

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.

August 20, 2023

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today and every day we celebrate the goodness of God.

Celebration for the generosity of God resounds in our readings today. As followers of Jesus, we are filled with joy because God has included all people in his bountiful mercy. That joy leads us to reach out to all with compassion and mercy.

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.

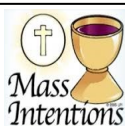
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Raphael Nguti

Requested by the Fontenette Family



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 Degan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

Bible Readings for Sunday, August 20, 2023

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28



Bible Readings for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Each of us makes his own weather, determines the color of the skies in the emotional universe which he inhabits.

Offerings for August 13, 2023

Offerings: \$1,284

Attendance: 50

Online Giving: \$0

Online Givers: 0

Thank you for your generous support.

August Christian Action

Be Kind and Caring!



- Be the reason someone smiles.
- Visit, email, call or write a note to someone who is lonely.
- Let someone know you are praying for them.
- Lighten someone's load.
- Be the reason someone believes in the kindness of strangers.



MASS INTENTIONS

You can celebrate loved ones and friends with a Mass for an anniversary, birthday, etc. or remember those who have passed away. Call the office to schedule a Mass.

Remember: If you have a milestone anniversary coming up, please let us know so we can print it in a future bulletin.



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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

***“We’ve Come This Far By Faith,
See What The Lord Has Done For Us”***

Do you have photos, videos or audio recordings that reflect **“just how far we’ve come by faith”**? Be a part of our celebration by submitting elements of the past for possible submission in our souvenir journal, and collage, that reflects the Immaculate Conception Community.

See Isabella Walters or contact Tracy Jordan (church secretary) for more information. We request all photos, videos and audio recordings be labeled with your contact information and submitted to us by October 1, 2023

Mark your calendars and save dates from April through December 2024 as we celebrate our 175th Anniversary.

Let’s Show Just How Much God Has Done For Us!



Next Sunday, August 27th we will be serving hot dogs “hot off the grill” following Mass. Please stay and fellowship and enjoy a grilled hot dog.

If you are looking for a way to help others, make new friends, and stay busy and active – please join us at Monroe Community Hospital! Volunteers are needed to visit with residents; escort them to events and activities on-site; and work in our beautiful Gift Shop and Thrift Shop! To learn more please call Laurie at 585-760-6151 or visit <https://www.monroehosp.org/volunteer>.



Living Faith

Persistence

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

Matthew 15:28

The trip down any cereal aisle with young children will teach you the meaning of the word persistence. Mom may say no to the first five requests for a box of sugar bombs, but the child is betting that six will be the charm. Or seven.

If only we could have the persistence of a child! In today's Gospel, Jesus at first seems reluctant to help the woman. She is a Canaanite, not a Jew, and he tells the Apostles he was “sent only to the lost sheep” of Israel (verse 24). Yet, her persistence inspires his admiration of her faith, and he grants her wish: the healing of her daughter.

Persistence in prayer is a common theme of the Gospels, a measure of faith in times of trial. Jesus encourages us to be persistent in entreating his heavenly Father with our requests while trusting that God's will, not ours, be done.

Jesus, give me the gift of persistence in prayer.

Greg Erlandson



First Responders Mass
Sunday, September 10, 2023 at
11:15 a.m.
Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park, Rochester
All are welcome to come pray for
and support our first responders!



Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a breakfast at the **Brook Lea Country Club**, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on **Saturday, September 16th**; the program begins at 9:30am until noon. Seating begins at 8:30am.

Our speaker is **Cece Crawford**. She is part of the Magnificat Service Team, serving as Asst. Treasurer. *"One day while walking to my college dorm, I felt frustrated and melancholy. I said to the Lord: 'Is this all that life has to offer? Come and listen to Cece's powerful story.*

Reservations \$30.00; after Sept. 9: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline Sept.12th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address.

You can also register via PayPal (\$32.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

From the Catholic Courier:

Mass Matters: We want to hear directly from parishioners across the Diocese of Rochester for our social media series “Mass Matters!” Parishioners can submit brief videos (15 seconds to 1.5 minutes, shot holding the phone vertically) of themselves addressing what attending in-person Masses and receiving the Eucharist mean to them.

Visit <https://bit.ly/44Slzas> to submit a video

or <https://bit.ly/3QbsNIZ> to submit a written response.

<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, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon 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">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</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>