

# *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.

*December 4, 2022*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*



Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

In the waters of baptism, we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather on this Advent Sunday, we recall and celebrate our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way for the Lord. At the heart of this celebration is our repentance and our desire to be renewed with the spirit of the Lord.

**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.

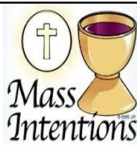
**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**Martin Hall**

**Requested by the Fontenette Family**



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

**Offerings for November 27, 2022**

**Offerings: \$1,175**

**Attendance: 62**

**Online Giving: \$270**

**Online Givers: 3**

**Catholic University & Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions ~ \$362**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



- Thur. Dec. 8**    *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*  
*Mass—6:00 pm*
- Sat. Dec. 10**    *Pastoral Council Mtg—9:30 am*
- Fri. Dec. 23**    *Office Closed*
- Sat. Dec. 24**    *Christmas Eve Mass—6:00 pm*
- Sun. Dec. 25**    *Christmas Day Mass—St. Monica-10 am*
- Mon. Dec. 26**    *Office Closed*
- Sat. Dec. 31**    *New Year's Eve*

**Bible Readings for Sunday, December 4, 2022**

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

*Romans 15:4-9*

*Matthew 3:1-12*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, December 11, 2022**

*Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

*James 5:7-10*

*Matthew 11:2-11*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

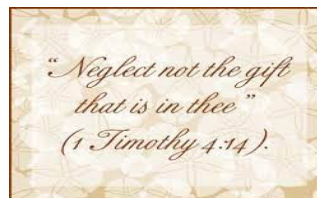
**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

Reader I & II—TBA

**December Christian Action**



**Be the gift:**

- Visit someone who is lonely*
- Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays*
- Help someone with a task*
- Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter*
- Surprise someone with a kind note*
- Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time*
- Give someone a hug*
- Tell someone you love/appreciate them*
- Tell someone you're sorry*
- Send someone a Christmas card who is not expecting one from you.*



*Modupe Agunbiade, Thomas Bostick, Robert Burgess  
Musette Castle, Natalie Cropper, Iala Cropper, Thomas Degnan  
George Fontenette, Caroline Seide, Roxana Weber*



## Patronal Feast

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. To mark this occasion we will begin at 6:00 pm with the recitation of the rosary followed by the celebration of Mass.

## Living Faith Take the First Step

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*      *Matthew 3:2*

When we hear the word repent, very often what comes to mind is "being sorry." We are sorry for our sins. But that's only the first step. Repent comes from a Greek word meaning "to change our mind." Repentance is not an emotion, it's an action. We must be willing to retrace our steps to God and be changed.

When we repent, we are like the Prodigal Son, realizing that it's time to go back home to the Father. We stop and listen to an inner voice that tells us there must be a better way than the way we are living. We turn around and begin the long walk back into the arms of a forgiving God. There, we are transformed by perfect compassion into God's own image, full of mercy, healing and love once again.

Today, take the first step. Stop what you're doing. Turn around. Fall into the arms of God. Be changed.

Steve Givens

# Advent & Christmas

Sunday, December 4

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath by the Ministers of Hospitality

Thursday, December 8

**Patronal Feast Day**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Recitation of the Rosary, 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 11

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath by the Lectors

Sunday, December 18

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath by the Parish Council

The placing and blessing of the Christmas ornaments in memory of family members. Decorate the Christmas Trees after Mass.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass ~ 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Mass ~ St. Monica Church ~ 10:00 am

Sunday, December 26

Beginning of Kwanzaa

Sunday, January 1

Regular 9:00 am Mass ~ New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

World Day of Peace

*I Am With You Always*  
Matthew 28:20

2022-2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



Every dollar received in the CMA is used directly or indirectly to fund ministries affecting every Catholic and faith community in the diocese.

Go to [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) • View the video  
• See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift

**Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's**

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

To date, we have reached 57.38% of our goal (\$5,164). 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.

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to God in faith.

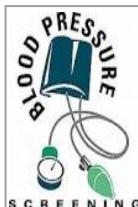


**Offering  
Envelopes**

**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.



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

<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></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>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p><b>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>