

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 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our lives must demonstrate our belief in Christ.

Today we hear the question that is at the center of the entire Gospel. Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him? We would do well to reflect on this question from time to time. Who do we say that Jesus is, and how do our actions demonstrate this belief?

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.

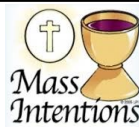
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

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 15, 2024

Dorothy Dobson

Requested by Rick & Colleen Brade



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, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reader I & II—Norma Thom



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.

REMINDER

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.

Offerings for September 8, 2024

Offerings: \$2,825

Attendance: 71

Online Giving: \$130

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER

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*

September Christian Action

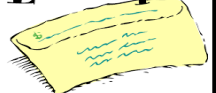
Be Welcoming!

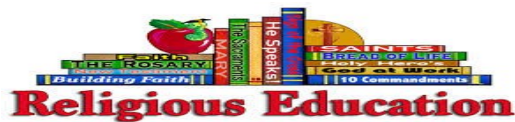
- Greet others with a smile!
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them.

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or give at give online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections". Please be generous.

Offering Envelopes





Registration—September 15
Last day of registration—September 22
For forms please see Mrs. Fontenette.

Church Announcements

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality will not be open on Friday, September 27, 2024, so we will not be providing a meal for that day. We will resume our meal preparation on Friday, October 25, 2024.

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.

Thank you!

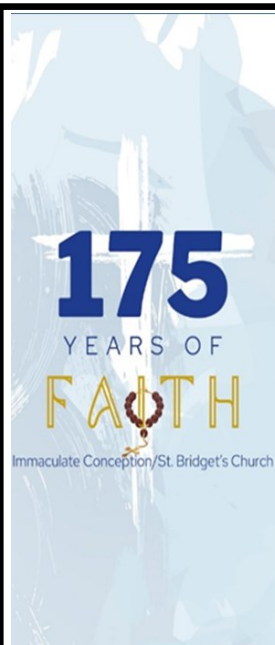


St. Monica Church

Save the Date: **2 PM Sunday, September 22.**

Please join us for the 2nd annual
Season of Creation Prayer Service

Beside the Genesee River behind Staybridge Hotel, at the corner of Genesee Street and Brooks Ave. Rain or shine. Parking at Brooks Landing Plaza; enter on Genesee Street.



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

The Center of the Good News

Who do you say that I am?

Mark 8:29

"Take up his cross," Jesus said, "and follow me" (v. 34). We've heard this Scripture passage so often. But take a moment. Hear it again. Consider the implications of what Jesus was talking about in this Gospel.

On the one hand, Jesus was foreshadowing his own death and warning his followers that being a disciple could come at a cost.

But he was also saying something profoundly reassuring: "Bring all the crosses of your life, all the burdens and hardships you bear. Follow me. You won't have to carry it all alone."

It's a message so many of us need to hear.

No wonder Mark places it where he does. This passage comes at exactly the halfway point in Mark's Gospel—the eighth chapter in a book of sixteen chapters. It's literally at the center of the Good News. And it's where we also find this exchange: "Who do you say that I am?" And the answer comes back: "You are the Christ" (v. 29).

What else is there to say? Other than, what would you say?

Dcn. Greg Kandra

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Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.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>	<i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity</i> <i>Together Missed, Evermore</i> Jack & Elvira Powell
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/DESTEPHANO 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>	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i> 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