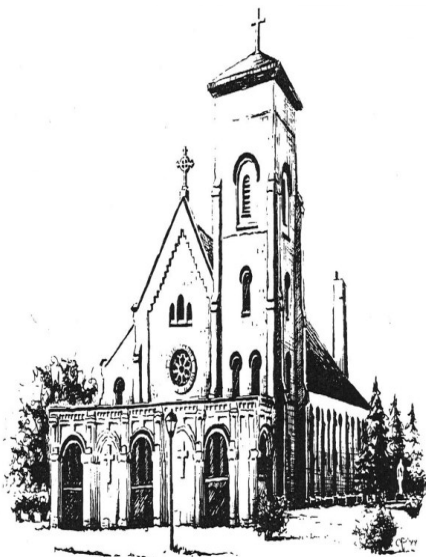


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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.

February 26, 2023



Through Christ we are made righteous and have eternal life.

On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings bring into focus the great drama of our salvation history: Our first parents sinned, and through them death came to all. Yet our gracious God sent his Son not to condemn but to free us and show his power over Satan. Through him we are made righteous.

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.

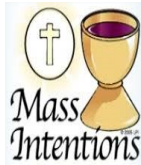
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Tim Sullivan

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Offerings for February 19, 2023

Offerings: \$1,559

Attendance: 67

Online Giving: \$205

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.



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

March

- Fri. March 3 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm*
- Sat. March 4 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am*
- Sun. March 5 Blood Pressure Screening*
- Fri. March 10 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm*
- Sun. March 12 Daylight Saving Time*
- Fri. March 17 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm*
- Fri. March 24 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm*
- Sat. March 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*
- Fri. March 31 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm*

Bible Readings for Sunday, February 26, 2023

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11



Bible Readings for Sunday, March 5, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Intense love does not measure, it just gives. How intense is your love?

Holy Week

2023

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

Palm Sunday Mass:	10:00 am
April 2	St. Monica Church
Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 6	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Good Friday Service:	Noon - Immaculate Conception 3:00 pm - St. Monica Church
April 7	
Stations of the Cross in ASL:	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Easter Vigil:	7:01 pm Immaculate Conception Church 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
April 8	



Easter Sunday Mass: April 9

- 9:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church**
- 10:15 am - St. Monica Church + Easter Egg Hunt**
- 11:30 am - Emmanuel Church of the Deaf**

All are welcome, especially you!

Lenten Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- a) Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- b) Everyone between 18 and 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast (one full meal a day and nothing between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

In the Catholic tradition, the forty days of Lent have been a time to pray and fast in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to the beginning of his public ministry. We take time to recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises, measuring our values against those of Jesus.

Through sin we break our relationships within the human family and with God. Lent is a time to repent of our sin in order to restore those relationships. As Catholics, we turn to the traditional disciplines of Lent to help us focus on discerning God's will.

How will you incorporate prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your Lenten experience?



A Time for Making a Change

On this past Wednesday we left the Church with a smudge of ashes on our forehead. Once again Christians throughout the world began the holy season of Lent.

Lent is indeed a season for the entire Church, as well as a call to individual conversion and renewal. It is primarily a time of grace for all God's people. The dose of ashes placed on the same forehead that was anointed with the Chrism at Baptism and Confirmation reminds us to be a different person by Easter by simply turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel. May our praying, fasting and almsgiving make a difference in our lives this Lent.

I Am With You Always
Matthew 28:20

Parish Goal ~\$9,000

To date, we have reached 128.04% of our goal (\$11,524). 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

All are invited!

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Saturday, March 4th at 9:30 am in the parish center.



Morehouse College Glee Club In Concert

Directed by Rochester Native Dr. David Morrow

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Asbury First United Methodist Church

1050 East Avenue, Rochester NY

7:00 pm

Admission: \$25

Contact Bro. Bill Davis for ticket info.—266-4663

February is

Black History

Month



<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>Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon 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>Tom Zubert, Realtor RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</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 HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</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 FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">EPIC TRAININGS LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR</p> <p>CPR First Aid Classes for Lay/Professional Responders, Safety Classes for Children, Coaches, Scouts and Seniors Certified Just Yell Fire Training Center Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com Facebook: EPIC Trainings</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES & JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership Where Leaders are Made For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1st & 3rd Mondays except holidays E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</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 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 align="center">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>