

# *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 12, 2025*

*Baptism*  
OF THE  
*Lord*

*God seeks out the sinner and loves us unconditionally.*

*Today's feast is another "epiphany" - a revelation of who Jesus is. By submitting himself to John's baptism (a baptism of repentance), Jesus, who is sinless, draws near to sinners and joins himself with them. The voice of the Father saying, You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased consoles us, because we who are joined to Christ in baptism are made beloved children of the Father. These truths reveal God's goodness and his unconditional love for us.*

*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.*

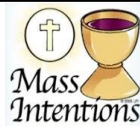
*Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.*

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

*Sunday, January 12, 2025*

*Dixon Family*

*Requested by Jackie Bryant*



*Offerings for January 5, 2025*

*Offerings: \$3,282*

*Attendance: 66*

*Online Giving: \$380*

*Online Givers: 4*

*Christmas: \$70*

*Thank you for your generous support.*



*Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Nellie Bostick, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Buchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler*

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*Mon. Jan. 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Office Closed*

*Fri. Jan. 31 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**



**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

Reader I & II—Erin McBride

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru & Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

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**

Just a reminder: Mass Intentions are available for 2025. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.



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Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

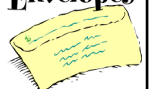
**Financial Fraud Hotline**  
**1-800-388-7177 x1266**

Reports may also be made in writing to:  
Internal Audit Department • Diocese of Rochester  
1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624

**REMINDER**

**Offering Envelopes**

If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's donation envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to us.



## Living Faith

### Temples of the Holy Spirit

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... Luke 3:16*

I think we often vastly underestimate who we are called to be. In Jesus' Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon him. Similarly, by the grace of our own Baptisms, the Spirit descends upon us, thus we become temples of the Holy Spirit. Do we actually treat ourselves, and others, as such?

I do not think it would be an exaggeration to bow before another person, acknowledging the Holy Spirit dwelling therein. And there ought to be no place in us for self-hatred or self-destructive behavior. We ought to honor the Spirit within and its temple.

This divine calling is Jesus' gift to us. Treasure this gift. Honor the indwelling Spirit. Let us never stain so great a Presence.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

## The Baptism of the Lord

We end our Christmas season by celebrating the Baptism of the Lord and remembering our own rebirth in Baptism. Baptism is more than a monetary event in our lives. It is a way of life. We live or should live as Baptized people ... people who have been welcomed into a community of faith ... a community not made of perfect individuals but of people who together are trying to make the Kingdom of God a more visible reality in our society.

The Gospel accounts stress the presence of the Holy Spirit at the Baptism of our Lord. This same Holy Spirit was present at our Baptism and continues to be with us throughout our life gifting us with what we need to face our life tasks in a truly Christian way.

We are the beloved children of God. God's favor rests upon us. As we move from the Christmas season back into "ordinary time" it is the grace of our own Baptism that will enable us to see God in the everyday events of our day and to celebrate His presence. Let us pray that we remain open and responsive to God in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our day.

## 2024 Contributions

2024 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2025. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who provided Christmas gifts for the families of the Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA). Your continued generosity is always appreciated by ESWA and the families they support. Blessings to all in the new year!

## 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 MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2:00-4:00 PM



BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND JANUARY 15, donations can be brought to the office:

34 Monica Street  
Monday-Friday  
10:00am-2:30pm

-ring the bell at the front office door-

or to Mass  
to the box in the narthex.

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

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!



Reminder that you must be CASE trained to do your ministry. This is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester.

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating A Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to [dor.org](http://dor.org) online training or email [tracy.jordan@dor.org](mailto:tracy.jordan@dor.org).

## Colossians 3:17:

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

<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 align="center">Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions 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><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</b></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b></p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b></p> <p align="center"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN/CORRAL/DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b></p> <p align="center"><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful tribute for Deceased Members of the Gordon/Moore and Stoud Families</p>	<p align="center"><b>Linda Nash</b> Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun and Hopes Eternal, She Rose. Your Daughters, Lynn &amp; Shlonda</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b></p> <p align="center"><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b></p> <p align="center"><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved.</p> <p align="center"><b>MOMMY</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina &amp; Jean</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b></p> <p align="center"><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b></p> <p align="center"><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b></p> <p align="center"><i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</b></p> <p align="center">585-247-4941</p>