

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.

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and cares for us.

When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of 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, April 28, 2024



Special Intentions
Thanksgiving & Blessings

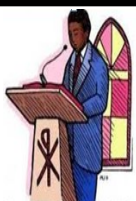
Kiza Fernandez, Magaiva Herman & Kadisha Ferdinand

Requested by Julitta Herman



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, April 28, 2024

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

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

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.

Offerings for April 21, 2024

Offerings: \$1,816

Attendance: 74

Online Giving: \$255

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.

May

- Sat. May 4 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am*
- Sun. May 5 Blood Pressure Screening—following Mass in the Sacristy*
- Wed. May 8 Finance Council Mtg.—3:00 pm at St. Monica's Rectory*
- Sat. May 18 Gospel Music Workshop—9:00 am*
- Fri. May 24 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*
- Mon. May 27 Memorial Day—Office Closed*

May Christian Action



Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.

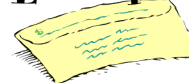


MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are needed for Sunday Masses. Please call Tracy at 585-235-3340 to schedule a Mass or special intention for a loved one.

REMINDER

Offering Envelopes



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.

Religious Education Fundraiser

LET'S SIZE UP



Please DONATE your shoe size!



This fundraiser will support our youth's trip to Our Lady of Fatima!

A Little History of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Since 1954 Our Lady of Fatima Shrine has become a place of natural beauty, art, communal prayer, and renewal to thousands who visit the unique buildings and grounds each year.

The magnificence and natural beauty of the Shrine is highlighted by an awe-inspiring Dome Basilica covered with two layers of glass and Plexiglas, with a contour of the Northern Hemisphere of the globe.

The impressive approach to the Basilica is down the Avenue of the Saints (over 130 life-size marble and bronze statues represent Saints from every race and walk of life) and around the serenity of the Rosary Pool.

**Congratulations Fr. Ray!
42nd Anniversary of Ordination
April 2024**



Thank you for being an amazing example of Christ's love for us.

ST. MONICA 2024
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
THE MYSTERY
OF
FAITH
AUGUST 12-16, 2024
ONLINE REGISTRATION IN JUNE AT
STMONICAOFROCHESTER.ORG

Gospel Music Workshop

May 18, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

Youth Sunday/Family Activities

June 2, 2024

Caribbean Mass with

Fr. Ako Walker

June 9, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

Corn Hill Arts Festival

July 13, 2024 ~ 4:00 pm Mass

July 14, 2024 ~ 9 am Mass

Church Cookout/Family Day

August 11, 2024 ~ 12:30 pm Mass

Church Cookout followed by Mass



Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, May 5th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.

Living Faith

The Power of Dependence

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

I remember moments of my adolescence when I began to feel my independence from my parents. Starting high school, first job, driver's license—all were small steps that led eventually to the necessary separation between child and parent.

As we mature in faith, God asks the opposite of us—not independence from God we no longer need but, rather, the growing realization of how much we need God. Jesus asks not for the boldness of "I can do it alone" but for a radical dependence and recollection that we are children of God, never made to go it alone.

Today, offer your adult responsibilities and independence back to God. Let go of something that burdens you and let God take control.

Steve Givens

Notre Dame Retreat House

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Women's Retreat Weekend — May 3-5

"Just as You Are"—encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus-

<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 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">Happy Heavenly Birthday My Beautiful Sister SHARLA DAVENPORT</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">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</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>