

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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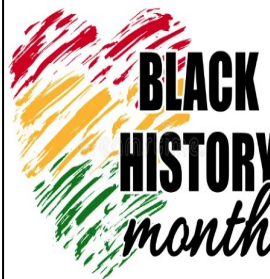
Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God lifts us up to greater things.

Our readings today emphasize that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth, where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. He lifts us up, no matter what hardship we are facing.



"Wishing you a month filled with pride, reflection, and a deep appreciation for the contributions of African Americans throughout history."

Happy Black History Month!"

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.

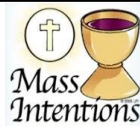
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025

James A. Dobson

Requested by Jean Pryor



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, Jacquelyn Dobson, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Rose McKnight, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

Offerings for February 9, 2025

Offerings: \$1,410

Attendance: 514

Online Giving: \$130

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

February

Mon. Feb. 17 President's Day—Office Closed

Fri. Feb. 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette



Sunday, February 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver—Teyana Pappin

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Erin McBride

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

February Christian Action

Be Christ's Love:



- Pay a sincere compliment.
- Surprise someone with a love note.
- Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.
- Leave a generous tip.
- Send a valentine to someone who may not receive one.
- Pray for someone.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's
Parish—Goal \$12,000

As of this date, 27 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 90.25% of our goal (\$10,830). Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. Please pray for the success of reaching our goal. Thank you.



The following dates are available for Mass Intentions, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, 30 and Dec. 14, 28. Please call or stop by the office if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions for any of those dates. The cost is \$10.

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.

"We must always be a strong presence, an unrelenting force working for equality and justice until the freedom gates are fully open." — Dorothy Height



Akoma and Voices of Thunder

*An evening of performances by
Akoma and Voices of Thunder.*

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Mt Vernon Baptist Church, 351 Joseph Avenue

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Arlene Wilson from the Alzheimer's Association will join us today after Mass, to give a presentation to the congregation. During this later session, the medical professionals of our community will be introduced, so that the parishioners can identify who they are.

Watch Out for Scam Texts

There have been some scam texts and emails going around again claiming to be from Fr. Ray.

PLEASE REMEMBER that Fr. Ray will NEVER contact you by personal email to ask for money. HE WILL NOT:

1. Send you a text "asking for assistance"
2. Send you a text or an email asking for money
3. Sign texts of emails with "Rev" or "Reverend"
4. Send email from any other address than his DOR email (@dor.org).

If you get a suspicious text or email, DO NOT RESPOND and DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS. Block the sender and report it to the office. If you are unsure, you can always call the office at (585)235-3340.



The parish office will be closed on **Monday, February 17th**. Normal business hours will resume on **Tuesday, February 18th**.

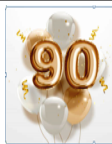


8 Ways to Honor Black History Month

1. Educate Yourself on the Black History in Your Community.
2. Visit a Black or African-American History Museum.
3. Learn about Black Music History.
4. Read Books Written by Black Authors.
5. Watch Films or Videos by Black Creators.
6. Support Black-owned Businesses.
7. Support Influential Black-led Nonprofits
8. Organize a Diversity & Inclusion Event



Fr. Bradler celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.



A group from Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's celebrated with Fr. Bradler, who was gifted with a birthday cake and card signed by parishioners.



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Black History Month is an opportunity to appreciate the light of Christ's presence in St. Monica's neighborhood. Four blocks from St. Monica Church is Rochester's longest-established African-American family-operated business.

Millard E. Latimer & Son Funeral Directors Inc. at 983 South Plymouth Ave. is celebrating 103 years of continuous service predominantly to Black families.

Latimer's feels privileged to have served thousands of Rochester families through one of life's most difficult experiences. All families receive the same sensitive and professional attention.



Mrs. Monique L. "Maggie" Latimer has managed the business since husband Millard E. Latimer, Jr. passed in 2011. She is often seen at St. Monica and Immaculate Conception funerals.

Latimer's is proud to display its history at www.melatimerfuneralhome.com/6/About_Us

<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 style="text-align: center;">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p style="text-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.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><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p>Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore</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 RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</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, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful tribute for Deceased Members of the Gordon, Moore & Stroud Families Lynn Fulmore</p>	<p>Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</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>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>