

# *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.

*December 7, 2025*



*Second Sunday of Advent*

*Christ will bring us to new life and new growth.*

*Through Jesus, God fulfilled the promise he made to his people to bring them salvation. Christ's death and resurrection opened the way for eternal life for all who believe, including the Gentiles. Let us prepare the way of the Lord by asking for God's healing, listening for God's voice, and raising our hearts to him.*

*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.*

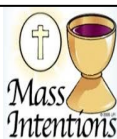
*Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.*

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

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**Joyce Lasch**

**Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano**



*Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler*

## **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, December 7, 2025**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

### **Sunday, December 14, 2025**

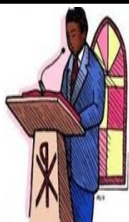
Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

### **Sunday, December 21, 2025**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

### **Sunday, December 28, 2025**

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore



## **Offerings for November 30, 2025**

**Offerings: \$773**

**Attendance: 62**

**Online Giving: \$130**

**Online Givers: 3**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



Sun. Dec. 7	Blood Pressure Screening following Mass
Mon. Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass—6:00 pm
Sat. Dec. 13	Soup Supper—St. Monica after 4:00 pm Mass
Fri. Dec. 19	St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
Wed. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve— <b>Office Closed</b> Christmas Eve Mass—St. Monica-4:00 pm
Thur. Dec. 25	Christmas Day— <b>Office Closed</b> Christmas Day Mass—10:00 am
Fri. Dec. 26	Day after Christmas — <b>Office Closed</b>
Wed. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve— <b>Office Closed</b>

## **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 a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.*



Parish—Goal \$11,000  
\$4,199 Pledged  
38.17 % of Goal

As of this date, 11 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given

generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
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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  
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### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**

Please send bulletin submissions to Tracy by 4pm on Mondays:  
tracy.jordan@dor.org  
with photos.

**THE SUNDAY  
BULLETIN**  
weekly worship & announcements

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.





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

### Advent Soup Supper, Saturday, December 13

After the 4 pm Mass on December 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica, the Welcome Committee would like to invite everyone to a simple soup supper in the narthex. Sister Carol Cimino will be our guest speaker reflecting on Advent: "A Time of Watching and Waiting." Look for the signup sheets to attend and sign up if you would like to help with a pot of soup, bread, salad, or a dessert. Please come and share this simple meal as we await the coming of the baby Jesus. Any questions call JoAnn DeMott at 313-2614.



### Catholic Courier Advent Calendar begins Nov. 30.

Beginning Nov. 30, the Catholic Courier will present its 2025 digital Advent calendar, featuring 26 windows that will reveal daily multimedia "treats." The calendar will be available at [CatholicCourier.com/adventcalendar2025](http://CatholicCourier.com/adventcalendar2025), and visitors will be able to open one new window each day through Dec. 25

### 2025 Saints Around the Diocese Contest

In place of the Advent Coloring Contest this year, the *Catholic Courier* is presenting "Saints Around the Diocese" contest, open to families and individuals in the Diocese of Rochester. Starting Dec. 3, and on Wednesdays through Christmas Eve, participants are encouraged to check out the **2025 Advent Calendar** for a photo or video showing a saint statue that is located in one of the churches in the Diocese of Rochester. Above the photo or video, there will be information on that saint, along with information about the church where the item is located. Families and individuals will be asked to identify the saint as well as the church in which the statue is located. Below the photo/video, there will be a link to click on a form to submit your answers. The deadline to submit answers is by Monday at 5 p.m.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be offered each week. Everyone who submits a form by the deadline will be entered into the drawing for that particular week. All participants will be entered into the drawing for the grand prize at the end of Advent.

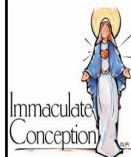
**Welcome Visitors!**

**We are blessed by your presence.**

**Please come again.**

### Keep in Prayer

Please keep Adrianne O'Hagan and the O'Hagan Family in your thoughts and prayers. Kevin O'Hagan, a long time parishioner of Immaculate Conception passed away on November 25th. Please pray for the repose of his soul.



**Monday, December 8, 2025**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass**

**6:00 pm**

### Living Faith

### 'Good Fruit'

**Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.**

*Matthew 3:8*

The Christian is called to an ongoing conversion of life. As a believer undergoes conversion in their life, other people might meet their change as something radical, or they may even be dismissive. Sometimes, a person cannot see beyond the person they used to know. They cannot accept the change in that person's life.

There are any number of people from Gospel accounts that we could cite: the woman caught in adultery, the woman at the well or St. Paul. Think of St. Paul, a persecutor of Christians, who then claims to have seen the Risen Christ. You could understand why some were skeptical! But he was able to produce fruit that was convincing of his repentance.

If you are a Christian, I hope you are a devoted follower of Christ, reading his Word and reflecting on it.

How has God's Word changed how you live? Would you be able to provide evidence of how God has changed your life? Would people believe you?

Fr. Edward Looney



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

## HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

All Masses ASL interpreted.

**Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24:**  
**4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church**

**Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25:**  
**10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**

**New Year's Day Mass Thursday, January 1:**  
**10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**



**ST. MONICA CHURCH**  
EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
CORNER OF GENESEE & MONICA STREETS  
ROCHESTER, NY 14609



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ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

<b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b>  A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<p><i>GLORY BE TO GOD WHOSE POWER, WORKING IN US, CAN DO INFINITELY MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE.</i></p> <p><i>EPHESIANS 3:14-21</i></p>	
<b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b>  640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	Jack & Elvira Powell  <i>Thankful For Two Lives Well Lived Endearing Legacies and, A Love Everlasting</i>
In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b>  <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>
In Loving Memory of <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b>  <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, <b>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA</b>  <i>Out of sight but never out of mind! Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b>  <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b>	<b>Linda Nash</b>  <i>As You Feast in Heaven We'll Place An Empty Chair In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks</i>  <i>Lynn &amp; Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b>  <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b>  <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel &amp; Brandon</i>	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i> <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b>  <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b>  <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b>  <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b>  <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
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