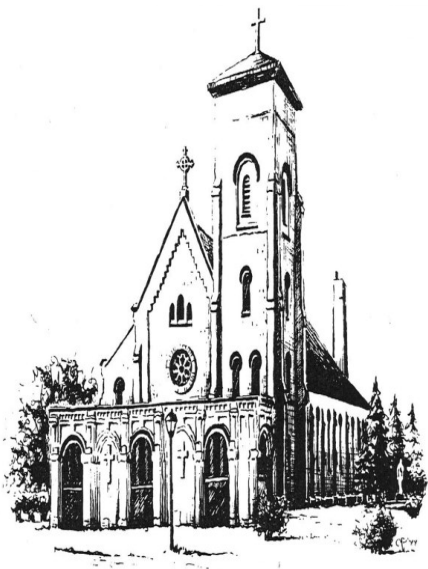


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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.

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's loving presence is with us always.

God is with us, intimately close, just as Jesus was to the man in the Gospel today. In the Mass, Jesus reaches out to touch us and offer his healing. May we always be granted an open heart and clear vision to see his loving presence among us.

*Happy Grandparents
Day*

*"God couldn't be everywhere and
so he made grandparents"*

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.

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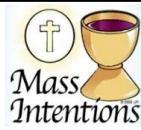
Joanie Fraver, **Finance Council Chair**

Vincent Stroud, **Pastoral Council Chair**

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Tallam Nguti

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 Degan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Theresa Macon, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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



Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next Sunday, we'll be taking up a collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provides employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. In addition, 25% of the funds will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. You can give at church or online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections".

Offerings for September 1, 2024

Offerings: \$2,659

Attendance: 68

Online Giving: \$410

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER

Sun. Sept. 8	Grandparents Day
Sat. Sept. 14	Gala at Harro East—6:00 pm
Sun. Sept. 15	Second Collection-Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Sat. Sept. 21	Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester Fellowship & Board Meeting 2:00-4:30 pm—Church Gathering Space
Fri. Sept. 27	St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

September Christian Action

Be Welcoming!

- Greet others with a smile!
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them.



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.



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Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

Financial Fraud Hotline

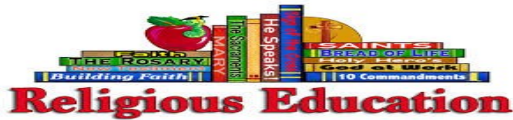
1-800-388-7177 x1266

Reports may also be made in writing to:
Internal Audit Department • Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624



Keep in Prayer

Please pray for Jean Pryor and Jacquie Dobson and their family. Their cousin, Ronald Lawrence passed away on August 24th in Atlanta. Jacquie's God Mother, Grace Rutherford also passed away on August 27th in Atlanta. Grace was a member of Immaculate Conception's choir in past years. Please pray for the repose of their souls.



Registration—September 8 & 15
Last day of registration—September 22
For forms please see Mrs. Fontenette.

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!

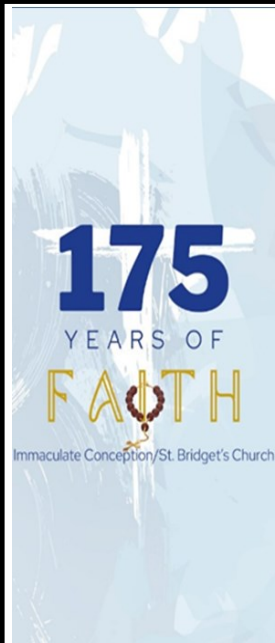


St. Monica Church

Save the Date: **2 PM Sunday, September 22.**

Please join us for the 2nd annual
Season of Creation Prayer Service

Beside the Genesee River behind Staybridge Hotel, at the corner of Genesee Street and Brooks Ave. Rain or shine. Parking at Brooks Landing Plaza; enter on Genesee Street.



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

Living Faith Shattering Deafness

He put his finger into the man's ears and spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" - that is, "Be opened!"
Mark 7:34-35

Technology has so marked our consciousness that it is not easy to place ourselves outside of it. I am presently awaiting an appointment to be fitted for my first hearing aids, which I have every reason to believe will make it easier to hear my soft-spoken boss. That's a far cry from the profound deafness of the man in today's Gospel living at a time when even incremental improvements were unavailable. No wonder the people were "exceedingly astonished" at his coming to hear and speak plainly.

The healing itself may seem primitive but better to call it—in the absence of technology—a deeply personal encounter. Jesus takes the man apart from the crowd and, with the gift of touch, removes the impediments to hearing and speaking. Most wonderfully, the man's ears are open to hear God's Word, and his tongue is set free to proclaim it to others. We do well to pray for the shattering of our own deafness and release from whatever closes us off from the experience of God's mercy.

Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A.

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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>	SPACE AVAILABLE
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