

# *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.

*June 9, 2024*

*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Our ultimate home is with God.*

*This world is not our ultimate home, Saint Paul tells us in today's second reading. This passage is full of hope, teaching us to trust that the passing of our earthly bodies and temporary dwellings - what is seen - will be replaced by an eternal life and home - what is unseen. We will live with God, with an eternal weight of glory.*

*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.*

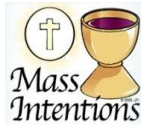
*Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.*

New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340.

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

**Mercedes Guess**

**Requested by the Fugate Family**



*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 Degnan, Jacquie Dobson, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Theresa Macon, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, June 16, 2024**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer



**Offerings for June 2, 2024**

**Offerings: \$1,848**

**Attendance: 105**

**Online Giving: \$430**

**Online Givers: 5**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

**June**

Sun. June 9 Caribbean Mass—9:00 am

Sun. June 16 Father's Day  
Blood Pressure Screening  
Following Mass in the Sacristy

Wed. June 19 Juneteenth Day—Office Closed

Fri. June 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

**June Christian Action**



**Appreciate your father, grandfather, brother, son, male colleague, neighbor, etc.**

**Show them your love in a special way.**



**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**

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$11,308). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

**Financial Fraud Hotline  
1-800-388-7177 x1266**

Reports may also be made in writing to:  
Internal Audit Department • Diocese of Rochester  
1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624

**Support the Catholic Communication Campaign**

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Rochester to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen**

Unless we put God between ourselves and our previous life, we cannot hope to make real spiritual progress.

## **Corn Hill Arts Festival**

**Saturday, July 13, 2024 ~10 am—6 pm**

**Sunday, July 14, 2024 ~ 10 am—5 pm**

Volunteers are needed to serve breakfast, cook and sell hots and sausage and have a good time for the Corn Hill Arts Festival. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please see Don Toyer.

### **Living Faith**

#### **Mercy Within Mercy**

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.* Psalm 130:1

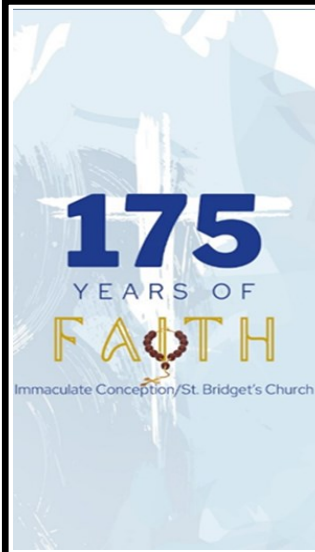
Today's psalm has to be one of the most consoling ones in the entire Psalter. It begins with declaration of deep trouble: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD." We have all experienced such depths: a serious illness, an addiction, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, a natural disaster, a major disappointment, fear of the future, shame for our wrong doings. But then the psalmist says to God: "...with you is forgiveness...is kindness...is plenteous redemption" (vv.4, 7-8).

These words remind me of the description of God given by the Trappist monk Thomas Merton: "God is mercy within mercy within mercy." If this is true, how could we ever be afraid to call out to this God—no matter what depths we find ourselves in?

God of Mercy, give me a deeper sense of your kindness and forgiveness. And help me to live these qualities in my own life.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

*Welcome Fr. Ako Walker for  
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary's Caribbean Mass*



*Corn Hill Arts Festival*

*July 13, 2024*

*July 14, 2024 ~ 9 am Mass*

*Church Cookout/Family Day*

*August 11, 2024 ~ 12:30 pm Mass*

*Church Cookout following Mass*

*Immaculate Conception/St.  
Bridget's Gala at Harro East*

*September 14, 2024 ~ 6:00 pm*

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



### **JUNE 14 FLAG DAY**

Dear Lord, Please shed your grace upon our nation and this day; may we ever walk in brotherhood and keep the Christian way.

May we live in harmony, each race, each creed we know; crown our lives with tolerance, lead the path that we should go.

From one shore to another each bell of freedom rings; fill the rafters of our churches with the joy that freedom brings!

Keep us ever mindful, Lord, of blessings that you give; help us work together on this earth on which we live.

~Helen Mitchell Evans

**PRIMARY DAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES:**

**BY MAIL** Saturday, June 15, 2024 (Received)

**IN PERSON** Saturday, June 15, 2024

**ONLINE** Saturday, June 15, 2024

Check [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG) for **YOUR BALLOT**.

**VOTING IN AN ELECTION IS A WAY THAT AMERICANS CAN PARTICIPATE IN OUR DEMOCRACY. PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR FREEDOM TO CHOOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO REPRESENT YOU.**

<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 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 <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">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. <b>MOMMY</b> <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina &amp; Jean</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 MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>