

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 3, 2023
22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Take up [your] cross, and follow me.

Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he would have to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. The disciples did not immediately understand, but we know that those who wish to follow Jesus into eternal life must take up their cross as well. For whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

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.

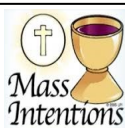
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Phyllis Barnes

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Offerings for August 27, 2023

Offerings: \$1,596

Attendance: 72

Online Giving: \$270

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 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

- Mon. Sept. 4 Labor Day—Office Closed
- Sat. Sept. 9 Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am
- Sun. Sept. 10 National Grandparents Day
- Sun. Sept. 17 Second Collection-Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 3, 2023

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



Bible Readings for Sunday, September 10, 2023

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

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 3, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

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.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

The wicked fear the good, because the good are a constant reproach to their consciences. The ungodly like religion in the same way that they like lions, either dead or behind bars; they fear religion when it breaks loose and begins to challenge their consciences.



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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

***"We've Come This Far By Faith,
See What The Lord Has Done For Us"***

Do you have photos, videos or audio recordings that reflect **"just how far we've come by faith"**? Be a part of our celebration by submitting elements of the past for possible submission in our souvenir journal, and collage, that reflects the Immaculate Conception Community.

See Isabella Walters or contact Tracy Jordan (church secretary) for more information. We request all photos, videos and audio recordings be labeled with your contact information and submitted to us by October 1, 2023

Mark your calendars and save dates from April through December 2024 as we celebrate our 175th Anniversary.

Let's Show Just How Much God Has Done For Us!



First Responders Mass
Sunday, September 10, 2023 at
11:15 a.m.
Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park, Rochester
All are welcome to come pray for
and support our first responders!



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. For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

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



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day!

**Living Faith
A Graced Suffering**

You are thinking not as God does... Matthew 16:23

Watching a loved one suffer can be worse than suffering the pain oneself. We often wish we ourselves could take on their suffering to ease their pain. If we could find a way to stop the suffering, we would gladly do so.

In today's Gospel, Jesus told the Apostles of his impending suffering and death. Peter was greatly distressed and said to Jesus, "God forbid" (verse 22). No doubt he was surprised when Jesus then called him "Satan" and said Peter was tempting him as Satan would (verse 23).

Sometimes the sufferings of our loved ones are unavoidable. When endured in faith, sufferings can be a graced participation in the Cross of Jesus. During these moments, our best response is often to support them as they go through their own crucifixion. And as we suffer with them, these trials can be a grace for us as well.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti



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>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 GateSwingers 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>