

# 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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**Sunday Mass ~ 10:00 a.m.**

Office located at: 34 Monica Street, Rochester, NY 14619  
Office Hours: 9:00 am — 3:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

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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.

**September 4, 2022**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

## New Mass Times Begin Next Week!

Saturday 4:00 PM at St. Monica

Sunday 9:00 AM at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's

Sunday 10:15 AM at St. Monica

Sunday 11:30 AM at Emmanuel Church of the Deaf



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

**Have a safe and Happy Labor Day!**

**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.

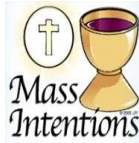
**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

**David Edmond**

**Requested by the Castle Family**



**Offerings for August 28, 2022**

**Offerings: \$1,589**

**Attendance: 65**

**Online Giving: \$460**

**Online Givers: 7**

**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, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters*



- Mon. Sept. 5 Labor Day—Office Closed
- Sat. Sept. 10 Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am
- Sun. Sept. 11 Pastoral Plan Meeting—immediately following Mass
- National Grandparents Day
- Sat. Sept. 24 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

**Bible Readings for Sunday, September 4, 2022**

*Wisdom 9:13-18b*

*Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

*Luke 14:25-33*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, September 11, 2022**

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

*Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10*

**September Christian Action**

**BE WELCOMING!**

- Greet others with a smile.
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

Reader I & II—Norma Thom



- Mildred Burgess
- Peter Fraver
- Harold Moore
- Leonard Nguti
- Neteya Pappin
- Teyana Pappin
- Belinda Seide
- Bethsaida Seide
- Makeeda Tatum
- Tim Sullivan



**MASS INTENTIONS**

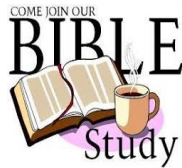
The 2023 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10.



## 2022 Pastoral Plan

The 2022 Pastoral Plan for Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church will be reviewed after Mass on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Please plan to attend.

Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:30 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining or would like more information please call the office.



## ST. MONICA CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION 2022-2023

**Saturdays:**  
Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, & Oct. 8  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
FOR GRADES 3-8  
ST. MONICA GYM - 841 GENESEE ST.



JOIN US FOR CYO  
BASKETBALL!  
WINTER SEASON:  
November 2022 -  
March 2023.  
Fees can be paid by  
cash or check.

Late registration, Questions,  
Sign up to coach:  
Contact [tamidivers@icloud.com](mailto:tamidivers@icloud.com)  
or 585-230-8287



## CYO Volleyball

St. Monica has an opportunity to participate in the CYO Volleyball league this fall for grades 2-12. We are looking for someone interested in coaching our team. Required trainings provided. If interested, contact Athletic Director Tami Divers at [tamidivers@icloud.com](mailto:tamidivers@icloud.com).



Break the Cycle of Poverty:

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human  
Development

Sunday, September 18, 2022

## Prayer Vigil for Reparations

Sixty members of the Greater Rochester Community attended the Repair and Redress Prayer Vigil Thursday evening, August 18 at Immaculate Conception Church. NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice welcomed the Rochester community to pray, to listen to truth-tellers share about their own experiences of racism and discrimination, and to learn about an effort to lobby President Biden to establish an H.R. 40-style Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans. Fr. Ray opened with prayer. Speakers included George Fontenette, a life member of Immaculate whose family owned many businesses in the Clarissa Street area prior to the construction of the inner loop in Rochester which decimated thriving neighborhoods and Black-owned businesses. Rev. William Wilkinson spoke about the effects of institutional racism on persons of color and indigenous persons who were deprived of economic opportunity, inability to own and reside in homes in many neighborhoods due to the practice of redlining, and much more. Blood sisters Isabella Walters and Roxana Weber shared the story of their brother, Fr. Charles Hall who desired to enter the seminary and was turned away in Rochester because no Black candidates could be accepted. He became a Josephite priest but suffered from colon cancer and died at a young age. His story is the story of Black Catholic men and women who were turned away from a Catholic Church who would not accept black candidates into white religious communities or seminaries.

The notion of Reparation includes all these examples and more! It would be the Commission's responsibility to recommend options which might be considered to make amends to the African-American community. This could include looking at legal practices, civil rights, opportunities for higher education, etc. Please take a moment to send an e-mail to President Biden through NETWORK or call on the White House Comment Line to ask President Biden to establish a Commission to study and make recommendations to Congress. When HR 40 was introduced in Congress again this year by Rep. Shirley Jackson... it passed out of committee and is waiting to be voted on the House Floor. This bill has bi-partisan support. Call the White House at 888-422-4555 or email the White House at <https://networklobby.org/actnow>.

*Sisters of St. Joseph Justice & Peace Office*



<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b> <b>2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</b></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 &amp; Home Health, Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p><b>Mileage Master Center of Rochester</b> 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p align="center"><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR <b>EPIC TRAININGS</b></p> <p>Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com Facebook: EPIC Trainings CPR First Aid Classes for Lay/Professional Responders, Safety Classes for Children, Coaches, Scouts and Seniors, Certified Just Yell Fire Training Center</p>	
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES &amp; JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership <b>Where Leaders are Made</b> For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays except holidays <a href="mailto:E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com">E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</a></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>