

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 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.

The priest-scribe Ezra proclaims the law of Moses to the Jewish people who had returned from exile in Babylon. Upon hearing the words of the law for the first time in a generation, the people weep. Their sorrow at not having adhered to the law for so long should call attention to our own infidelities to God's law. But most of all, this people's wholehearted response to the law can fill us with gratitude to God for revealing his merciful love to us in Jesus Christ.

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.

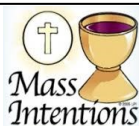
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340.

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Willie F. Hargrove

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano



Offerings for January 19, 2025

Offerings: \$1,449

Attendance: 68

Online Giving: \$155

Online Givers: 3

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, Jacquelyn Dobson, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Rose McKnight, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Reader I & II—Erin McBride

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver—Teyana Pappin

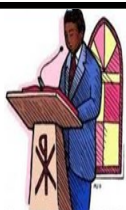


Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include: Fri. Jan. 31 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality; Sat. Feb. 1 Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am; Sun. Feb. 2 Blood Pressure Screening—following Mass in the Sacristy; Wed. Feb. 5 Finance Council Meeting—3:00 pm at St. Monica; Mon. Feb. 17 President's Day—Office Closed; Fri. Feb. 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

January Christian Action

Make A Difference!

- Join a ministry.
• Change a bad habit.
• Help a stranger.
• Do more than is expected.
• Say God bless you!
• Hold the door open for someone!
• Let someone go ahead of you!
• Say please and thank you!
• Listen instead of speak!
• Pray for someone!



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, 23 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 66.08% of our goal (\$7,930). 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Just a reminder: Mass Intentions are available for 2025. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

Church Safety Presentation

Today after Mass at 10:15 a.m. there will be a 20-minute church safety presentation using the facts and circumstances of the June 2015 shooting at the Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, SC. Mr. Cliff Manns, a retired Rochester police officer, will be the presenter.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, February 2, 2025 in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Save the date:



Redwings game on Saturday, August 16

Enjoy a night at the ballgame and support our youth singers opening the game with the National Anthem.

Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester Presents:

A Fill Your Souls Day Retreat

Stations of the Cross

An African American Saint worthy Journey



In relation to our lives today, journey with us through the Stations of the Cross with reflective homage to the six African American Candidates for Sainthood...

Hosted by the Notre Dame Retreat House

February 11th, 2025 9:00am-2:00pm

Retreat ~ Lunch ~ Mass

\$35.00 Per Adult



Fr. Bradler will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

A group from Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's will be going to celebrate with Fr. Bradler at St. Ann's Community on Portland Avenue for his 90th birthday. We will meet in the conference room next to the chapel from 2:00-3:00 pm to celebrate with a birthday cake and spend some "quality time" with Fr. Bradler.

God Bless Fr. Bradler on his 90th Birthday!

Pictures in Gathering Space

Greetings family, just a reminder that a few of the pictures that were on display in the gathering space are still missing. If someone has them, please make a copy and bring the original pictures back to the church. The pictures were there just for viewing purposes, and were the original personal pictures of mine. There will be an envelope in the gathering space in which they can be deposited. Thank you in advance for returning them.

Blessings,

Joanne

Blessing of Throats

We will bless the throats of the faithful through the intercession of St. Blasé after Mass next Sunday, February 2.



The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of blessing people and things God created. Blessings are, therefore, an important part of our Judeo-Christian heritage. To ask for a blessing is to make a profession of faith. Blessings are also powerful reminders of our need and poverty and of our confidence and trust that God will fill our lives with all those things that will help us to grow as His children. The blessing that is given on the feast of St. Blasé is one that is directed toward the physical health and welfare of the individual.

2024 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2025. Thank you for all you do!

<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><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p>Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN, CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful tribute for Deceased Members of the Gordon, Moore & Stroud Families Lynn Fulmore</p>	<p>Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>