

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 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Let us persevere and trust in God.

We can imagine that Simeon and Anna might have been tempted to give up hope that the Lord would fulfill his promise. But they persevered and continued to trust in God—continued to listen to the promptings of the Spirit—until the day finally came when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus and they recognized him as the Christ. Let us follow their example and trust in God on our own faith journey.



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 2, 2025

Linda Nash

Requested by Lynn Fulmore & Shlonda Nash



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Nellie Bostick, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchann, 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 January 26, 2025

Offerings: \$1,242

Attendance: 76

Online Giving: \$305

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

February

Sun. Feb. 2 **Blood Pressure Screening—following Mass in the Sacristy**
Wed. Feb. 5 **Finance Council Meeting—3:00 pm at St. Monica**
Mon. Feb. 17 **President's Day—Office Closed**
Fri. Feb. 28 **St. Joseph's House of Hospitality**

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Nadege Bukuru

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, 25 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 83.58% of our goal (\$10,030). 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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for 2025. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.



Blessing of Throats

We will bless the throats of the faithful through the intercession of St. Blasé after Mass today.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Keep in Prayer

Alice Walters passed away on January 18, 2025. Alice was a long-time parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep the Walters family in your thoughts and prayers and pray for the repose of Alice Walters soul.

Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester Presents:

A Fill Your Souls Day Retreat

Stations of the Cross

An African American Saint worthy Journey



In relation to our lives today, journey with us through the Stations of the Cross with reflective homage to the six African American Candidates for Sainthood...

Hosted by the Notre Dame Retreat House

February 11, 2025 9:00am-2:00pm

Retreat ~ Lunch ~ Mass

\$35.00 Per Adult

The Origins of Black History Month

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February, 1926, that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of Black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all colors on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)

"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."
—Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut



<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>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p>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>