

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 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Jesus is the Savior born for all.

Today, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully by all - as we see by King Herod's reaction, and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grave of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others - that they, too, may come to share in it. May they, too, have an epiphany.

We worship every Sunday at 10 am

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call church 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 church office to make arrangements.

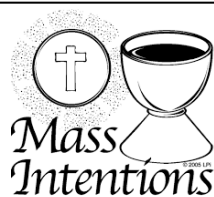
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Please call the church office to register—325-3893.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

For those who mourn the loss of loved ones



Offerings for December 29, 2019

Offerings: \$1,195

Attendance: 72

Thank you for your generous support.



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Sybil Doucette, Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Nikki Turner (Barbara Turner's daughter) Roxana Weber

JANUARY

Sun. Jan. 5 Blood Pressure Screening

Mon. Jan. 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sat. Jan. 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Wed. Jan. 29 Finance Council Meeting—5:30 pm

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Lectors

Reader I—Don Toyer

Reader II—Ruth Miller

Eucharistic Ministers

George Fontenette—Jackie Bryant

Ushers

Lee Wingo—Joe Catalli

Aloys Bukuru—Mike Nwokelo

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Lectors

Reader I—Carolyn Walker

Reader II—Kathryn Castle

Eucharistic Ministers

Don Toyer—Clara Bray

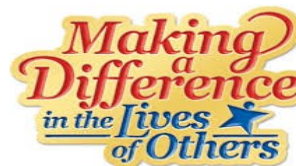
Ushers

Bing Reaves—Athanas Hicuburundi

George Fontenette—Tim Sullivan

JANUARY CHRISTIAN ACTION

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Join a ministry.

Change a bad habit.

Help a stranger.

Do more than is expected.

Pray for someone.

You can track your action on the chart on the new bulletin board in the gathering space. Please share your experiences with Parish Council by emailing Maureen Corral at relax29@rochester.rr.com or place your handwritten reflection in the folder attached to the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's parishioners will make the world a better place one action at a time.

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 5, 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 49)

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 (pg. 50)

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 51)



Bible Readings for Sunday, January 12, 2020

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (pg. 52)

Acts 10:34-38 (pg. 53)

Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 54)

2019 Contributions

The 2019 contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2020. Please call the church office if you have any questions regarding your statement. Thank you for all you do!



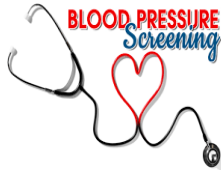
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal ~ \$9,910

Pledged as of December 31, 2019

\$8,240 (83.15%)

Blood Pressure Screening today in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before you go to coffee hour.



Flu Season

Flu season is upon us and it is important to take the precautions necessary to avoid the flu as best we can. Please read the following information as we monitor the flu season both at Mass and in our daily activities.

Holy Communion ~ The Church teaches that “Christ is truly, really and substantially contained” in Holy Communion.” We know that Jesus is fully and really present in the Host we receive in Communion. Jesus is equally fully and really present in the Precious Blood. While receiving both the Host and the Precious Blood is a rich and beautiful practice, it is not necessary in order to receive both His Body and Blood. Jesus is present, both his Body and Blood, in the Host alone, as well as in the Precious Blood alone. **SO** – during flu season please be wise. Our Ministers of Communion will wash their hands before distributing Communion and they will carefully wipe and turn the cup after each person takes his or her turn. **BUT** – if you are not feeling well, please refrain from the cup to prevent spreading illness in our parish.

The Sign of Peace ~ In a similar way, please remember to use your best judgement when offering the Sign of Peace to one another. A simple nod, bow of the head or wave, and the words “Peace be with you” and “And with your Spirit” are effective ways of communicating Christ’s peace to one another, especially during this flu season.

We will continue to monitor our practices this winter and do our best to keep everyone as healthy as possible. We will also pray for all of those who are sick and for those who care for them.

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!

“Forgetting”

Matthew 2:1—12 has popularly been called the Epiphany, which means “showing.” It explains God manifesting or showing divine love to humanity through Jesus Christ. This story of the three magi visiting Jesus has become so familiar to us that many times it ceases to challenge or inspire.

The magi were humbly led to give homage and honor to Jesus. Today our modern minds often lead us in the opposite direction. We sometimes seek peace, joy and fulfillment through our modern technology, ingenuity and knowledge. In failing to recognize our dependence on God, we have lost the virtue of humanity. In losing humility, we miss experiencing the supreme revelation of God’s love.

New Ministry Schedules

New ministry schedules are available in the carousel for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers.

Happy New Year!

***If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial
Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893***

<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Hair Finale Morgan School of Driving and many more.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Now Open ~ Orville's Appliances</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">CORN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION</p> <p>133 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mileage Master Center of Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOM ZUBERT, REALTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of CREÔLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of HENRY FAISON JR.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Love your Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For The Protection of Life From Conception until Natural Death</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tom McAfee</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Prayerful Remembrance of the De- ceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JAMES WALTERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JEFFREY WALTERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of DOUGLAS SIMMONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of ADA FULLWOOD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Augustine Family</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In Appreciation of Our Friends at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tom & Karen Dowd</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SPACE FOR RENT</p>

***Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!***