

# 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.

*February 19, 2023*

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*† Ash Wednesday*  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

Offerings at St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,  
and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

8:00 am Mass + Ashes **St. Monica Church**

11-11:15 am Ashes St. Monica parking lot

12-12:15 pm Ashes St. Monica parking lot

1-1:15 pm Ashes St. Monica parking lot

6:00 pm Mass + Ashes **Immaculate Conception/  
St. Bridget's Church**  
445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



**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.

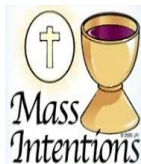
**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

*Sunday, February 19, 2023*

*William Castle*

*Requested by the Fontenette Family*



*Offerings for February 12, 2023*

*Offerings: \$1,800*

*Attendance: 66*

*Online Giving: \$660*

*Online Givers: 4*

*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, Bishop Fernand Cheri, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

*February*

Mon. Feb. 20 Presidents' Day—Office Closed

Wed. Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday—Mass & Distribution of Ashes—6:00 pm

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

***Bible Readings for Sunday, February 19, 2023***

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

*Matthew 5:38-48*



***Bible Readings for Sunday, February 26, 2023***

*Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

*Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**February Christian Action**

**BE CHRIST'S LOVE**

*Loving People with  
Christ's Love*

**Pay a sincere compliment.**

**Surprise someone with a love note.**

**Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.**

**Leave a generous tip.**

**Send a valentine to someone who may not receive one.**

**Pray for someone.**

*I Am With You Always*

Matthew 28:20

**Parish Goal ~ \$9,000**

To date, we have reached 128.04% of our goal (\$11,524). Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. Please pray for the success of reaching our goal. Thank you.

*"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together." –Desmond Tutu*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, the season of Lent begins. Traditionally this has been a reason in which the theme of Penance for our sins has predominated. The Lenten Penance has not been abolished. No longer is the Penance imposed from without by Church law; rather it is accepted from within, from your individual sense of love for God. We hope that all our parishioners will get into the spirit of Lent by doing something that will help them spiritually.

**ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED within the 6:00 pm Mass.**

Receive ashes and wear them humbly. Ashes, an ancient Jewish sign of penitence, begins Lent. Usually during the Mass on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the faithful come forward to have ashes rubbed on their foreheads in the sign of the cross. The ashes come from the burned palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Depending on local practice, the priest or other minister will say one of two formulas repent and believe in the Gospel or remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Ashes—black and gritty, remind us of the somber character of Lent. They symbolize the darkness in our lives which must be confronted and repented. They remind us too, that just as something that has burned is gone, what we have and who we are on this earth is not permanent. There is an urgency in the Lord's call to conversion. Worn publicly, ashes remind us that we call each other to live in the gospel.

## KEEP IN PRAYER

Please keep Pat Nguti and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Pat's youngest son Raphael Nguti passed away suddenly on Monday, February 13. Please pray for the repose of his soul.



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Today, Sunday, February 19th immediately after Mass, there will be a Coffee hour celebration of Black History Month and February Birthdays. There will also be a showing of the Documentary, "Cultural Expression: Kwanzaa" for which our own Joanne Gordon was one of the producers.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of President's Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Television

#### Cultural Expressions #102 "Family, History & Storytelling"

Friday, February 24th at 8:30pm

"Cultural Expressions: Storytelling and Family History" examines how the spoken word tradition for African Americans helped preserve cultural and family history and is a powerful tool in expression and spirituality.

#### Great Performances "The Magic of Spirituals"

Friday, February 24th at 9pm

Glimpse behind the curtain at opera legends Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman's famed concert at Carnegie Hall on March 18, 1990, featuring performance clips and new interviews with opera star Angel Blue, Met Opera General Manager Peter Gelb and more.

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/magic-of-spirituals-about/14283/>

#### AKOMA: 25 Years of Gospel Sisterhood

Friday, February 24th at 10:30pm

The half-hour program details the history of the choir through interviews and performance footage. AKOMA, which means patience, endurance, consistency, and faithfulness, is a vocal and spoken word ministry rooted in the African American sacred song and oral tradition.

AKOMA: 25 Years of Gospel Sisterhood was produced by Joanne V. Gordon, Senior Editor of WXXI, immediate past Vice President of Broadcast for the Rochester Association of Black Journalists, and former member of AKOMA.

Find other programming here <https://www.wxxi.org/tv>

<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>Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Heart &amp; Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon 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><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR</p> <p>CPR First Aid Classes for Lay/Professional Responders, Safety Classes for Children, Coaches, Scouts and Seniors Certified Just Yell Fire Training Center Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com Facebook: EPIC Trainings</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES &amp; JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership <b>Where Leaders are Made</b> For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays except holidays <a href="mailto:E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com">E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p align="center"><b>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>