

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 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lord's love and care for us knows no bounds.

It is comforting to know that, within the kingdom of God, all will be well in the end. Isaiah tells us of God's promise to Zion—which we know to be fulfilled in his Son, Jesus. And Jesus, whose ministry on earth was visible and transformative, takes care to ensure that the wedding feast is not spoiled while demonstrating that what he offers us is superior to anything the world may offer. God's care for us knows no bounds, and the goodness we experience here is but a taste of what is to come.

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, January 19, 2025

Chazz El Nash

Requested by Your Loving Mom, Lynn Fulmore



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

Offerings for January 12, 2025

Offerings: \$1,147

Attendance: 73

Online Giving: \$145

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.



Fri. Jan. 31 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

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—Nadege Bukuru & Marcia Fugate

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



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!



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.

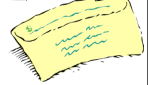
2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

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.

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.



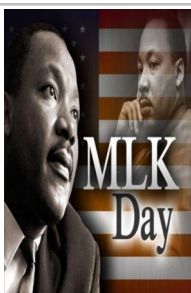
Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

January 15, 1929—April 4, 1968

Church Safety Presentation

After Mass at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th, 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, retired Rochester police officer, will be the presenter.

Just a reminder, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.



Blessings of Joy, Peace, Laughter and Love... to make this new year your BEST YEAR EVER!

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. It meant a great deal. Please continue to keep me lifted up in prayer.

Sincerely,

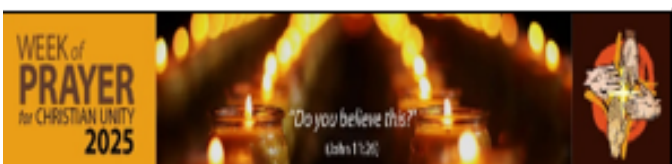
Mrs. Nellie Bostick

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



JANUARY 18-25, 2025

The theme for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was approved by the Catholic Church's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the ecumenical monastic community of Bose in Italy.

The entire passage chosen for reflection is John 11:17-27, where Jesus arrives in Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead. A part of that story is the encounter between Jesus and Martha, at the end of which Martha confesses faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325), at which the words "I believe" were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity.

Martha then makes the confession of faith, "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the one coming into the world." What is the result of this affirmation of belief? Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, contradicting the ultimate fear of every human being that death conquers us. Instead, faith in Jesus conquers death.

This theme, by offering a way to see that faith is not just a static set of beliefs, but an active means of receiving grace, is most appropriate for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2025. If faith can raise the dead and conquer all fear, surely faith will bring us the miracle of unity as Christians. Remembering that division, separation and rejection are symptoms of sin, the healing of the Church comes about in the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray knowing to whom it is we pray, as one community. God wills us to reconcile. God wills us to love one another. God will give those who profess the faith of Martha, of Nicaea and of all the holy ones who have gone before us, the precious gift of unity.

<https://qeii.org/>



Reminder that you must be CASE trained to do your ministry. This is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester.

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating A Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or email tracy.jordan@dor.org.

2024 Contributions

2024 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2025. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

*"If I cannot do great things,
I can do small things in a great way."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.



<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 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">In Prayerful tribute for Deceased Members of the Gordon, Moore & Stroud Families Lynn Fulmore</p>	<p align="center">Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose 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>