**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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**Church Office Hours**  
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Telesta Rice  
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**Pastoral Council Chair**  
Keith Parris

**Finance Council Chair**  
Patricia Nguti

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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.

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**September 9, 2018**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We are called to be open to God’s Word penetrating our hearts today.

It is never a good idea for someone to close themselves off from others. It is never a good idea to close our ears or to be silent to the plight of the most vulnerable among us.

“*Ephphatha! - that is - Be opened!*”

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**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**
**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

**Beatrice Theriot**  
Requested by the Castle Family

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Vincent Carter, brother of Don Toyer, Dorothy Dobson, Sybil Doucette, Adriana François, Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Tallam Nguti, Thelma Uter, Joseph Ronald Weber

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**Offerings for August 26, 2018**

Offerings: $1,374  
Attendance: 93

**Offerings for September 2, 2018**

Offerings: $2,712  
Attendance: 92

Thank you for your generous support!

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### Ministry Schedule

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

**Altar Servers**

**Readers**
- Reader I—Colleen Brade  
- Reader II—Marcia Fugate

** Ministers of Communion**
- Don Toyer—Marcia Fugate

**Ushers**
- Joe Catalli—Tim Sullivan
- Mike Nwokelo—George Fontenette

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**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**Altar Servers**

**Readers**
- Reader I—Kathryn Castle  
- Reader II—Candice Lucas

** Ministers of Communion**
- Jackie Bryant—Walter DeRouen

**Ushers**
- Maria Degnan—Alex Cooper
- Wayne Uter—Bing Reaves

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### Sunday Readings

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Isaiah 35:4-7a (pg. 33)  
James 2:1-5 (pg. 34)  
Mark 7:31-37 (pg. 35)

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Isaiah 50:4c-9a (pg. 35)  
James 2:14-18 (pg. 36)  
Mark 8:27-35 (pg. 37)

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**SEPTEMBER CHRISTIAN ACTION**

**A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—JOY**

* Be joyful knowing you are a child of God.
* Bring joy to others with your kind words and actions.
* Let God’s love fill your heart with joy!

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.*

**SEPTEMBER**

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Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.

*Proverbs 17:6*
Religious Education Registration
September 16, 23 & 30

Parents/Student/Teacher Meeting on October 7 at 11:45 am in the rectory. There will be a brief class following meeting on the 7th.

Classes begin on October 14.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

What is National Grandparents Day?
Congress passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day and, on August 3, 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation.

What Grandparents Day Means?
Grandparents Day is a national holiday, and this is the story and history behind this holiday. There is a lot of work and history behind Marian McQuade's efforts to found a national Grandparents Day to celebrate grandparents and their relationships with their grandchildren.

What is the purpose of Grandparents Day?
The Purpose of Grandparents Day. The purpose of the holiday, as stated in the preamble to the statute, is "to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of the strength,

HAPPY Grandparents Day

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, September 23
Following Mass
Please Plan To Attend

The following forms are available in the carousel in the church.

- Accident/Incident Report Form
- Check Request Form (reimbursement for items purchased for a particular ministry)
- Facility Usage Form (for usage of rectory or church)
- Registration Form (to register with parish)

Diocese of Rochester
Catholic Men’s Conference
Saturday, October 13, 2018
St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 4100 Lyell Rd., Rochester
8:30 am — 4:00 pm
Registration details at www.exultrochester.org

Early Bird Registration: $40; $55 after August 31; $60 at the door; $15 Students

Thurgood Marshall Performance
Geva Theatre
Sunday, October 21, 2018
2:00 pm

Please see Jean Pryor to sign up.
Cost is $35 per person.
**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!*