

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 18, 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Lent**



Repent and believe in the gospel.

To repent means to feel regret and sorrow and to change, or "turn from" what is evil. Gospel is a word meaning "good news." To "repent and believe in the Gospel" is the twofold call of the Christian, which is brought into profound relief during the Lenten season. This time of prayer and preparation for Easter shows there is indeed cause for regret and sorrow and a need for change. And yet, what we are turning toward as we turn from sin is always cause for joy and hope.

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.

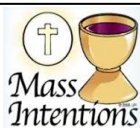
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Raphael Nguti

Requested by the Nguti Family



Offerings for February 11, 2024

Offerings: \$2,051

Attendance: 63

Online Giving: \$350

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, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchann, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver



February Christian Action

BE CHRIST'S LOVE:

Pay a sincere compliment.

Surprise someone with a love note.

Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.

Leave a generous tip.

Send a valentine to someone who may not receive one.

Speak with kindness.

Pray for someone.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are needed for Sunday Masses. Please call Tracy at 585-235-3340 to schedule a Mass or special intention for a loved one.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, February 20th.



Catholic Courier Lent Guide 2024

The *Catholic Courier* has created a digital resource to help you in your faith journey this Lent. We'll be updating the guide two to three times a week with new videos and resources to help you get ready for Easter. Check it out at:

<https://catholiccourier.com/lent2024/>



Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Catholic Ministries Appeal

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's

Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

As of the date, 27 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 82.80% of our goal (\$9,108). We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

Black History in Science

Blacks have been critical players in many areas of science, but have been often overlooked and under-credited for their contributions. Lewis Latimer and Gladys West are two such examples.



Lewis Howard Latimer (1848-1928) was a Black American inventor whose inventions included the development of the evaporative air conditioner, an improved process for making carbon filaments for light bulbs (which improved the light bulbs efficiency, accessibility and affordability) and an improved toilet system that was used in railroad cars.

Gladys Mae West (1930-) was a Black mathematician whose ability to solve very complex math equations by hand made her invaluable in US Naval projects and in ultimately programming computers. In 1978, West was a project manager on a surveillance satellite project which ultimately led to the creation of the GPS system that we so heavily rely on today. She was truly one of the "Hidden Figures" who made significant contributions to science. She was formally recognized in 2018 when she was inducted into the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneer Hall of Fame.



Keep in Prayer

Please keep Bing Reaves and his family in your prayers. Bing's aunt and sister recently passed away. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church welcomes Sister Roberta Fulton, Dr. Althea Porter and Richard Clark, all members of the Buffalo chapter of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver. Please join us today after Mass for more information about reinstating our local Rochester chapter.

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver was formed in 1909 for service and outreach to the community. Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest, became patron of slaves due to his outreach and ministry to them. The Jesuits set up the Knights of Peter Claver for African Americans who could not join other fraternal organizations. The national goals involve addressing social justice issues, concentrating particularly on human trafficking, dignity, racism, environmentalism, and prison ministry.

Living Faith

Virtuous Resilience

This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15

Jesus had thirty years to prepare for his ministry. When his preaching time drew near, he made a forty-day retreat in the desert. Soon he would be preaching Gospel values to instruct people to live better lives. His challenging message would cause many to react with accusations, threats, violence and execution. Jesus had a sacred plan to be fulfilled, but was he ready to endure the tremendous opposition he would encounter? Certainly, he was committed to his calling of divine accountability, but these forty days would personally prove his virtuous resilience to combat any evil or hostility.

Today, we are the people called to live these Gospel values. Do we have the virtuous resilience to fulfill our mission? It's our annual forty-day retreat to be with Jesus in the desert, in church, in prayer, in penance and indeed in love. It's all for a better way of living life. Hear ye, hear ye, it's time for fulfillment.

Fr. James McKarns

Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent in the church. Please use side entrance doors to the church.



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.

<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>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">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 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>