

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.

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Spring Forward
Daylight Savings Time 

*DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS
SUNDAY, MARCH 9.*

*REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD ONE HOUR AT 2 AM. WE
"LOSE" AN HOUR OF SLEEP AS WE
"SPRING FORWARD."*



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 ext. 116.



Sunday, March 2, 2025

David Edmond

Requested by the Castle Family



Offerings for February 23, 2025

Offerings: \$1,762

Attendance: 72

Online Giving: \$230

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 Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Rose McKnight, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver—Teyana Pappin

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Erin McBride

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate



MARCH

- Sun. Mar. 2 Blood Pressure Screening
- Wed. Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday—Distribution of ashes 6:00 pm
- Fri. Mar. 7 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
- Sat. Mar. 8 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am
- Sun. Mar. 9 Daylight Saving Time
- Fri. Mar. 14 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
- Fri. Mar. 21 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
- Fri. Mar. 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

March Christian Action



Be generous with your time:

- Brush the snow off someone else's car.
- Shovel someone's walkway.
- Visit someone who is a shut-in.
- Grocery shop for someone.
- Spend time with a child.



The following dates are available for Mass Intentions, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14, 28. Please call or stop by the office if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions for any of those dates. The cost is \$10.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
Every Friday during Lent
Beginning Friday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m.
All are invited!**



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's
Parish—Goal \$12,000**

*As of this date, 29 families have contributed to the CMA. Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. We have exceeded our goal by 106.08% (\$12,730).
Once again, thank you.*

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



There will be a second collection for the Black, Native American & Hispanic next Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Lenten Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- a) Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- b) Everyone between 18 and 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast (one full meal a day and nothing between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).

Living Faith

No Labor Is in Vain

...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

The life of any disciple is one of fits and starts, of sin, of mercy and reconciliation. The saints walked that same path, no matter how finished they might appear to us now. It is tempting to get frustrated as we compare ourselves to that (incorrect) vision of holiness, but as St. Paul himself writes here, when we sincerely put God first, none of our labor for the Kingdom is in vain.

Lent, that most welcomed season of honest self-examination, begins in a few days. As one of those companions on the journey—Dorothy Day—a woman acutely aware of her own failings, yet also confident that the Lord's work through her weakness was not in vain, encourages: *This is Lent, and Lent is a wonderful time to begin again.*

Jesus, let your love work through me even in my weakness and doubt.

Amy Welborn

+ Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

Mass + Ashes 8:00 am St. Monica Church

Drive-through 11-11:15 am St. Monica parking lot

Ashes + Confession 12-12:15 pm

1-1:15 pm

Drive-through Ashes 5:15-5:30 pm St. Monica parking lot

Ashes 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church

445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



St. Monica CHURCH

CASE (Creating A Safe Environment) Training Policy

CASE training is a diocesan requirement for those who work with children/vulnerable adults. This training is a way to create safety for our most vulnerable individuals, who we are called to protect in the church. They are beloved children of God, and this training is important to understand who is at risk and how to protect them.

The following ministries require CASE training:

- **Eucharistic Ministries**
- **Ushers**
- **Cantors**
- **Lectors**
- **Choir members (if there are youth members)**
- **Catechist** (working with youth in any capacity—Faith, Formation, Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Children's Liturgy, and any other youth activities)
- **Any committee that involves youth or vulnerable adults** (including ministry and fundraising activities)
- **Any social groups that involve vulnerable adults or youth** (including ministry and fundraising activities)

CASE training is done online and takes about an hour. It also includes a background check and signed code of conduct. CASE training, the background check, and the signed code of conduct must be updated every 3 years. Those over 70 who have taken CASE training in the last 3 years do not need to renew the training, only the background check and the code of conduct.

Tracy Jordan is the CASE coordinator for Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's. If you need to take the training, please email tracy.jordan@dor.org for instructions.

Thank you for keep our youth and vulnerable adults safe!

<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 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><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p align="center">Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN, CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS</p>	<p align="center">Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>