

# *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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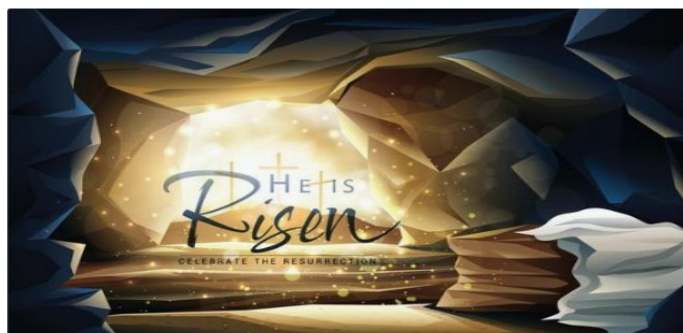
Joanie Fraver, **Finance Council Chair**

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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.

*April 5, 2026*

## *The Resurrection of the Lord*



*We are a resurrection people who follow the risen Christ.*

*The empty tomb is a sign of hope. Death does not have the final word. If our life with Christ can overcome even the seeming finality of death, God's mercy can also overcome all pain and sorrow. If we bind ourselves to Christ, earthly suffering will be vanquished. We can rejoice and be glad with hearts full of peace.*

**Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Days:** Consult bulletin or call the office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

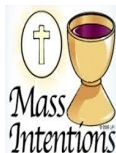
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

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

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

*Sunday, April 5, 2026*

*All Parishioners of Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church & St. Monica Church*



*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 Degan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Deacon Jeff Mierzewski, Harold Moore, David Powe, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Easter)**

Reader (Mass at St. Monica at 10:00 am)

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Teyana Pappin



***Offerings for March 29, 2026***

***Offerings: \$580***

***Attendance: 40***

***Online Giving: \$30***

***Online Givers: 1***

***Thank you for your generous support.***

***April***

- Sun. April 5      Easter Sunday Mass—St. Monica - 10:00 am
- Mon. April 6      Office Closed
- Sun. April 12      Blood Pressure Screening following Mass  
The Empowered Caregivers Series following  
Mass—10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Fri. April 24      St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
- Wed. April 29      Finance Council Meeting—3:00 pm  
St. Monica Rectory

***April Christian Action***

***Be joyous!***

- Greet people with "Alleluia He is risen!"
- Appreciate all the new birth going on around you.
- Surprise someone with flowers.
- Do some kindness for another that you wouldn't normally do.



***Happy Easter!***

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at [LOCATION] on [DATE]\* or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions are available for the deceased, special intentions, birthdays or anniversaries. Please call or stop by the office if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions.



**Parish Goal ~ \$11,000**

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (**\$13,884**). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.

Church office closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6, 2026.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Just a reminder: Coffee Hour is held once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Please feel free to bring in homemade items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!

### THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIORS

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®

**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**  
**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am–12:00 pm**  
**Following Mass**

People living with dementia may use behaviors as a way to communicate their needs and feelings as the disease progresses. Learn how dementia can change a person's behavior, possible triggers and person-centered care approaches to address behaviors.

**Topics in the program include:**

- How dementia affects behavior.
- Identifying and understanding possible triggers.
- Non-medical and medical approaches to addressing behaviors.
- Four steps for managing behaviors.



Our youth will sing the national anthem to start the game!

**Save the Date:**

**Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's,  
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf and  
St. Monica Church at the Red Wings Game

**Tickets are \$6 and will go on sale in June.**

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



*Happy Easter from the staff of*

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



Magnificat Rochester invites all Women to a meal at St Pius X Parish Center 3010 Chili Ave. on Saturday, April 18, 2026; the program begins at 9:30 am until noon.

Our speaker is Alexandra Andrews from the Buffalo diocese. Alexandra is a wife and mother of three children and a Pro-Life speaker who shares her testimony as an Abortion Survivor! She reveals the ways in which God carried out His plan for her life; to bring her out of an orphanage in Russia so she could spread the message of the Gospel. She is excited to share her testimony with us.

Registration \$25.00; Student registration \$20.00; deadline to register is April 11, 2026. Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal on our website at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org). For more information: call Cece Crawford at 585-259-9838 or send an email to: [RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com](mailto:RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com).



Save the date

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
2026**

**AUGUST 10-14**

8:45am-noon \* Grades K-7  
Free + lunch included

Registration to come at [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

**LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD**

<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 style="text-align: center;"><b>BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSALM 46:10</b></p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b></p> <p>133 S. Fitzhugh Street  Rochester, NY 14608  www.cornill.org</p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b></p> <p>640 West Ridge Road  Rochester, NY 14615  585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i></p> <p><i>Always Loved  Never Forgotten  Forever Missed</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the  <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b></p> <p><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>TALLAM &amp; RAPHAEL NGUTI</b></p> <p><i>Love Your Family</i></p>	<p>Caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementia is no easy task. Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.872.3900. Rochester Alzheimer's Association.</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b></p> <p><i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JOE HAUSER</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA  <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!  Marcia Fugate</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JAMES STOKES</b></p> <p><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b></p>	<p><i>Linda Nash</i></p> <p><i>Two Years, Too Long  Missing You Still  Always</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>BILL CASTLE</b></p> <p><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b></p> <p><i>Gone, but Never Forgotten  Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon,  Shannel &amp; Brandon</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player  <b>Tim Sullivan</b></p> <p><i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b></p> <p><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b></p> <p><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b></p> <p><i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
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