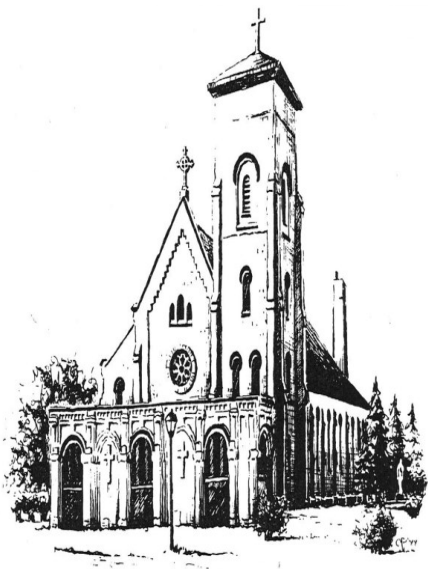


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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.

January 22, 2023

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- Mt 4:19

Our salvation is at hand.

In today's Liturgy of the Word, we read about God's power to fulfill promises. Acknowledging the darkness of life prior to the Messiah, the prophets assure us that there has always been the promise of our salvation. The Gospel proclaims this direct fulfillment of the words in Isaiah, and we know that it is only the beginning of what Jesus sets out to do. Our salvation is at hand.

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.

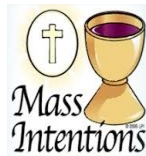
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Linton Fontenette

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Offerings for January 15, 2023

Offerings: \$2,183

Attendance: 57

Online Giving: \$205

Online Givers: 5

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, William Castle, Bishop Fernand Cheri, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Tim Sullivan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

January

Wed. Jan. 25 Finance Council Mtg.—5:30 pm

Sat. Jan. 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Isaiah 8:23—9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Bible Readings for Sunday, January 29, 2023

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

January Christian Action

make
A DIFFERENCE

Join a ministry.

Change a bad habit.

Help a stranger.

Do more than is expected.

Say God bless you!

Hold the door open for someone!

Let someone go ahead of you!

Say please and thank you!

Listen instead of speak!

Pray for someone!



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

In 2023, we have many openings for Mass intentions. You can celebrate loved ones and friends with a Mass for an anniversary, birthday, etc. or remember those who have passed away. Call the office to schedule a Mass.

Living Faith Unity in Christ

I urge you brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ...there be no divisions among you....
1 Corinthians 1:10

In the early days of the Church the apostles brought together vastly different communities. It took time to discern how believers were called to live their faith—like whether newly converted gentiles should observe Jewish practices. Sts. Peter and Paul themselves debated the issue vigorously. They also prayed together, listened to one another and allowed the Holy Spirit to guide them to a resolution.

We don't always agree about how to follow Jesus either. Facing complex issues together calls for patience and deep humility, yet, sadly sometimes we aren't even civil to each other. This defies our unity in Christ. Our task as disciples is not to judge or belittle. It is to study Scripture, learn the teachings of the Church and listen for the voice of God in our hearts—and above all, to love one another as Jesus taught.

Lord Jesus Christ, draw us together in you!

Karla Manternach

Couple's Retreat Weekend

February 17-19, 2023



Retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday Morning. The retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to take a break from every day life and focus on your walk with Christ and each other.

For more information and to register call 585-394-5700 or email ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

Or visit www.notredameretreat.org

2022 Contribution Statements

2022 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2023. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

I Am With You Always
Matthew 28:20

Parish Goal ~\$9,000

To date, we have reached 113.60% of our goal (\$10,224). 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.

Sunday of the Word of God

Today is "Sunday of the Word of God," established by Pope Francis to "enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (*Aperuit illis*, no. 2). Celebrate this day by viewing the Sunday Seminar Series, an enriching opportunity for you to learn more about Sacred Scripture from some of the best Catholic Bible scholars in the United States. You can access the videos, along with discussion guides and suggestions for further reading at: catholic.bible.

Seminar/Fellowship Event

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, we are having a parish seminar/fellowship event from 11:00am to 2:00pm. How much do you know about how a parish is "run"? The seminar will be the first 90 minutes. Refreshments will be served during the last 90 minutes.

Please contact George Fontenette via cell phone, 585-507-7761, or email, gfont1202@gmail.com, to register. The deadline is Monday, January 30th.

January 18-25, 2023 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2023 is, "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17) Throughout 2023, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information, go to: www.geii.org.



DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.
(Isaiah 1:17)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023

<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 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p align="center">Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon 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>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 align="center">EPIC TRAININGS LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR</p> <p align="center">CPR First Aid Classes for Lay/Professional Responders, Safety Classes for Children, Coaches, Scouts and Seniors Certified Just Yell Fire Training Center Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com Facebook: EPIC Trainings</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES & JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership Where Leaders are Made For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1st & 3rd Mondays except holidays E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</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>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 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 SARAH ANN GORDON <i>Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>