

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.

July 31, 2022

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

We are to seek the things that are eternal.

Today's Scriptures draw our attention away from the passing things of this world and toward the things of heaven. We gather on this, the Lord's Day, to turn our hearts and minds toward Christ as we celebrate his loving presence in our midst and the hope of life eternal.

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.

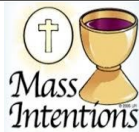
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Tallam Nguti

Requested by the Nguti Family



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, Maria Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, July 31, 2022

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21



Bible Readings for Sunday, August 7, 2022

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Offerings for July 24, 2022

Offerings: \$2,072

Attendance: 52

Online Giving: \$170

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.

July Christian Action



- Pray for our leaders and for peace in our country.
- Thank a veteran/military person for their service and our freedom.
- Care of our earth: pick up litter, recycle, conserve water, and turn lights off when not in use.



Aloys Bukuru

Andre Cropper

Maureen Corral

Jake Gasiorek

Paris Horman

Jeff Mierzejewski

Catherine Pappin

Jean Pryor

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Bring God to everyone you meet each day. Humility always radiates the glory and greatness of God. How wonderful are the ways of God who chose humility, smallness, helplessness, and poverty to prove His love to the world. Do not be afraid to be humble, small, and helpless in order to prove your love for God and others.

Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS is all about caring for God's creations, so we are recycling, reducing, and reusing as much as we can! You can help us by donating the following items from home. **PLEASE CHECK WITH JESSICA BEFORE DROPPING OFF ITEMS.** We want to accept only what we can use. Thank you!!!

Magnifying glasses
Bandanas or cloth napkins
Watering cans for us to borrow for the week
Gently-used t-shirts in good condition (no stains/rips)
Used greeting cards
Newspaper
Used playing cards
Extra craft supplies
Paper towel/toilet paper tubes
Textile scraps
Pipe cleaners
Old game pieces
Jars of bottles
Egg cartons
Milk jugs
Tape

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Other Items Needed:

Prizes
Snacks
Fresh fruit: watermelon, blueberries, grapes, bananas, clementines
Bubble wands
Sponges for water activities

EARTH PROTECTORS



ST. MONICA VBS 2022

AUGUST 15-19

Register now at stmonicaofrochester.org

“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

Luke 12:21

Living Faith

‘Guard Against All Greed’

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.

Luke 12:15

It took just one breath of mine to connect with the person in the crowd who insisted that Jesus make his brother share his inheritance. Relatives of mine used to be closely knit siblings until they bickered over who got what in their parents' will. Sadly, some have not spoken to one another for years. But greed refers to more than inheritances. All sorts of things capture our minds and hearts so fully that we get lost in grasping them; sometimes we may get disconnected from others.

We can be greedy for information or caught in a gluttonous desire for other people's affirmation. We can even be overly zealous for spiritual growth, wanting to gobble up any resource that suggests we could be “more holy.”

A gauge for greediness can be had by asking, “What devours my attention?” and then noticing the effect it has on ourselves or others.

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

**Welcome to
Our Church**

Welcome to the members of St. Rita's Racial Justice Ministry who will be celebrating Mass with us today and afterwards we will fellowship with light refreshments on the side lawn.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our “stuff” and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of the heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.

<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">Visit our two new stores Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Consignkids Clothing and more. City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.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 Offering CPR, First Aid and Safety Classes for Adults, Children, Groups and Non-Profits Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com</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 align="center">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>