Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church
A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition
“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

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.

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

As we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, joy and hope fill our hearts in anticipation of the Messiah.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call church 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 church office to make arrangements.
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

New members of the parish community are most welcome. See one of the hospitality ministers following Mass or contact the parish office—325-3893.

We worship every Sunday at 10 am
Offerings for December 2, 2018

Offerings: $2,883  Attendance:  99

Catholic University—$359

Thank you for your generous support!

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Altar Servers

Readers
Reader I—Walter DeRouen
Reader II—Marcia Fugate

Ministers of Communion
Jackie Bryant—James Walker

Ushers
Joe Catalli—Mike Nwokelo
Maria Degnan—Tom Degnan

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Altar Servers

Readers
Reader I—Phyllis Barnes
Reader II—Ruth Miller

Ministers of Communion
George Fontenette—Don Toyer

Ushers
Wayne Uter—Tim Sullivan
Alex Cooper—George Fontenette

Sunday Readings

Sunday, December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9 (pg. 23)
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (pg. 24)
Luke 3:1-6 (pg. 25)

Sunday, December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-18a (pg. 28)
Philippians 4:4-7 (pg. 29)
Luke 3:10-18 (pg. 29-30)

DECEMBER CHRISTIAN ACTION

BE THE GIFT!

Be the gift:
Visit someone who is lonely
Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays
Help someone with a task
Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter
Surprise someone with a kind note
Call someone you haven’t spoken to in a long time
Give someone a hug
Tell someone you love/appreciate them
Tell someone you’re sorry
Send someone a Christmas card who is not expecting one from you.

You can track your action on the chart on the new bulletin board in the gathering space. Please share your experiences with Parish Council by emailing Maureen Corral at relax29@rochester.rr.com or place your handwritten reflection in the folder attached to the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s parishioners will make the world a better place one action at a time.
Just a note of thanks to all who supported the Black Catholic Revival on November 15 & 16. Fr. Chester Smith was excellent and it was a wonderful time of reflection and fellowship.

“Time to Wipe the Slate Clean”

The excitement of building toward Christmas, both as a religious celebration and a holiday, sometimes means that Advent gets “lost in the shuffle.” Yet, truly to appreciate Christmas, we cannot leave Advent behind. Indeed, an “Advent attitude” is something we can carry with us every day, long after the calendar has turned from December 25. Advent offers us the opportunity, as John tells us to start over, to straighten out the paths, to level the mountains in our lives to wipe the slate clean. And as we realize Advent is full of beginnings, we can more truly realize how wonderful it is that God so fully redeems us by sending us Jesus Christ at Christmas.

In preparation for Christmas Fr. Bradler will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass today and next Sunday, December 16 for anyone who desires to receive the sacrament.

Ministry Corner

Fellowship

Black Leadership Commission

The mission of this commission is to support and enhance ministry with the largest ethnic/cultural groups within the Roman Catholic diocese of Rochester. Commission members help further the work of the Office of Cultural Diversity by promoting leadership, fostering evangelization, and bringing to light the pastoral and social concerns of the community. They will assist in the implementation of plans for pastoral ministry. Qualifications; People of faith who are dedicated to the church and express and enthusiasm for ministry. Members of the commission require a commitment of time and energy along with a desire to grow and learn throughout the year. For more information contact Joanne Gordon, Candice Lucas or Ramona Moore.

Men’s Group

This is an informal group of the parish’s men who meet from time to time throughout the year to discuss how to assist the church and community (e.g. paint doors, repair kneelers, distribute donated food and clothing, etc.). For more information contact Lee Wingo.

Advent ~ Christmas

**Sunday, December 9**
Regular 10:00 am Mass
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass

**Sunday, December 16**
Regular 10:00 am Mass
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass

**Sunday, December 23**
Regular 10:00 am Mass
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
The placing and blessing of the Christmas ornaments in memory of family members
Decorate the Christmas Trees after Mass

**Monday, December 24**
Christmas Eve Mass ~ 11:00 pm
Doors will open at 10:00 pm
The choir will begin singing Christmas Carols at 10:30 pm

**Tuesday, December 25**
Regular 10:00 am Christmas Mass ~ During the day

**Sunday, December 30**
Regular 10:00 am Mass
Blessing of families and blessing of children’s toys

**Tuesday, January 1**
Regular 10:00 am Mass ~ New Year’s Day
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
World Day of Prayer for Peace

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It’s that time of year again—To get your knitting and crochet needles out for the Hearts & Hands Knitting & Crocheting Ministry. If you would like to donate yarn for this ministry please see Jean Pryor.
If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial
Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893

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Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!