

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.

September 17, 2023
24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God rewards generously those who place their trust in him.

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised what is just. They trusted in the owner's concept of "just." Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give.

Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

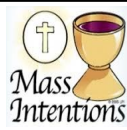
Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Special Intentions for Odula White



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

Offerings for September 10, 2023

Offerings: \$2,917

Attendance: 64

Online Giving: \$170

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



Bible Readings for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer



September Christian Action

BE WELCOMING!

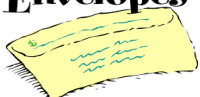
- Greet others with a smile!
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them!



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

Offering Envelopes



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.



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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

Living Faith

Receiving and Giving

Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?

Matthew 18:21

I can never hear today's parable without being troubled. The question it poses is direct and unambiguous, and it cuts to the quick. How is it that, aware as I am of how much God has forgiven me, I so begrudge the extension of that forgiveness to others? When it comes to these things, I am too much the miser—carefully calculating the harm suffered and then nursing my grievance.

Receiving and giving is the very logic and dynamic of the Christian life, and that's why forgiveness is so much at the heart of it. We have received the grace to act toward others the way God acts with us. If I fail to forgive, then I short-circuit this gracious loop of receiving and giving. I set myself up as an idol, judging others with a harshness that belies the mercy God offers to me over and over again.

Lord, help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me.

Fr. Dennis Gallagher.A.A.

Following Mass on Sunday, October 1st, the Finance Council will hold its annual parish meeting regarding the parish's finances and budget for 2023-2024. Please plan to attend.

ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING



It's almost that time for Religious Education.

Registration/Parent Meeting and Meet Teacher on
Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Mark your calendar for the first day of class on
Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 1st.

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or check out your parish's online giving options for designating your gift to CCHD. Please be generous.



September Men's Retreat

*Give yourself the gift of a weekend
away with God to start the Fall in
peace and hope*

Come to beautiful **Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua** for our **September Men's Retreat: Keep Hope Alive** with Fr. Anthony Michalek, CSsR, Fr. Daniel Ruiz, Deacon Brian McNulty, Nancy Lynch and Jodie Scordo. The retreat begins **Friday, September 22 at 7 pm and ends Sunday, September 24 at Noon**. To register, contact us at 585-394-5700.



ree concert by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra at St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Rd., on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.



St. Monica Church—NCYC

Be a part of our NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) team - buy your t-shirt to support our NCYC 2023 pilgrims! This t-shirt was designed by our teen pilgrims. Our pilgrims will be wearing the same shirts at the conference November 16-18 and will say a special prayer for all who are wearing their shirts to support us from home. Thank you for helping us with the cost of our pilgrimage, which will be very meaningful and life-changing. Shirts are \$18 each. Thank you, and we love you!

How to order:

Online at <https://forms.office.com/r/z27reEgye>

Call the office at 585-235-3340

Order in-person at Mass

<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>