

# *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.

*November 19, 2023*  
*33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*We are given talents to share.*

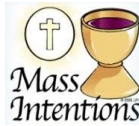
*The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.*



**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**Willie Johnson**

**Requested by the Fontenette Family**



**Offerings for November 12, 2023**

**Offerings: \$2,341**

**Attendance: 121**

**Online Giving: \$220**

**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 Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Dorothy Dobson, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler*

**NOVEMBER**

Thur. Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed  
Fr. Nov. 24 Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed  
Sun. Nov. 26 Christ the King

**Bible Readings for Sunday, November 19, 2023**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



**Bible Readings for Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25-31-46

**November Christian Action**

**BE GRATEFUL!**



- Thank someone who is sitting by you or lives with you or near you.
- Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
- Write a note to someone telling them why you are grateful for them.
- Pray: All that I am, and all that I have is because of you Lord! Remember there's always, always, always something to be thankful for!

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**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

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

Reader I & II—TBA



**Go Forth With Christ**



2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
Go to [www.dor.org](http://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 39.25% of our goal (\$4,318). 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.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

schedule a Mass.

The 2024 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Call the office to

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

Nov. 19 *Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN, shares her journey to her vocation. Members of the Nights and Ladies of Peter Claver share information about the organization.*

Nov. 26 *George Fontenette shares his family's journey as Black Catholics*

**Blacks In Catholic History Moments**

**Did You Know...**

...that a little Methodist girl born, Bertha Bowman, in Yazoo City Mississippi, grew up to be a renowned Roman Catholic nun, teacher and scholar?

Sr. Thea Bowman became Catholic when she was nine years old. She later went to college and then became the first African American to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Wisconsin. After 16 years of teaching at the elementary, secondary and college levels, Sr. Thea Bowman was invited to be a special consultant for the Catholic Church. She gave presentations around the country aimed at bridging racial and cultural divisions. She combined her gifts of singing and gospel preaching, with prayers and storytelling. Sr. Thea Bowman was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1984. Yet, she continued her fight against the evils that drive people apart, from her wheel chair, until her death at age 53 in 1990. Sr. Thea Bowman said she prayed "to live until I die—to live fully." And that she did.



*Sr. Thea Bowman*



**The 2023 Catholic Courier  
Coloring Contest**

The Catholic Courier's 2023 Advent Coloring Contest began November 1, and is open to children ages 3-12 only. To enter

please following these instructions: Color the scene. The picture is available at [CatholicCourier.com/2023coloringcontest](http://CatholicCourier.com/2023coloringcontest). Then go to [CatholicCourier.com/2023coloringcontest](http://CatholicCourier.com/2023coloringcontest) and submit the photo using the form for the appropriate age category. If you have difficulty using the online form, you may email the entry to [newsroom@catholiccourier.com](mailto:newsroom@catholiccourier.com) with the subject line "Coloring Contest." Include the child's age, full name, and what parish and/or Catholic school the child attends.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

There will not be a Thanksgiving Day Mass at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's or St. Monica Church. Please see the list below of parishes that will be celebrating Mass on Thanksgiving.

Our Lady of Lourdes: 9:00 am  
150 Varinna Dr., 14618

St. Pius: 9:30 am  
3010 Chili Ave, 14624

St. Boniface: 9:30 am  
330 Gregory St., 14620

Holy Apostles: 9:00 am – Bilingual  
530 Lyell Ave., 14606

Cathedral Community: 9:00 am  
296 Flower City Pk, 14615



Cost \$30 per person if postmarked by Dec. 2. Students \$20. After Dec. 2, call Diane Hayes at (585) 943-4759 to check availability and to make reservations, \$32 each. Clergy/religious complimentary.

Brook Lea Country Club  
891 Pixley Rd, Rochester NY 14624

Rochester, NY Chapter Breakfast  
Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Guest Speaker: Fr. Paul Bonacci  
Men & Women Invited**

Ordained in 1991, Father Paul Bonacci served the Diocese of Rochester for over 32 years. He has had a variety of assignments including parishes and chaplain at a college campus plus a correctional facility.

Father Paul has led many parish and diocesan retreats and days of recollection. He had a great foundation in this ministry as he attended diocesan sponsored retreats in his teenage years. The last time Father Paul spoke at a Magnificat Breakfast was in 2001. He now returns to tell the rest of his story.

**Coloring Contest Cont...**

Note: Entries will be not accepted by the U.S. mail. Submit entries by 5 p.m. November 22, 2023. Entries will not be accepted after this date and time.

For more information visit  
[CatholicCourier.com/2023coloringcontest](http://CatholicCourier.com/2023coloringcontest).

<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> 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 &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><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p><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><b>For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Rose Stokes</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"><b>CPR and First Aid Classes</b> For lay and Professional Responders</p> <p align="center"><b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother  <b>Linda Nash</b>  <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b>  <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></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>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b>  <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>MATH TUTORING</b> <b>MATH COACHING</b>  585-247-4941</p>