

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.

November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Jesus is King and Lord of all both now and forever.

The readings from Daniel and the Book of Revelation share an apocalyptic vision of the Son of Man coming on the clouds to rule over all peoples. In John's Gospel, on the other hand, Jesus is already king. His everlasting authority comes from God. For his disciples - those who listen to his voice - eternal life is already possible.

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.

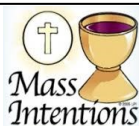
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Linda Nash & Gladys Gaines

Requested by Lynn Fulmore & Shlonda Nash-McKnight



Offerings for November 17, 2024

Offerings: \$1,775

Attendance: 86

Online Giving: \$255

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, Nellie Bostick, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Maureen Corral, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

November Christian Action

BE GRATEFUL!

- Believe there is always, always, always something to be grateful for!
- Thank someone who is sitting near you.
- Thank someone in your family.
- Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
- Write a text, email, note or letter letting someone know how grateful you are for them.
- Pray: All that I am and all that I have is because of you Lord!

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



NOVEMBER

Thur. Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed

Fr. Nov. 29 Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed



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, 12 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 26.46% of our goal (\$3,175). 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

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.

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



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.
To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our
Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah A. Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free:
1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555

or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th.

Have a safe and



Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, December 1st in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Living Faith

Our Humble, Loving King

My kingdom does not belong to this world. John 18:36

It is natural to want to be esteemed by others. It is good to want to be a great parent, a great teacher or great worker or whatever our state in life. It is a source of pride when we are named "Employee of the Month," and we see our photo on the wall. To work hard and to be recognized for it is good.

But today, we are asked to raise our minds higher. Everything in this world is passing away. What is of ultimate concern and everlasting is the Kingdom of God. To be "great" in that kingdom is to follow in the footsteps of the one who is truly great. Jesus' greatness was revealed in his humble, self-sacrificing love. On the Cross, Jesus shows us his greatness.

Today are you being called to the greatness of a self-sacrificing love? How will you be "great" today?

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is now called OCIA.

During their November '21 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops meetings, the U.S. Bishops changed the name of the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) to Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Are you or is someone you know:

- interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of baptism, communion, and confirmation?
- baptized in a Christian faith and interested in receiving the sacraments of communion and confirmation?

To learn more contact:

Fr. Ray Fleming at fr.ray.fleming@dor.org or Myrtle Fontenette at myrtle.fontenette@dor.org, or call the office at 235-3340.

WE CELEBRATE! BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH



Blacks in Catholic History

November 24th

Did You Know...

...that one of the greatest Bible scholars, Origen, was from ancient Egypt?

He was born in 185 AD. Early in his career, Origen became head of the church's training school in Alexandria, Egypt. Some of his most impressive concepts on religion had been taught to him by another African teacher named Clement. Origen won wide acclaim for his lectures at Rome, Caesarea and Jerusalem. Origen's life-style was said to have been one of self-denial; yet nothing hampered the excellence of his letters. Critical studies of biblical texts and his vivid explanations of the Scriptures had a strong spiritual quality. They carried great moral influence. Even though he was never in complete harmony with his bishop and he had some differences with Rome, his strength and influence were in constant demand to fight heretics and the thinking of non-believers. Without question, Origen was a vital part of the foundation and the fabric of what the great Christian Church was to become.



Second Collection next Sunday, December 1, 2024

Catholic University & Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

HOLIDAY MASSES

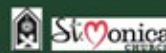
ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

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!

<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 <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 align="center">In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</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/DESTEPHANO 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 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 <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 & JULIANA 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>