

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 13, 2023

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Lord is abounding in love and mercy, but he isn't always "loud."

It was in the tiny, whispering sound that Elijah experienced the Lord's presence. It is a good reminder for us that sometimes God is in the storm, sometimes he is in the whisper, sometimes he is the calming presence walking on the water. His love and mercy abound, and we need simply to keep our eyes on him and reach out our hand when we need help.

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 13, 2023

Joyce Lasch

Requested by Ralph Destephano & Maureen Corral



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

Bible Readings for Sunday, August 13, 2023

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33



Bible Readings for Sunday, August 20, 2023

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, September 17, 2023

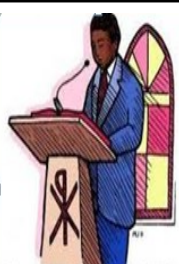
Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Reader I & II—André Fontenette

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



Offerings for August 6, 2023

Offerings: \$1,822

Attendance: 58

Online Giving: \$350

Online Givers: 3

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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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!



Clarissa Street Reunion
August 19, 2023
10:00 am—8:00 pm



Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church

175 Anniversary Celebration in 2024

Mark Your Calendar ~ Upcoming Events

- April 7, 2024 Opening Anniversary Mass*
- April 28, 2024 ICSB Brunch /Luncheon*
- June 9, 2024 Caribbean Mass*
- Sept. 14, 2024 ICSB Gala*
- Nov. 8, 9, 10 Revival Weekend with Fr. Nutt*
- Friday Evening Revival*
- Saturday Retreat*
- Sunday Mass*
- Dec. 8, 2024 Closing Mass*

Living Faith

Obey, Pray and Trust

Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.

Matthew 14:27

Today’s readings offer three prominent examples of how to follow God. Elijah’s obedience is rewarded with encountering the presence of God. In faithful witness, Paul prays for “[his] own people, his kindred.” And St. Peter—oh Peter! - longs to jump headfirst into the arms of God even if it means possibly falling flat on his face, crying humbly, “Lord, save me!”

Yet, beyond holy characters and saints, there are people among us living as beacons of light. One inspiration in my life is a Sacred Heart sister, Rosemary Nyirumbe, a spiritual mother to refugees, to women kidnapped into slavery and to abandoned and orphaned children in her native Uganda. With hopefulness, Sr. Rosemary provides them with an education, job training and, most importantly, mercy. And she does it with contagious joy! Today is my 63rd birthday. When I grow up, I want to be just like her.

Thank you, Lord, for the beacons of light in my life!

Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda

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.

SEEKING BALANCE?

7 WEEKS COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE



St. Rita Church
1008 Maple Dr.
Webster, NY

beginning Tuesday, September 19
To register:

discovering
Christ

For more information: julie.cohn@dor.org or 671-1100 ext. 103

<https://tinyurl.com/DiscoveringChrist2023>

<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>