

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.

October 29, 2023

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God gives us all we need to answer his call to love others.

If we are to do any good for others, if we are to discern where God is calling us to serve, if we are to have the resources necessary to fulfill such a call, we must begin by seeking God and God's help first. We must start at the source of all generous love. We must be filled from the eternal font if we are to pour out to others.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 5**

*Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour on
Saturday night, November 4*

Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

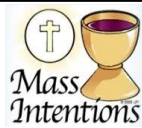
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Rev. John Crowley—Bequest



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 29, 2023

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40



Bible Readings for Sunday, November 5, 2023

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Matthew 23:1-12

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker



Offerings for October 22, 2023

Offerings: \$1,273

Attendance: 79

Online Giving: \$170

Online Givers: 3

World Mission Sunday: \$508

Thank you for your generous support.

NOVEMBER

- Wed. Nov. 1 All Saints Day—Mass at 12:10 pm
St. Monica Church
- Thur. Nov. 2 All Souls' Day
- Sat. Nov. 4 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am
- Sun. Nov. 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Fr. Nov. 10 Veterans Day—Office Closed
- Thur. Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
- Fr. Nov. 24 Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed
St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
- Sun. Nov. 26 Christ the King

October Christian Action

INVITE SOMEONE TO SUNDAY MASS!

While talking with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, associates, etc., invite them to join you for Mass on Sunday.



Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Go to 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**

As you are aware, the CMA has begun. To date, we have reached 29.57% of our goal (\$3,253). 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.

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Black Catholic History Month

- Nov. 5 Celebration of deceased loved ones. Isabella Walters & Roxana Weber share their journey as Black Catholics
- Nov. 10 Revival with Fr. Kintiba 6:30pm St. Monica Church
- Nov. 11 Retreat with Fr. Kintiba 10am -2pm ICSB
- Nov. 12 Revival Mass with Fr. Kintiba 9am ICSB
- Nov. 19 Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN, shares her journey to her vocation. Members of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver share information about the organization.
- Nov. 26 George Fontenette shares his family's journey as Black Catholics

Living Faith

Formed by the Law for Love

Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?

Matthew 22:36

The Pharisees ask this question of Jesus to trap him by pitting God's laws against each other. They hope that Jesus will choose one of the many commandments, implying that the others aren't as important.

Jesus deftly avoids this pitfall by showing that individual laws aren't goods in and of themselves. Rather, they serve to demonstrate what God has spoken throughout his Word: It is not sacrifice or oblations that he desires but the conversion of our hearts.

When viewed in this way, we can see that merely following the Law doesn't make us God's people. Through the love we demonstrate for him and for each other, we show that we are Christ's disciples. Today, may we pray that we may be mindful of how God's commandments lead us to grow in love and compassion.

Johnathan F. Sullivan

Please join us: Dr. Janice Harbin is retiring.

Please join us in celebrating Janice's 30+ years of service to others on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm at the Astor on Main (Hyatt).

Kindly RSVP: ewarren@jordanhealth.org by November 30

A suggested donation of \$30 will help support the work of the Jordan Health Foundation. Donations can be made by going to www.jordanhealthfoudation.org or by sending a check made out to the Jordan Health Foundation: 214C Lake Avenue, Rochester NY 14608.

All Saints' Day

There will be a Mass for All Saints' Day on Wednesday, November 1 at St. Monica Church at 12:10 p.m.

Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening!



Fr. George Kintiba, Revivalist

Revival Weekend

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye land. Serve the Lord with gladness ... come before Him with thanksgiving. Know ye that the Lord is God."

Psalm 100:1-3

Friday, November 10, 2023 Revival 6:30pm

St. Monica Church 831 Genesee St. 14619

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Retreat 10am - 2pm

Immaculate Conception/St Bridget's Church

445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Mass 8am

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

Sponsored by the Rochester Black Catholic Coalition

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's, St. Monica, St. Rita Churches

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered on Sunday, November 5th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING



Come share your time and talent with Dr. Alice Holloway Young School of Excellence (AKA School No. 3), 85 Adams Street. For the remainder of this school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., they would like 8 people to provide one-on-one tutoring and mentoring to help students improve their literacy, math, and life skills.

Please contact Jackie Bryant, Musette Castle, or Marcia Fugate to get started.



<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, 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 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>For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church</p> <p align="center"><i>Rose Stokes</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 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</p> <p align="center">EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother Linda Nash <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></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">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</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 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>