

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.

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



God's ways are different from ours.

The Lord God is always faithful to his promises. As our celebration of Christmas draws near, we prepare for the coming of Christ by rejoicing with Mary and her cousin Elizabeth as they witness to the mysterious fulfillment of those divine promises in their lives.

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.

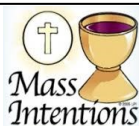
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Thomas Bostick

Requested by the Bostick Family



Offerings for December 15, 2024

Offerings: \$1,591

Attendance: 75

Online Giving: \$155

Online Givers: 3

Immaculate Conception: \$85

Thank you for your generous support.



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Nellie Bostick, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

DECEMBER

- Tues. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed
Christmas Eve Mass—St. Monica-4 pm
- Wed. Dec. 25 Christmas Day—Office Closed
Christmas Day Mass—ICSB-10 am
- Thur. Dec. 26 Day after Christmas —Office Closed
- Fri. Dec. 27 St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality
- Tues. Dec. 31 New Year’s Eve—Office Closed

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

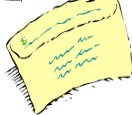
Sunday, December 29, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



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



December Christian Action

BE THE GIFT!

- Visit someone who is lonely
- Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays
- Help someone with a task
- Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter
- Surprise someone with a kind note
- Call someone you haven’t spoken to in a long time
- Give someone a hug
- Tell someone you love/appreciate them
- Tell someone you’re sorry
- Send a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2025 Mass Intention book has arrived. You will now be able to schedule Mass intentions for 2025. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ’s Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Parish—Goal \$12,000

As of this date, 18 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 49.88% of our goal (\$5,985). 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.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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

Thank You

We sincerely thank you for your expressions of sympathy. In our loss you have given us peace, healing, comforting words and we are forever grateful. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

May God bless you.

*From the family of Edward Leroy Harrington
Thelma Uter & Mary Wingo*

Living Faith

Bring Jesus With You

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste...

Luke 1:39

Christmas will be here in a few days. Some families and friends may have already celebrated Christmas early because it worked out to gather with lots of people then. Others are getting ready for the festivities to come. You might be like Mary, preparing to leave your home and to go somewhere else for a time. Mary was determined about where she was going, setting out in haste. As Mary goes to the hill country, she brings the presence of Jesus in her pregnant belly to that home of Zechariah and Elizabeth. For Elizabeth, the presence of Jesus brought her joy, and by her speech, she proclaimed Mary "blessed...among women" (v. 42).

Wherever you are going for Christmas, how will you bring the presence of Jesus to those you spend time with? May Christ fill you with his grace so that, by your words and actions, you will bring the joy, peace and love of God.

Lord, make me a vessel of your joy and peace.

Fr. Edward Looney

A Christmas Prayer

*Jesus, the Light of the World,
as we celebrate your birth*

*may we begin to see the world in the light of
the understanding you give us.*

*As you chose the lowly, the outcasts,
and the poor to receive the greatest news
the world had ever known,
so may we worship you in meekness of heart.*

*May we also remember our brothers and sisters less
fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving.*

Amen.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Advent Response:

Our Prayer: God help us to show love because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God. As we wait for Christ to come again, we ask that you remain with us.



HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

All Masses ASL interpreted.

Christmas Eve Mass Tuesday, December 24:

4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church

Christmas Day Mass Wednesday, December 25:

10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

New Year's Day Mass Wednesday, January 1:

10:00 am @ St. Monica Church



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ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!



The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

Merry Christmas

Fourth Advent Candle: **Love**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Love. All four candles will be lit on our Advent wreath and we will have a full circle of light. The Lord brings the light of love to his people by sending His only Son to earth for our salvation.

<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 and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.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><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p align="center">Jack & Elvira Powell</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE</p> <p align="center"><i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</p> <p align="center"><i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</p> <p align="center"><i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN/CORRAL/DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</p> <p align="center"><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 this Season & Always For Your Life & Love, We Give Thanks Linda Nash Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</p> <p align="center"><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE</p> <p align="center"><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.</p> <p align="center">MOMMY</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</p> <p align="center"><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</p> <p align="center"><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</p> <p align="center"><i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</p> <p align="center">585-247-4941</p>