

# *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.

*July 30, 2023*

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*God, who loves us and entrust us with his purpose, provides us with what we need to fulfill it.*

*Like the new king, Solomon, when God entrust us with great opportunities and responsibilities, he gives us what we need to succeed. This relationship of trust with God is a treasure of love beyond price and compare; it is the kingdom of heaven.*

**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.

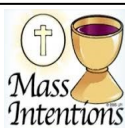
**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

*Sunday, July 30, 2023*

*Thomas Bostick*

*Requested by the Fontenette Family*



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

**Bible Readings for Sunday, July 30, 2023**

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



**Bible Readings for Sunday, August 6, 2023**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

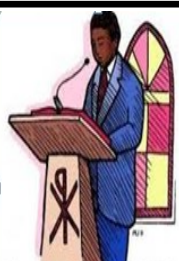
Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Reader I & II—André Fontenette



**Offerings for July 23, 2023**

Offerings: \$1,162

Attendance: 62

Online Giving: \$120

Online Givers: 2

*Thank you for your generous support.*

**July Christian Action**

*Be proud to be an American!*



- Pray for our leaders and for peace in our country and our world.
- Thank a veteran/military person for their service and our freedom.
- Care for our earth: pick up litter, recycle, conserve water, and turn lights off when not in use.



**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.

Remember: If you have a milestone anniversary coming up, please let us know so we can print it in a future bulletin.



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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

### Impactful National Black Catholic Congress XIII

The eleven ICSB parishioners who went to the National Black Catholic Congress (XIII) in Maryland, July, 20-23, used words like, "educational, inspiring, spiritually filling, uplifting, informative, filled with spirit, good for the soul, important, beautiful, thought provoking..." to describe this event. The three full days of the Congress were packed with praise/ worship morning services, a Mass at the breath-taking Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Masses on Saturday and Sunday at the Conference site, a powerful experience involving Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities to partake in the Rite of Reconciliation.

Black clergy, those in religious life, laity and Black Catholic youth were well represented. Many vendors representing religious orders, Black Catholic authors and podcasters and vendors selling a large assortment of African clothing, articles and jewelry were present. There were plenary sessions with excellent, thought-provoking speakers and a plethora of breakout sessions with a large variety of topics dealing with African American life, culture and spirituality. The culmination of one evening was a reception and tour at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

A favorite highlight of Congress XIII was the "roll call" in which each Diocese in attendance was individually recognized. The Diocese of Rochester really "made some noise!!" Another highlight was the 150 voice choir made up of singers from throughout the nation with four members being from the Diocese of Rochester- two of whom were from ICSB-Joanne Gordon and Ramona Moore.

There will be opportunities through the Diocese of Rochester for the group that went to Congress XIII to share their experiences, but please reach out to anyone from the wonderful group from our Parish that experienced this Congress: Julian Bell, Jackie Bryant, Marcia Fugate, Joanne Gordon, Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, Harold/Ramona Moore, Pat Nguti, Harry Pierre-Philippe, Deacon Rick Rall, and Judy Toyer.



Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, August 6th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



### Red Wings Baseball Night



Immaculate Conception, St. Monica & ECD  
Friday, August 11, 2023  
Tickets—\$10 @ 6:45 pm

Please see Precious Fontenette for tickets.

### 25th Annual Clarissa Street Reunion

Saturday, August 19, 2023

10:00 am—8:00 pm



*Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church*

*175 Anniversary Celebration in 2024*

*Mark Your Calendar ~ Upcoming Events*

- April 7, 2024    Opening Anniversary Mass*
- April 28, 2024    ICSB Brunch /Luncheon*
- June 9, 2024    Caribbean Mass*
- Sept. 14, 2024    ICSB Gala, Harro East Ballroom*
- Nov. 8, 9, 10    Revival Weekend with Fr. Nutt*
- Friday Evening    Revival*  
*Saturday            Retreat*  
*Sunday              Mass*
- Dec. 8, 2024    Closing Mass*

<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>