

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.

August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Eucharist is essential to life in Christ.

Jesus preaches that those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain in him and he in them. It is through our participation in the Eucharist that we are united most intimately to Christ. We need to eat to sustain our bodily life. We need to consume the bread of life to sustain our spiritual life with Christ.

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.

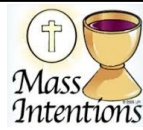
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

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, August 18, 2024

Marie Jordan

Requested by the Fontenette Family



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, August 18, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

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.

Offerings for August 11, 2024

Offerings: \$1,343

Attendance: 86

Online Giving: \$230

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.

August Christian Action

Be Kind and Caring!

- Be the reason someone smiles.
- Visit, email, call or write a note to someone who is lonely.
- Let someone know you are praying for them.
- Lighten someone's load.
- Be the reason someone believes in the kindness of strangers.

Musicians! Lectors! Greeters! Ushers!

Reminder that you **must** be CASE trained to do your ministry.

This is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester.

Contact tracy.jordan@dor.org if you need to be trained or update your CASE training, which must be done every 3 years.



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel

585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

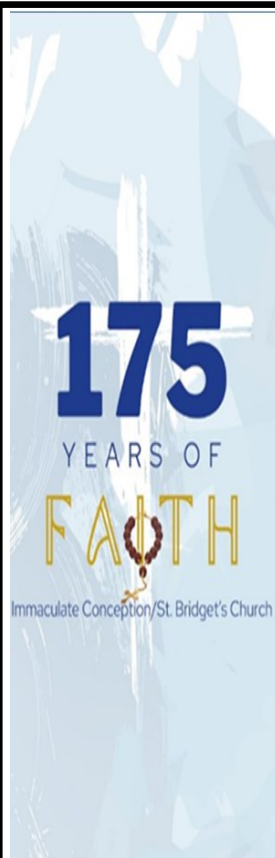
Census

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!



**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



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

Cordially invites you to an Anniversary Gala
to celebrate 175 Years of Praise!

*We've come this far by faith!
See what the Lord has done for us!*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 6:00 pm
featuring music by DJ BacSpin

THE HARRO EAST BALLROOM
155 N. Chestnut St.
Rochester, NY 14604

EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$65 UNTIL 8/12/24
REGULAR PRICE TICKETS \$75 UNTIL AUG. 29, 2024
NO TICKETS SOLD AFTER 8/29/24
DISCOUNT FOR TABLES OF 8

Tracy Jordan 585.235.3340
Semi-formal attire

GALA

*Gala Tickets are now available at regular price—
\$75. No tickets sold after August 29, 2024. Please
see Joanne Gordon, Isabelle Walters or call the
church office for tickets.*



Don't forget the Westside Farmers Market

St. Monica Parking Lot
34 Monica Street, Rochester
Tuesdays from 4:00—7:00 pm

Six more Market Tuesdays:
August 20; September 3, 10, 24; October 1, 8

Living Faith Creative Solutions

*Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to
understand what is the will of the Lord.*

Ephesians 5:17

Isn't it oddly frustrating that often in life we are called to make some of the most important decisions when we are in the most difficult places? Right when we need clarity and wisdom the most, we might feel the most fatigued, foggy or fearful.

This is where I pause.

I do not want to navigate my life from a position of chaos or confusion. What do we do when we don't know what to do? This is when we pause and do what we need to do to get ourselves into a state of alignment. Alignment is the centered place, the quiet place, the calm place where we open ourselves to the will of God. This is the access point to wisdom. This is the origin of creative solutions. This is where we receive divine inspiration. This is where we migrate from fear to love.

Pray. Meditate. Spend time in nature. Do some stretching. Journal. Breathe.

Move into alignment to discern the will of God.

Kristin Armstrong

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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>	Tom Zubert, Realtor RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)
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