

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 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your light must shine before others.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the secret to knowing the love of God is revealed: Share and love as God loves. God wants everyone to know the peace and joy we experience because he loves us and lights our way. He didn't give us his love to keep; we must share it with others. The mystery is, the more we share his love and light, the more we know how loved we are.



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.

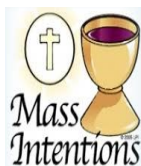
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Rev. Dr. John S. Walker

Requested by Jean Pryor



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Bishop Fernand Cheri, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Tim Sullivan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16



Bible Readings for Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Offerings for January 29, 2023

Offerings: \$1,155

Attendance: 57

Online Giving: \$410

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

February

- Sun. Feb. 5 Blood Pressure Screening—following Mass in the Sacristy
- Sat. Feb. 11 Seminar/Fellowship Event 11am—2pm
- Tues. Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Mon. Feb. 20 Presidents' Day—Office Closed
- Wed. Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
- Sat. Feb. 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

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.

I Am With You Always Matthew 28:20

Parish Goal ~ \$9,000

To date, we have reached 128.04% of our goal (\$11,524). 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 Origins of Black History Month

Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that the truth about the contributions of African Americans to civilization could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise this awareness 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)

What Is Interesting About Black History Month

Black History Month was **created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States**. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

Keep in Prayer

Please keep Annarose Sullivan and her family in your prayers. Annarose's husband Tim Sullivan passed away last week. Tim Sullivan was a long time parishioner of Immaculate Conception and will be missed for the great music he blessed the church with. Please pray for the repose of his soul.



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

Seminar/Fellowship Event

This 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.

Living Faith On Being Salt

You are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13

Jesus names us as salt for the entire world. To what does this naming call us?

Salt facilitates and hastens the closing of wounds. So we ask: What hurts are we challenged to notice and address? How might we be a healing presence to the world around us?

Salt draws out and enhances flavor. How might we invite the hidden gifts of others to come forward, be affirmed and enrich the lives of all?

Salt is a preservative. What shall we discern is worth holding on to and cherishing?

Salt is a symbol of wisdom. What might we learn from the salty ones, the wisdom figures, those who have salted their own and others' lives by contemplative living, by deep listening to the Word of God and by integrating that Word into their everyday lives?

Loving God, salt my life today.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." —Barack Obama

<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>