Ruiz, Deacon Brian McNulty, Nancy Lynch and Jodie Scordo. The retreat begins **Friday, September 22 at 7 pm and ends Sunday, September 24 at Noon**. To register, contact us at 585-394-5700.

<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> 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 &amp; Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.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 align="center">In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p><b>For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>CPR and First Aid Classes</b> For lay and Professional Responders</p> <p align="center"><b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother <b>Linda Nash</b> <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b> <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b> <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>MATH TUTORING</b> <b>MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>