

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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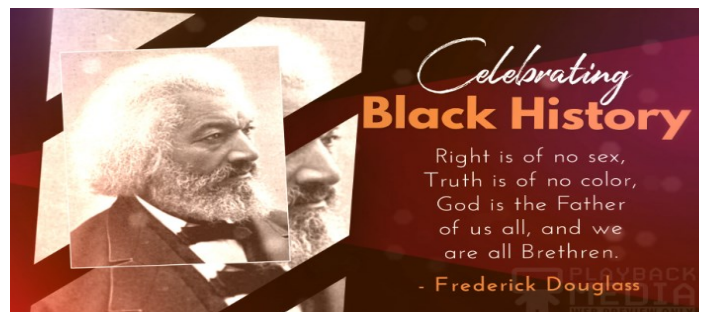
Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, the Word of God, came for all the world.

Jesus came not just for those he encountered in person but for the salvation of the whole world. As his earthly ministry touched the lives of many people so does his Word spread to all the earth. He brings healing to those in despair by offering the hope of the kingdom of God.



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.

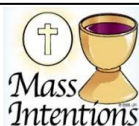
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Linda Nash

Requested by Lynn Fulmore



Offerings for January 28, 2024

Offerings: \$1,346

Attendance: 70

Online Giving: \$200

Online Givers: 2

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

LECTOR SCHEDULE



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

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

February Christian Action

BE CHRIST'S LOVE:

Pay a sincere compliment.

Surprise someone with a love note.

Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.

Leave a generous tip.

Send a valentine to someone who may not receive one.

Speak with kindness.

Pray for someone.



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

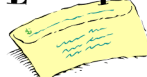


MASS INTENTIONS

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

Offering Envelopes




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.

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa


The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.



Thank you

A special thank you to the person(s) who donated the poinsettias during the Christmas season for our elderly and sick/shut-ins. Your generosity was truly appreciated.

*Religious Education Class
&
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parishioners*



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

Presentation

This Sunday, Deacon Jeff will be giving the third presentation 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!

The Origins of Black History Month

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February, 1926, that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of Black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all colors on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)



A special thank you to Mr. Bing Reaves for coordinating gifts given to our youth from Toys for Tots for Christmas. We appreciated it very, very much.

Religious Education Youth

† Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Offerings for St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Mass + Ashes	8:00 am	St. Monica Church
Drive-through	11-11:15 am	St. Monica parking lot
Ashes + Confession	12-12:15 pm	
	1-1:15 pm	
Drive-through Ashes	5:15-5:30 pm	St. Monica parking lot
Mass + Ashes	6:00 pm	Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church

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Thank You

Many thanks to all for your patience and willingness to participate in the 175th Anniversary Celebration Greeting to the parish last weekend. As you know, our celebration is fast approaching, beginning with our opening Mass with Bishop Matano April 7th. These greetings will be posted on our social media platforms starting in March and throughout the celebration period, April-December. Some will be featured in the longer video to be shown later this year. May God's Blessings continue to be upon us!

<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.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">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>