

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.

December 19, 2021



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.

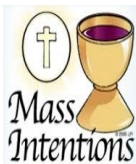
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

We worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

New Members Welcome!

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Audrey Enfonde—Bill Gordon



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Julie Coe, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, December 19, 2021

Micah 5:1-4a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45



Bible Readings for Sunday, December 26, 2021

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 24, 2021

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, December 25, 2021

Reader I & II—TBD

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, January 1, 2022

Reader I & II—Ruth Miller

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**LECTOR
SCHEDULE**



December Birthdays

Modupe Agunbiade, Thomas Bostick

Robert Burgess, Musette Castle, Natalie Cropper

Iala Cropper, Thomas Degan, Walter DeRouen

George Fontenette, Caroline Seide, Roxana Weber



Offerings for December 12, 2021

Offerings: \$2,669

Attendance: 70

Online Giving: \$140

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.



Fri. Dec. 24 *Christmas Eve—Office Closed*

Sat. Dec. 25 *Christmas Day—10:00 am Mass
St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*

Fri. Dec. 31 *New Year's Eve—Office Closed*

December Christian Action



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.



Ella Marie Hathaway

Hudson Romeo Musumeci

We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community!



The focus of Christmas is not merely the birth of Christ and His coming into the world. The focus is full when we include the purpose for which Christ came—namely Redemption of us—and our new and renewed relationship to God. To overlook or forget this in all the excitement of gifts and people, would be a loss for us and for our children.

The happiness and joy of Christmas is almost irrepressible and overwhelming, and all of us should share in that joy. Like the Wise Men and the shepherds, we approach the manger with a mixture of awe and reverence, rejoicing that Christ has come into the world and humbly paying homage to this Newborn King.

And Christ welcomes us all without reservation and with open arms.

What would the world be like if all people at all times could and would respond to that love. But our sometimes weaknesses and selfishness stand in our way. We pray that all of us may be so touched by the grace of God that we strive more zealously to let Christ rule our lives.

It is our prayer that this Christmas Season will bring you and your family understanding, contentment and peace. A Merry Christmas to all the wonderful people who make up the beautiful family of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's.

*Father Raymond Fleming
Father Robert Bradler
Deacon Richard Rall
Lay Staff*

Christmas Celebration

The great feast of Christmas is Saturday, December 25th. The schedule of Masses is Friday, December 24th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 25th at 10:00 am. We ask you to please bring bells for the members of your family to help us ring in the joy of Christmas.



Advent - Christmas



Sunday, December 19

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The placing and blessing of the Christmas ornaments in memory of family members
Decorate the Christmas Trees after Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass ~ 7:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 25

Regular 10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass ~ During the day

Sunday, December 26

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass

Beginning of Kwanzaa

Saturday, January 1

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass ~ New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace

HAPPY
New Year

Forward in Faith



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
2021-2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

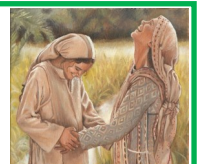


CMA UPDATE

Special thanks to the 19 families who have contributed \$5,200 to this year's appeal. We have achieved 72% of our CMA goal so far! We only have \$2,014 more to raise. Please consider making a gift today. See George Fontenette or Colleen Brade for details.

Christian communities are called to share in joy.

The interaction between Mary and Elizabeth can teach us about Christian community. The women share in the joy of being a part of God's plan. Likewise, Christians can draw together to celebrate with one another, as well as to support one another.



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