

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 5, 2021



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

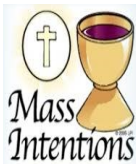
New members are welcome at
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.

Make straight a path unto the Lord!

Today we hear that John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. While repentance is a sobering act of admission of guilt, being forgiven of sin is a hope-filled relief that lifts the soul. Let us seek to prepare a straight path unto the Lord by pondering the lofty mountains we may have in our lives that need to be made low; and the age-old depths and gorges in our own character or soul that must be filled to level ground.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Lena Adams—Bequest



Offerings for November 28, 2021

Offerings: \$2,692 Attendance: 60

Online Giving: \$260 Online Givers: 4

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, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Morris Doucette, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters



Wed. Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fri. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed

Sat. Dec. 25 Christmas Day

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

Bible Readings for Sunday, December 5, 2021

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6



Bible Readings for Sunday, December 12, 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

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.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

LECTOR SCHEDULE



December Birthdays

Modupe Agunbiade, Thomas Bostick

Robert Burgess, Musette Castle, Natalie Cropper

Iala Cropper, Thomas Degnan, George Fontenette

Caroline Seide, Roxana Weber

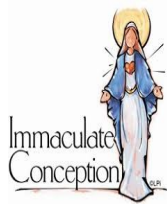


MASS INTENTIONS

The 2022 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10

Patronal Feast

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. To mark this occasion we will begin at 6:00 pm with the recitation of the rosary followed by the celebration of Mass.



“Time to Wipe the Slate Clean”

The excitement of building toward Christmas, both as a religious celebration and a holiday, sometimes means that Advent gets “lost in the shuffle”. Yet, truly to appreciate Christmas, we cannot leave Advent behind. Indeed, an “Advent attitude” is something we can carry with us every day, long after the calendar has turned from December 25. Advent offers us the opportunity, as John tells us to start over, to straighten out the paths, to level the mountains in our lives to wipe the slate clean. And as we realize Advent is full of beginnings, we can more truly realize how wonderful it is that God so fully redeems us by sending us Jesus Christ at Christmas.

In preparation for Christmas Father Bradler will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass next Sunday, December 12th and the following Sunday, December 19th.

CMA PROGRESS

We have reached 60% of our CMA Goal!

Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent remind us of the bounty of God’s love for each of us. Out of gratitude to God for all He has given us, we give back to Him, as good stewards. One example of stewardship is our parish’s participation in the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). We are grateful to the 14 families who have contributed \$4,305 so far to Immaculate Conception’s/St. Bridget’s \$7,214 CMA goal. The CMA supports our faith life, our parish, and the larger Church as it meets real needs throughout the Diocese. Did you know that you can make a pledge now, and pay it at a later date? This will help our parish to achieve its goal, and also give you the opportunity to spread the payment of your gift over the next few months. And if you are 70 ½ or older, you may wish to consider a gift from your retirement fund. The CMA campaign ends on May 31, 2022. With less than \$3,000 to go to achieve our goal, will you consider a gift or pledge to the CMA today? Please see George Fontenette or reach out to Colleen Brade at Colleen.Brade@dor.org with any questions.



Advent - Christmas



Sunday, December 5

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Wednesday, December 8

Patronal Feast Day
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
The Recitation of the Rosary, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass

Sunday, December 19

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass
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 Kwanza

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

Are you in need of a Christmas Basket?

Call SWEM at (585) 235-4494.



For zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624.

<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>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>