

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.

January 29, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From a beatitude perspective discipleship is worth the cost, and suffering will not have the last word.

Jesus gives us a different point of view of suffering and discipleship through the beatitudes. Suffering will not have the last word; rather, those who suffer will be blessed. Discipleship is not without cost, but it will be rewarded. With a beatitude perspective, we are reassured and inspired to press onward with rejoicing rather than fear.

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.

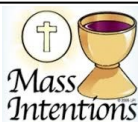
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, January 29, 2023

William Castle

Requested by Ralph Destephano & Maureen Corral



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, Tim Sullivan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

Bible Readings for Sunday, January 29, 2023

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a



Bible Readings for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Offerings for January 22, 2023

Offerings: \$1,279

Attendance: 55

Online Giving: \$410

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

February

- Sat. Feb. 4 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am
- Sun. Feb. 5 Blood Pressure Screening—following Mass in the Sacristy
- Sat. Feb. 11 Seminar/Fellowship Event 11am—2pm
- Mon. Feb. 20 Presidents' Day—Office Closed
- Wed. Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
- Sat. Feb. 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

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

January Christian Action



- Join a ministry.**
- Change a bad habit.**
- Help a stranger.**
- Do more than is expected.**
- Say God bless you!**
- Hold the door open for someone!**
- Let someone go ahead of you!**
- Say please and thank you!**
- Listen instead of speak!**
- Pray for someone!**

Do Something Beautiful for God

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

The more you have, the more you are occupied, the less you give. But the less you have the more free you are. Poverty for us is a freedom. It is not mortification or penance. It is joyful freedom. There is no television here, no this, no that. But we are perfectly happy.

Rest in Peace, Bishop Clark

After a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark died Jan. 22, 2023. Born July 15, 1937, he served the Diocese of Rochester for 33 years, from 1979-2012. He was the diocese's second-longest serving bishop.

The live stream of Bishop Clark's funeral, which will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, can be found here:

<https://catholiccourier.com/articles/funeral-for-bishop-matthew-h-clark-to-be-livestreamed/>

Bishop Clark's obituary, along with news stories about his time with the diocese, can be found here:

<https://catholiccourier.com/articles/tag/bishop-matthew-clark/>



We will always be grateful for Bishop Clark's love, spirit, and guidance.

Keep in Prayer

Please keep Musette Castle and her family in your prayers. Musette's husband William Castle passed away last week. William Castle was a long time parishioner of Immaculate Conception and will be greatly missed. Please pray for the repose of his soul.



Seminar/Fellowship Event

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, we are having a parish seminar/fellowship event from 11:00am to 2:00pm. How much do you know about how a parish is "run"? The seminar will be the first 90 minutes. Refreshments will be served during the last 90 minutes.

Please contact George Fontenette via cell phone, 585-507-7761, or email, gfont1202@gmail.com, to register.

The deadline is Monday, January 30th.

Living Faith

The Least of These

...God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong...

1 Corinthians 1:27

The world's priorities are completely upside down from what disciples of Jesus value. It's as true today as when our Lord gave his famous Sermon on the Mount. When my faith runs counter to the values of my party, family, tribe or culture, how do I put God first?

What is this radical worldview that offends the powers that be? It runs through all of Scripture: God stands on the side of losers everywhere.

Jesus pronounces God's blessing and favor on a special group, who in the Old Testament were known by a Hebrew term laden with meaning and often written in English, as the "anawim." They were the poor, the meek, the downtrodden and forsaken. The anawim are not just those on the margins of society but those overwhelmed by need who can only turn to God.

What is our lesson here? First, like the anawim, may we embrace our own absolute dependence on God. Second, in imitating Jesus, may our greatest concern go to those in most need.

Steve Pable

I Am With You Always
Matthew 28:20

Parish Goal ~ \$9,000

To date, we have reached 124.71% of our goal (\$11,224). 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.

St. Monica
CHURCH

Vacation Bible School Day

February 21, 2023 · Ages 4+

8:45 AM-3:45 PM (lunch included)

Questions: jessica.tette@dor.org



Join us for a VBS Day of self-care! Experience all the VBS activities you know and love plus a spa, movie, Mass, and more.

Register at stmonicaofrochester.org



Mass Intentions can be scheduled for 2023. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10.

<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 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 HENRY FAISON JR. <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</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 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">EPIC TRAININGS LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR</p> <p align="center">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 align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES & JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">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 align="center">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</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 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 SARAH ANN GORDON <i>Louise & Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>