

# *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.

*July 9, 2023*

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened.*

*Many Jews expected a militarily strong messiah who would lead them into battle to be free of the Romans. Instead, Jesus humbly submitted to the will of his Father, even unto death. Yet he said his burden was light. Motivated by love of God and neighbor, our burdens can be lighter when carried with Jesus.*

**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.

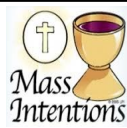
**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

*Sunday, July 9, 2023*

*Sarah Gordon*

*Requested by Joanne, Julian, Alana, Alia*



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

**Bible Readings for Sunday, July 9, 2023**

*Zechariah 9:9-10*

*Romans 8:9,11-13*

*Matthew 11:25-30*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, July 16, 2023**

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

*Romans 8:18-23*

*Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**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

**Offerings for July 2, 2023**

*Offerings: \$1,528*

*Attendance: 57*

*Online Giving: \$300*

*Online Givers: 4*

*Thank you for your generous support.*

*July*

*Sun. July 9*

*Corn Hill Arts Festival—10am-5pm*

*Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection*

**July Christian Action**

*Be proud to be an American!*



- *Pray for our leaders and for peace in our country and our world.*
- *Thank a veteran/military person for their service and our freedom.*
- *Care for our earth: pick up litter, recycle, conserve water, and turn lights off when not in use.*

**Peter's Pence Collection**

Thank you for your Generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected **\$288**. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection**

Today our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee).

**Living Faith**  
**Weighty Matters**

**Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.** Matthew 11:28

When you leave St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, the first thing you see out the front door is an image of someone literally carrying the weight of the world: It's a massive statue of the god Atlas, earth balanced on his shoulders. Coming out of the cathedral, it's a shock. Suddenly, you're reminded of life's burdens, all the things you've been praying about—a world of demands and deadlines, things you'd rather forget.

Yet, Jesus assures us: if you feel crushed by life, come to me. He promises relief, respite, rest. All that is weighing us down—anxiety, fear, worry, doubt—we don't have to carry it alone. Jesus is waiting.

When you see Atlas outside St. Pat's, you realize he looks like he's walking toward the door of the cathedral. Even Atlas, with the world on his shoulders, knows where to go when he is burdened.

Dcn. Greg Kandra

**AKOMA SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**  
**MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**141 ADAMS STREET, ROCHESTER**

**National Black Catholic Men's Conference**

The 2023 Father Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference will take place Oct. 12-14 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown, 280 W. Jefferson St.

This year's theme is "The Least of These" and men of all faith traditions are welcome.

The event is organized by the Bowman-Francis Ministry, whose mission is to "spiritually recharge Afrocentric communities by renewing interest, commitment and devotions within the Roman Catholic Church," according to its website. The ministry has partnered with the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry to bring the conference to the area.

The cost is \$150 for adults and \$100 for those age 17 and younger.

To register, visit [www.bowmanfrancis.org](http://www.bowmanfrancis.org). For more information call the ministry's office at 317-800-1621 or send an email to [ministry@bowmanfrancis.org](mailto:ministry@bowmanfrancis.org).

**Save the Date**

**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, St. Monica  
& ECD @ Redwings Game**  
**Friday, August 11 @ 6:45 pm**



<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>



### *Upcoming Events*

*April 7, 2024    Opening Anniversary Mass*

*April 28, 2024    ICSB Brunch /Luncheon*

*June 9, 2024    Caribbean Mass*

*Sept. 14, 2024    ICSB Gala, Harro East Ballroom*

*Nov. 8, 9, 10    Revival Weekend with Fr. Nutt*  
*Friday Evening    Revival*  
*Saturday            Retreat*  
*Sunday              Mass*

*Dec. 8, 2024    Closing Mass*