

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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Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.

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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 25, 2022
26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God's love and mercy must be manifest in our care for those around us.

Our actions and choices—how we live our lives as Christians—have an influence on others. For many, our actions as true disciples may be the only "homily" they will ever hear. As a community of faith, God's love and mercy must be manifest in our care for those around us, especially those in need.

New Mass Times

Sunday 9:00 AM at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's

Sunday 10:15 AM at St. Monica

Sunday 11:30 AM at Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

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.

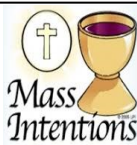
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Curvin Castle Jr.

Requested by the Castle Family



Offerings for September 18, 2022

Offerings: \$1,071

Attendance: 63

Online Giving: \$205

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Fr. Fernand Cheri, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

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.

Bible Readings for Sunday, September 25, 2022

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31



Bible Readings for Sunday, October 2, 2022

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10



Mildred Burgess

Peter Fraver

Harold Moore

Leonard Nguti

Neteya Pappin

Patricia Nguti

Teyana Pappin

Belinda Seide

Bethsaida Seide

Makeeda Tatum

Tim Sullivan



LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised **\$446** to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."



MASS INTENTIONS

The **2023 Mass Intention** book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

The melody of her life is played just as it was written. Mary was thought, conceived, and planned as the equal sign between ideal and history, thought and reality, hope and realization.

Living Faith
An Uncomfortable Gospel

...between us and you a great chasm is established...
Luke 16:26

If we are not, at times, made uncomfortable reading the Gospel, then it is likely we are not actually taking in the entire teaching of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, the rich man is in eternal torment in hell. He begs to have his suffering eased by just a drop of water. But to no avail. On the other hand, the poor man died and was carried off by angels to heaven. Moreover, there is a great chasm between the two that can never be crossed.

Jesus invites us to enter God's heavenly joy. But we have free will and can reject that invitation. In this case, the rich man rejected it by hoarding his wealth and not having pity on the poor. For such, an eternal torment is the end.

Today's Gospel might make us feel uncomfortable. In our modern world, such teaching seems, to some, archaic. But if you believe Jesus' teaching to be true, how would you change your life?

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31



Magnificat Rochester invites all Women and Men to a breakfast at the Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on Saturday, October 8th; program begins at 9:30am until noon.

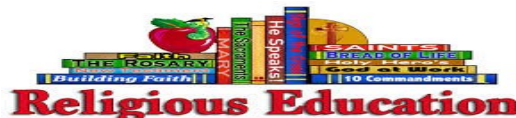
Our speaker Fr. Tony Mugavero pastor of Holy Apostles Parish in Rochester. He is a strong advocate for life in all its stages. Having been arrested and convicted of harassment while trying to talk to a woman about to enter an abortion clinic, he served 15 days in jail. A strong and brave man of conviction. We are privileged to have him as a speaker for our Magnificat Meal.

Let's support life! Please bring a baby item to donate to Focus Pregnancy Center!

Reservations \$25.00; after October 1: \$27.00; Student \$15.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline October 5th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$26.40) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING

Annual Parish Finance Meeting
Today Following Mass
Please Plan To Attend



Registration—September 25

For forms please see Mrs. Pierre-Philippe or Mrs. Fontenette.

First day of class—Sunday, October 9, 2022

Class begins at 10:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Please consider becoming a Catechist for our youth. Classes are Sundays, October thru June (excluding holidays). We appreciate both women and men!

Pray about it 🙏 ... and see Harry Pierre-Philippe or Precious Fontenette for more information.

Thank you for considering.

2022 Pastoral Plan

There will be a meeting after the October 2nd Mass to better understand the focus areas that are described in the 2022 pastoral plan. Please "digest" the document and reflect on where you would be willing to help in the plan's implementation. Emails can be sent to: riconception.parishcouncil@dor.org.

VOLUNTEERS

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 online training or email tracy.jordan@dor.org for assistance.

The Rochester Police Department released a public service announcement with important tips on steps to take to protect your vehicle from break-ins and theft. Watch the whole video on St. Monica's Facebook page or visit this link: <https://vimeo.com/749317469>



<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">Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health, Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.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">LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR EPIC TRAININGS</p> <p>Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com Facebook: EPIC Trainings CPR First Aid Classes for Lay/Professional Responders, Safety Classes for Children, Coaches, Scouts and Seniors, Certified Just Yell Fire Training Center</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>