

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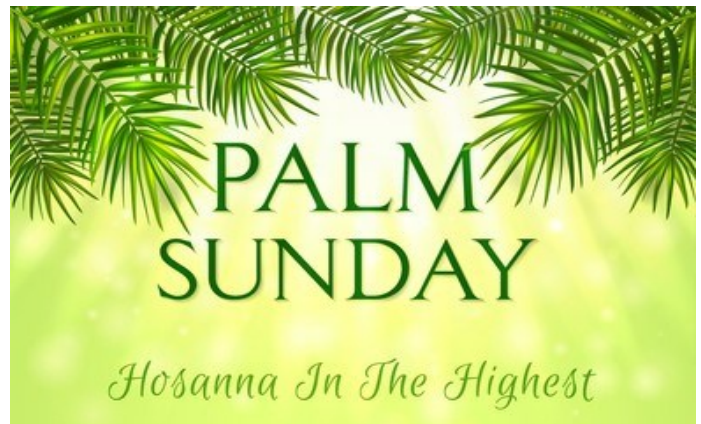
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**Mission Statement:** The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another,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

*March 24, 2024*



*Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

*During his journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to his Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. Jesus knows what it means to sacrifice out of love. We journey together through loss, never alone, but always united with Jesus.*

**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.*

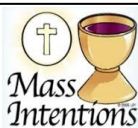
*Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.*

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

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Dorothy A. Dobson**

**Requested by Jacquelyn, Kimberly, Gina Dobson**



*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, Jacquie Dobson, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Theresa Macon, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler*

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

#### **Sunday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

#### **Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

#### **Sunday, April 14, 2024**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

#### **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

#### **Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



### **Offerings for March 17, 2024**

**Offerings: \$10,839**

**Attendance: 78**

**Online Giving: \$235**

**Online Givers: 5**

**Catholic Relief Services: \$55**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

### **MARCH**

**Thur. Mar. 28 Holy Thursday—Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Monica**

**Fri. Mar. 29 Good Friday Service—12:00 Noon Church Office Closed**

**Sat. Mar. 30 Easter Vigil—7:01 pm at St. Monica**

**Sun. Mar. 31 Easter Sunday—Mass at 10:00 am at St. Monica**

### **March Christian Action**

#### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

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!



**Go Forth With Christ**

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
Go to [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) • View the video • See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift



### **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's**

**Parish Goal ~ \$11,000**

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$11,308). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.



"O God, as we enter this Holy Week, renew our minds and spirits. Let the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem inspire us to welcome Him into our hearts anew. May the palms we wave symbolize our commitment to follow Him more closely, to live lives of service and compassion, just as He taught us.

### **Prayer Request**

Please keep Jacquie Dobson in your prayers. Jacquie recently suffered a house fire and has been displaced from her home.

Please feel free to make a donation to Jacquie to help her during this difficult time. You can provide a donation directly to Jacquie by cash app - \$momsblackpearl or send to Jacquie's address 80 Beresford Road, Rochester, NY 14610.

We are not able to take donations at the parish. Thank you

# Holy Week 2024

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

<b>Palm Sunday Mass:</b> March 24	9:00 am - Immaculate Conception 10:00 am - St. Monica Church & Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
<b>Holy Thursday Mass &amp; Adoration:</b> March 28	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration
<b>Good Friday Service:</b> March 29	Noon - Immaculate Conception 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
<b>Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:</b>	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
<b>Easter Vigil:</b> March 30	7:01 pm St. Monica Church

**MASS CHANGE!**  
**Easter Sunday Mass: March 31**  
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church  
followed by Easter Egg Hunt  
All are welcome, especially you!



**Parish Bookkeeper** - seeking qualified applicants for this 25-hr position that will oversee all disbursement and collection activities of multiple parishes. Degree in accounting or finance required. Please send resume to Carol Wynne at [carol.wynne@dor.org](mailto:carol.wynne@dor.org).

JOIN US APRIL 8TH, 2024


## Eclipse Block Party

2:00-4:00 PM  
CHURCH PARKING LOT  
831 GENESEE STREET

Excitement and entertainment,  
and blessings from our ministers!  
Eclipse glasses available.



Good Friday



The church office will be closed for Good Friday on Friday, March 29th.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF FAITH

# AWARDS LUNCHEON



ADMIT ONE

ADDRESS:  
RED FEDELE'S BROOK HOUSE  
920 ELMRIDGE CENTER DR.  
ROCHESTER, NY 14626

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS



PRESENTED BY  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/  
ST. BRIDGETS CHURCH

PRICE : \$40 ADULT \$25 CHILDREN  
TIME : AT 11:00 A.M.  
DATE : APRIL 28TH, 2024

## Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Luncheon Ticket

Apr 28, 2024, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Red Fedele's Brook House  
920 Elmridge Center Dr, Rochester, NY 14626

Tickets can be purchased through Tracy at the church office.  
Tickets are \$40 per person; \$25 for children under 12.

This ticket includes access to the awards ceremony and food. The food served will be: Olives and Fresh Fruit Tray, Mixed Greens w/Dressing Served, Family Style Hot Vegetables, Pasta with Red Sauce, Fresh Italian Rolls, Sliced Top Sirloin, Roasted Chicken

Ticket Sale ends Apr 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Opening Mass with Bishop Matano*  
April 7, 2024

*Songfest—April 27, 2024 6:30 pm*

*Mass with Fr. Carl Gales*  
April 28, 2024

### Living Faith

#### The Palms in Our Hands

**Hosanna!**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
Mark 11:9

We may spend so much time this Sunday weaving them into decorations or waving them during Mass that we can forget the original meaning of palms.

The dictionary tells us that the palm tree gets its name from the way its open branches resemble the human hand. As we begin Holy Week, maybe we should consider not just how we use cut palms to remind us of Christ's entry into Jerusalem but how our own palms, our hands, can carry on what Jesus began.

Have we used our palms during Lent to comfort, to console, to give? Have we folded them more often in prayer? Have we extended them to help?

Palm Sunday can be challenging for a lot of us; the Gospel is long, and the pews are often packed. But the biggest challenge may be in realizing that our own palms can do so much. Have we put them to use this Lent to truly prepare our hearts for Easter?

Dcn. Greg Kandra

<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 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">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. <b>MOMMY</b> <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina &amp; Jean</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 MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>