

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.

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



We are made pure and blameless through Jesus Christ.

When the path to salvation appears rocky, we can be assured that God will lower mountains and level depths to lead the faithful into his glory. This holy season, we rejoice to be remembered by God because he draws near and unites himself to us through Emmanuel—God with us.

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, December 8, 2024

Joyce Lasch

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano



Offerings for December 1, 2024

Offerings: \$2,121

Attendance: 73

Online Giving: \$460

Online Givers: 6

Catholic University: \$363

Thank you for your generous support.



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 Degan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

DECEMBER

- Tues. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed
Christmas Eve Mass—St. Monica-4 pm*
- Wed. Dec. 25 Christmas Day—Office Closed
Christmas Day Mass—ICSB-10 am*
- Thur. Dec. 26 Day after Christmas—Office Closed*
- Fri. Dec. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*
- Tues. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve—Office Closed*

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



December Christian Action

BE THE GIFT!

- Visit someone who is lonely
- Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays
- Help someone with a task
- Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter
- Surprise someone with a kind note
- Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time
- Give someone a hug
- Tell someone you love/appreciate them
- Tell someone you're sorry
- Send a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.



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, 15 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 41.13% of our goal (\$4,935). 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: 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.

**Offering
Envelopes**



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

The 2025 Mass Intention book has arrived. You will now be able to schedule Mass intentions for 2025. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

Living Faith

John the Baptist's Intercession

John...proclaim[ed] a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...Luke 3:3

How often do you think about St. John the Baptist? As we consider how John—sometimes called the last Old Testament prophet—broadened the path for his Cousin's evangelization, may we be inspired to likewise draw others to Christ.

As today's Gospel tells us John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. During this sacred and anticipatory season of Advent, we must first repent of our sins to gain spiritual fitness. As we look forward to Christ's Nativity, and throughout the liturgical year, let us bring ourselves frequently to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. And it never hurts to ask for St. John the Baptist's intercession to help us clear the way for the Lord!.

Heavenly Father, give us a heart of repentance and forgiveness as we look forward to celebrating Christ's birth at Christmas. We ask this in Jesus' holy name.

Mr. Justin McClain, O.P.

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to God in faith.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is now called OCIA.

During their November '21 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops meetings, the U.S. Bishops changed the name of the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) to Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Are you or is someone you know:

- interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of baptism, communion, and confirmation?
- baptized in a Christian faith and interested in receiving the sacraments of communion and confirmation?

To learn more contact:

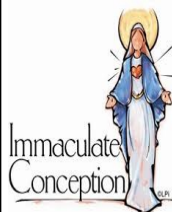
Fr. Ray Fleming at fr.ray.fleming@dor.org or Myrtle Fontenette at myrtle.fontenette@dor.org, or call the office at 235-3340.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent:

Advent Response:

Our Prayer: God help us to work for peace, because Jesus is the Prince of Peace and calls his children to work for peace in his name.



Monday, December 9, 2024
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass

12:10 pm at St. Monica Church



The Catholic Courier's annual digital Advent Calendar is back for the 2024 season. The calendar will be available starting Dec. 1 at <https://catholiccourier.com/adventcalendar2024/>, features 25 windows hiding daily multimedia "treats". Visitors will be able to open a new window each day through Dec. 25.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

All Masses ASL interpreted.

Christmas Eve Mass Tuesday, December 24:
4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church

Christmas Day Mass Wednesday, December 25:
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

New Year's Day Mass Wednesday, January 1:
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church



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ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

<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</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE</p> <p align="center"><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</p> <p align="center"><i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</p> <p align="center"><i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN/CORRAL/DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</p> <p align="center"><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In this Season & Always For Your Life & Love, We Give Thanks Linda Nash Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</p> <p align="center"><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE</p> <p align="center"><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</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</p> <p align="center"><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</p> <p align="center"><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</p> <p align="center"><i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</p> <p align="center">585-247-4941</p>