

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.

November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Christ dominion is eternal.

Today's solemnity, by which we close the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king and ruler of all. He is the firstborn of the dead in whom all power and authority has been invested. By our baptism we share in that holy and royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.

Thanksgiving
Day
Mass

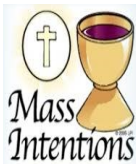


Please join St. Monica's Parishioners at St. Monica Church for a Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and be thankful and grateful!

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Lena Adams—Bequest



Offerings for November 14, 2021

Offerings: \$1,240

Attendance: 102

Online Giving: \$140

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 & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Morris Doucette, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters



Wed. Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Mass—7:00 pm at St. Monica Church

Thurs. Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed

Fri. Nov. 26 Office Closed

Sat. Nov. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Sun. Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent

Bible Readings for Sunday, November 21, 2021

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37



Bible Readings for Sunday, November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

November Birthdays

Tracy Bell, Violet Booker, Lily Gasiorek, Anuarite Hicuburundi, Michelle Horman, Louise Miles Raymond Moore, Deacon Rick Rall, Biliane Seide Rose Stokes, Vincent Stroud, Norma Thom



Sunday, November 21, 2021

Reader I & II—Ruth Miller

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Reader I & II—Walter De Rouen

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

LECTOR SCHEDULE



As of November 19, 2021 \$4,750 has been contributed towards the church's building fund.



Local Black Catholics...Did You Know?

Mary Lou Williams was a catholic performer with the Immaculate Conception chorus in the 60's. There is a great write up about her performing at St. Patrick's in New York, titled taking Jazz to Church.

Deacon John Holmes was the first African American to head the Diaconate Department in Rochester.

Deacon Anthony Mercadel was the first African American Deacon in the Diocese of Rochester.

Forward in Faith



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
2021-2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



CMA PROGRESS

Our parish is making progress in the CMA! Special thanks to the 6 families who have contributed \$1,275 toward our \$7,214 goal. The theme for this year's campaign is *Forward in Faith*. The CMA supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese. Your gift to the CMA enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Every gift is needed and important! Please pray for the success of our efforts. For more information regarding the CMA please see George Fontenette.

Thank you.

Living Faith

Thy Kingdom Come

My kingdom does not belong to this world. John 18:36

Our faith is full of paradoxes. We profess love of the King of the Universe, yet he in turn humbled himself and became one of us, only to die a terrible death. He washed the feet of his apostles at the Last Supper, an act of humility verging on humiliation, and asked them—and us—to do the same.

Clearly, Jesus is not an ordinary human king, ruling with power and fear. He is a king of mercy and gentleness, a shepherd of the lost. His is a Kingdom unlike any our world has seen. And yet, as we pray daily in the Our Father, we fervently ask that “thy kingdom come, thy will be done” here as in heaven. This is the Kingdom we embrace and the Kingdom we are dedicated to building. Even when we know it “does not belong to this world” in the present age, it is the fondest longing of our heart.

Jesus, may we always seek to build up your Kingdom.

Greg Erlandson

November Christian Action

BE
grateful

- Believe there is always, always, always something to be grateful for!
- Thank someone who is sitting near you.
- Thank someone in your family.
- Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
- Write a text, email, note or letter letting someone know how grateful you are for them.
- Take one of the baggies containing **3 blue ribbons** from the basket and give one ribbon to someone telling them why you are grateful for them. Then give that person the bag with the remaining two ribbons and ask them to pass the gratitude forward by giving a ribbon to someone else. That person should do the same with the remaining ribbon.
- Pray: All that I am and all that I have is because of you Lord! Thank You!

In Celebration of Black Catholic History Month



We invite you to view the life story of St. Josephine Bakhita today and next Sunday, November 28th immediately following Mass in the church. The movie is 2 ½ hours in length, so it will be shown in two parts. Snacks will be served. Please join us!

Interreligious Thanksgiving Service



This year the Rochester area will celebrate the 150th gathering for community Thanksgiving. This is the longest continuous service in the United States. This year it will be held at Temple B'rith Kodesh on Elmwood Ave. The focus will be on Thanksgiving in the Native American Spirituality. The service is on Thanksgiving Day starting at 11:00 a.m. It lasts one hour. Questions? Ask Deacon Brian McNulty or contact him at brian.mculty@dor.org.

<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</p> <p align="center">2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p align="center">Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances and many more.</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>Tom Zubert, Realtor RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE & ADA FULLWOOD <i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church <i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY <i>Love Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH ANN GORDON <i>Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>