

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.

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus teaches us to keep our focus on obeying God's commandments.

Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we can get caught up in our traditions, questioning and arguing with those who do things differently or want to change our ways. Jesus offers a reminder to not lose sight of what is truly important: obeying God's commandments and keeping our hearts and actions pure.

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.

New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340.

Sunday, September 1, 2024

**Special Intentions for
All Teachers & Students**

Requested by Lynn Fulmore



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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, September 29, 2024

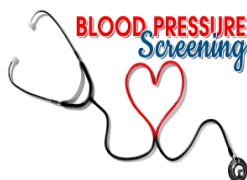
Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2025 Mass Intention book has arrived. You will now be able to schedule Mass intentions for 2025. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

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



Offerings for August 25, 2024

Offerings: \$1,414

Attendance: 63

Online Giving: \$205

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER

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| Mon. Sept. 2 | Labor Day—Office Closed |
| Sat. Sept. 7 | Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am |
| Sun. Sept. 8 | Grandparents Day |
| Sat. Sept. 14 | Gala at Harro East—6:00 pm |
| Sun. Sept. 15 | Second Collection-Catholic Campaign for Human Development |
| Sat. Sept. 21 | Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester Fellowship & Board Meeting
2:00-4:30 pm—Church Gathering Space |
| Fri. Sept. 27 | St. Joseph's House of Hospitality |

September Christian Action

Be Welcoming!

- Greet others with a smile!
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!



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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

Thank You

Thank you to all of my Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church family, especially to the choir, ushers and to all those who helped with the Memorial Service for my father. Thank you for all your cards, texts, gifts and for your presence, it was truly appreciated.

*Blessings to All,
Yvette Reaves*

Census

We are pleased to announce that the Parish is currently conducting a census campaign. This initiative aims to bolster pastoral care, stewardship and communication within our community. You will be receiving an email from Fr. Ray Fleming, noreply@qemailserver.com, which is a legitimate email address for the census. Please open the email and click on the link enclosed. If you do not receive an email, please visit the following link to complete the census:

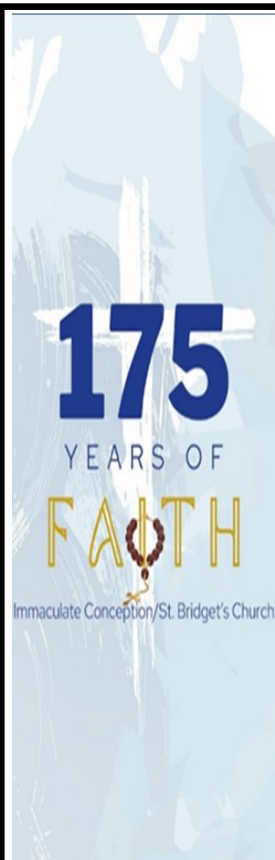
<https://tinyurl.com/2cfg9yx3>

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera to access the census.



Retreat with Gallant Women: Gifts Galore

Come immerse yourself in the rich history of women leaders in the early church, including St. Phoebe and Prisca. We will then spend time in quiet reflection on the unique gifts each of us brings to the church. We will pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the October 2024 Synod in Rome as delegates discern how women can best serve the needs of the church in the 21st century. Retreat is Saturday, Sept. 28, at St. Anne Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester. The day begins with coffee at 9:45 a.m. with program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Includes lunch. Suggested \$20 donation. Sponsored by Journeying Together in Faith and Our Lady of Lourdes Church and St. Anne Church. To register, email journeying.together.ROC@gmail.com with your name, email address and phone number or leave your name, email address and phone number by calling or texting Karen Costello, 585-978-1510. Registration deadline: Sept. 20, 2024.



**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's
Gala at Harro East**
September 14, 2024 ~ 6:00 pm

Ministry Day
October 12, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

Revival Weekend
November 8 ~ November 10, 2024
Fr. Maurice Nutt

November 8: Revival ~ 6:00 pm
November 9: Retreat
9:00 am-3:00 pm
November 10: Mass ~ 9:00 am

**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception**
Closing Mass
December 8, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

Living Faith Word and Deed

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.
James 1:22

The message from James echoes the practice of the Examen promoted by St. Ignatius of Loyola and his followers. The Examen includes an assessment, a transparent review of our day. We ask: How closely are our everyday actions aligned with what we profess by our words? For what, for whom are we most grateful? Where have we acted in imitation of Jesus? Might there be areas in which we have neglected the needs of others as well as our own self-care? How might we resolve to deepen compassion and tenderness going forward?

Quite simply, this is a means to get better at being someone who not only listens to God's Word but who at the same time witnesses to the Word, Jesus, in our everyday living.

Sr. Chris Koelhoeffer, I.H.M.

Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) Fellowship & Board Meeting
Saturday, September 21, 2024 ~ 2:00—4:30 pm
Church Gathering Space
Contact Person(s): Lynn Fulmore or Vincent Stroud

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626 Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions and Orville's Appliances.	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org	Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870 <i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i>	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i>	In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i>	CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379	In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother LINDA NASH <i>Lynn Fulmore</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>	“In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band “</i>
Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i>	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941