

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 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it."

"Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it." This phrase is really the talking point of Jesus' message in today's Gospel, and it's fairly straightforward. If something in our life is leading us into sin, and away from God, that something needs to be jettisoned like the dead weight that it is. We heed similar advice from coaches looking to improve our game, and mentors looking to improve our performance. How much more valuable are these words from the Lord, who desires to improve our life, and for us to share it with him forever.

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.

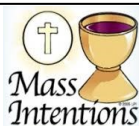
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

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, September 29, 2024

Marva Guess

Requested by the Fugate Family



Offerings for September 22, 2024

Offerings: \$1,201

Attendance: 74

Online Giving: \$205

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.



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, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Sunday, September 29, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

OCTOBER



- Sat. Oct. 5 Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am
- Sun. Oct. 6 Religious Education Classes Begin
Blood Pressure Screening following
Mass in the Sacristy
Annual Finance Council Meeting
following Mass
- Sat. Oct. 12 Ministry Day—9am - 2:00 pm
- Mon. Oct. 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day—Office Closed
- Sun. Oct. 20 World Mission Sunday Collection
- Fri. Oct. 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
- Sun. Oct. 27 Youth Sunday
- Thur. Oct. 31 Happy Halloween

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.

Census

We are pleased to announce that the Parish is currently conducting a census campaign. This initiative aims to bolster pastoral care, stewardship and communication within our community. You will be receiving an email from Fr. Ray Fleming, noreply@qemailserver.com, which is a legitimate email address for the census. Please open the email and click on the link enclosed. If you do not receive an email, please visit the following link to complete the census:

<https://tinyurl.com/2cfg9yx3>

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera to access the census.



Thank you!



Classes for Religious Education began on Sunday, October 6, 2024 along with Parent Meeting/Meet teachers.



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Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, October 6th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING

The Finance Council will hold its annual parish meeting regarding the parish's finances and budget for 2024-2025 next Sunday, October 6th following Mass. Please plan to attend.

Living Faith
Following Jesus

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. Mark 9:43

I appreciate all the automated safety features now standard on cars. Rearview cameras, sensors on every side that not only warn you but redirect your car when you're off course. They're all good. I suppose—even though there's a price to pay, and I don't mean a financial one.

It's this: On the increasingly fewer occasions I drive an older car, I must consciously remind myself to actually look and heed—and have almost gotten into accidents a time or two when I've forgotten. Being carried along and protected by technology, I've become lazy and inattentive.

The attention I pay to my moral life can flag too. I can drift along with the currents of everyday life, of my culture or society carried by habit. I can forget that the call to follow Jesus involves constant attention, discernment and sometimes—as he tells us here—very hard choices, indeed.

Jesus, may I follow you with intention.

Amy Welborn

<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.cornill.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><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p align="center">Jack & Elvira Powell</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE</p> <p align="center"><i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</p> <p align="center"><i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</p> <p align="center"><i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN/CORRAL/DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</p> <p align="center"><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother LINDA NASH</p> <p align="center"><i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</p> <p align="center"><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE</p> <p align="center"><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</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</p> <p align="center"><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</p> <p align="center"><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p align="center"><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</p> <p align="center"><i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI</p> <p align="center"><i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</p> <p align="center">585-247-4941</p>