

# 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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**Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.**

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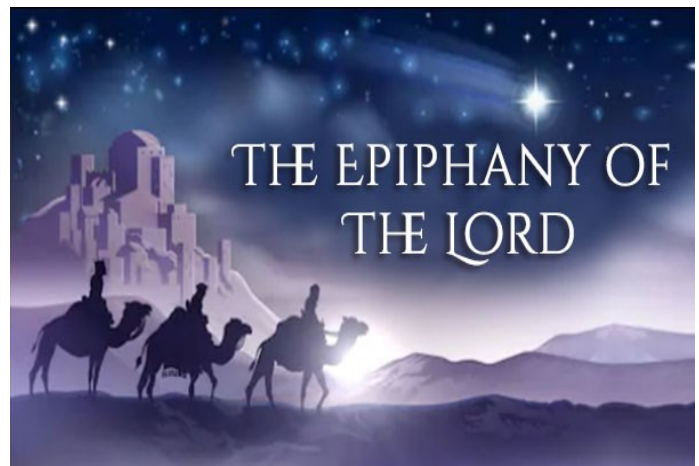
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William Castle, **Finance Council Chair**

Vincent Stroud, **Pastoral Council Chair**

**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 8, 2023*



*The Lord shines his light on each of us for the good of all.*

*Today's feast illuminates God's particular revelations for the good of all. God chose one nation, the people of Israel, to be a light for all peoples. God revealed Jesus as king to the Magi in a feast we celebrate today. As God continues to touch and bless each of us, let us consider how his light may shine through us to others.*

**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.

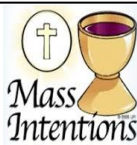
**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**Edith Fontenette**

**Requested by the Fontenette Family**



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

**Offerings for December 24, 2022**

**Offerings: \$3,600**

**Attendance: 57**

**Online Giving: \$620**

**Online Givers: 3**

**Offerings for January 1, 2023**

**Offerings: \$1,128**

**Attendance: 41**

**Online Giving: \$665**

**Online Givers: 8**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

**Bible Readings for Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

**Matthew 2:1-12**



**Bible Readings for Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**John 1:29-34**

# January

- Sun. Jan. 8 Blood Pressure Screening—following Mass in the Sacristy
- Mon. Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Office Closed
- Wed. Jan. 25 Finance Council Mtg.—5:30 pm
- Sat. Jan. 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

## **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**

For 2023, we have many openings for Mass intentions. You can celebrate loved ones and friends with a Mass for an anniversary, birthday, etc. and remember those who have passed away. Please call or stop by the office to schedule a Mass. The offering is \$10.

## Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means “manifestation.” It is the feast in which we celebrate not only Christ’s manifestation to the Gentiles but rather the revelation of God to the world in Jesus Christ. The Magi were the very first person to journey toward the Lord. They are seen as the forerunners of a call and response in faith. To the Magi, the star was the sign of the great King. It burned like a flame pointing the way to God. As soon as they saw the star, they departed immediately from their homeland, bringing with them gifts to present to the great King. The light of the star led them to the Light of Lights.

How can we be the Magi of today? The feast of the Epiphany draws us into a journey toward the Lord. Daily we acknowledge Christ as the light of our life. The Magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh: we offer only our humble selves. Are we really Magi today? Yes, we have received the Light and “it cannot be hidden under a bushel basket but must be placed on a lampstand for all to see.” What a wonderful responsibility every Christian bears! We must let the divine light of Christ shine through us. How very blessed we are to be the bearers of Christ today!

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



## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped support the families of the Eastern Service Workers Association for Christmas. Your continued generosity is always appreciated and a blessing to those you helped provide for during the holiday season.

## Living Faith Epiphany

*...they departed for their country by another way.*

*Matthew 2:12*

Each Epiphany, I spend time with T.S. Eliot’s poem “The Journey of the Magi.” (*See poetryarchive.org/poem/journey-magi/.*) It powerfully captures the existential elements of this feast for me: difficulty, challenge, revelation, change. The poem relates, obliquely, the experience of magi traveling to see this Child. Their journey is difficult, and the change that seeing the Child brings is subtle and anything but superficially joyful. They return home, Eliot writes where things are the way they always have been, where those around them are completely unaware of the light that the magi have seen. We may feel a bit of this after the Christmas season winds down. We store the decorations, set our sights on Ordinary Time—what next? What the poem hints at is that any uneasiness might actually be a good thing. If the astounding reality of the Lord of the Universe entering his own Creation as a child doesn’t shake things up, have I really been paying attention?

*Jesus, Lord and Savior, may my eyes and heart be opened.*

Amy Welborn

## I Am With You Always

Matthew 28:20

### Parish Goal ~\$9,000

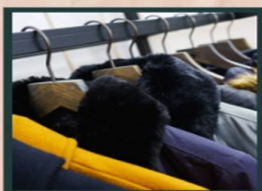
To date, we have reached 99.16% of our goal (\$8,924). Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. Please pray for the success of reaching our goal. Thank you.

## WE NEED COATS

(AND WINTER ACCESSORIES)

WE ARE IN NEED OF WARM,  
CLEAN COATS, HATS,  
SCARVES, AND GLOVES  
FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND  
CHILDREN.

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL COAT GIVEAWAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2:00-4:00 PM



Donations can be brought to the office at 34 Monica Street Monday-Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm -ring the bell at the front office door-

or to Mass to the box in the narthex until January 11.

To arrange another drop-off time, contact [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org).

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!

St Monica  
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## 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!

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b> 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, Greece Chiropractic, Heart &amp; Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p><b>Mileage Master Center of Rochester</b> 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR</p> <p>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 <b>JAMES &amp; JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership <b>Where Leaders are Made</b> For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays except holidays <a href="mailto:E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com">E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p><b>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>