

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 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is calling us today.

Jesus is calling us today. Maybe he is calling us to drop something we have been clinging to. Maybe he is calling us to lay down our weeping or rejoicing, to move into something new. Maybe he is calling us to listen. In the precious time we give to him, he will give us all we need to answer his call, big or small.

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.

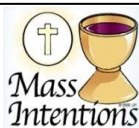
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Dorothy A. Dobson

Requested by Jacquelyn, Kimberly, Gina Dobson



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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



Offerings for January 14, 2024

Offerings: \$1,367

Attendance: 59

Online Giving: \$200

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

JANUARY

Fri. Jan. 26 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

January Christian Action

BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME:

- Brush the snow off someone else's car.
- Shovel someone's walkway.
- Visit someone who is homebound.
- Grocery shop for someone.
- Spend time with a child or someone who is alone.



Reminder that you must be CASE trained to do your ministry. This is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester.

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating A Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or email tracy.jordan@dor.org.



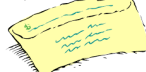
MASS INTENTIONS

The 2024 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass Intentions are needed for Sunday Masses. Please call Tracy at the office to schedule a Mass for a loved one or special intention for a loved one. Call 585-235-3340 to schedule.

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.

Offering Envelopes



2023 Contributions

2023 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2024. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!



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DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

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



There will be a Memorial Mass for Mary DeRouen (Walter DeRouen's mother) on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Monica Church, 831 Genesee Street, Rochester. Please keep the DeRouen family in your prayers.



“CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB”

Three Meditations on Eucharist

Fr. Robert Kennedy

January 22-24, 2024

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Holy Trinity Church, Webster, NY

The Sacrament of the Eucharist, like all the sacraments, are actions of Christ and his Body, the Church. It reveals and deepens the loving presence of God in us for the life of the world. Called to this sacred and saving banquet, a baptized People enter into the real presence, sacrifice, and lifestyle of Christ every time they celebrate Eucharist.

January 22, 2024

Our first meditation, **Eucharistic Presence**, will consider how the Triune God and God's beloved People make themselves truly present to each other.

January 23, 2024

The second meditation, **Eucharistic Sacrifice**, will reflect on how the sacrifice of Christ and our “acceptable” sacrifices are joined at the center of the eucharistic action.

January 24, 2024

Eventually, we must move outside the eucharistic liturgy into the realities of human life – moving in solidarity with Christ from the Table to the world. We are called to **Eucharistic Living**.

Presentation

Beginning this Sunday, Deacon Jeff will be giving three presentations after Sunday Mass on the liturgies of the early church, including the ancient Christian rites of Africa. Come and learn something new about Christian worship!



BCCR

BLACK CATHOLIC COALITION
OF ROCHESTER

PRESENTS:

An Evening with the Saints

February 2nd, 6:30p-8:30p

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

445 Frederick Douglass Street Rochester, New York

Join us as we Celebrate Black History Month
along with Honoring the Extraordinary work
done by two Holy Women of God

Servant of God Julia Greely
and
St. Josephine Bakhita



JULIA GREELY

Portrayed by: Amela Whitis



Ms. Whitis is a storyteller, writer, poet and teaching artist, whose life work is to explore, present, and honor cultural connections. A published author, she is also a member of Just Poets.



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Presented by: Yvonne Thorne



BCCR Board Member and
St. Marianne Cope Roman Church Member



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 78.25% of our goal (\$8,608). 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.

Buffalo Bills Prioritize Spiritual Health

The Buffalo Bills are one of just a few football franchises with a full-time chaplain. *Catholic Courier* staff writer Jennifer Burke recently caught up with the team's chaplain, Len Vanden Bos, to learn more about the various ways he works to support the team members in their spiritual lives. As the Bills continue their playoffs push, take a look back at this late 2023 story for more about the emphasis the franchise places on transforming players' lives:

<https://catholiccourier.com/articles/buffalo-bills-chaplain-seeks-to-draw-players-coaches-to-god/>



<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 Son Chazz El Nash-Randall <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 GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. Mommy <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</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>