

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.

October 19, 2025

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

We have been equipped for every good work.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching... and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be ... equipped for every good work. With this statement Paul is asserting that whatever else we may need in our striving for holiness and in sharing the Gospel, the word of God is the basis for all truth and the foundation for every good thing. The Lord has provided us with all that is necessary to keep his Word; let us ask him in prayer to help us answer his call.

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.

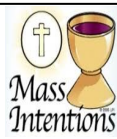


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Tim Sullivan

Requested by the Fontenette Family



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, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



*Welcome **Jurnee Charles, Shiloh Henry and Indiyaroya Massey Claude** who were newly baptized into our parish community on Sunday, October 5, 2025.*

Offerings for October 12, 2025

Offerings: \$3,135

Attendance: 61

Online Giving: \$80

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.



Sun. Oct. 19 World Mission Sunday Collection

Wed. Oct. 22 Finance Council Mtg.—3:00 pm at St. Monica

Fri. Oct. 31 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

October Christian Action

Invite Someone to Sunday Mass

While talking with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, associates, etc., invite them to join you for Mass on Sunday.



2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Together We Bring Hope
...and Hope does not disappoint*

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now, you should have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. If you have not received a mailing, pledge envelopes are available. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church, and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

Love Your Neighbor—All Of Them

Living Faith

Equipped for Good Works

...so that the one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:17

How many times do we shrink back from a challenge or an opportunity because we think we are not qualified? Or someone else is smarter, more experienced and would do a better job. This line of thinking often causes us to shrink rather than rise and step into our calling.

Thoughts of unworthiness or lack do not come from God. Insufficiency is not a God-thing. Abundance and possibility are God things.

If an opportunity comes your way that feels too big for you, remember that you are not the source of your success. God is. If something is meant for you, if it is within his will for you, God will indeed equip you to become who you need to be, to do what you need to do.

God can supply you the competence and the confidence for every good work.

God, help me to trust that you can and will equip me for any assignment you place in my path.

Kristin Armstrong

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you to all who came out on Saturday, October 11th and helped clean up and help make the Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church grounds beautiful! "Many hands make light and good work"

St. John Living Community

150 Highland Ave, 14620

Volunteer Opportunity

The Spiritual Care department holds Mass and Prayers Services with the Distribution of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to assist residents from their rooms to the chapel and assist them at dismissal. The time commitment is from 10:00 AM to Approximately 12:00 PM. Volunteers will be trained and supported within a team environment. Seeking assistance once, twice, or as often as you like per month. Contact: Deacon Bill Rabjohn at (585) 760-1327. wrabjohn@stjohnliving.org -or- bill.rabjohn@dor.org



Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Citizen Preparedness Corps

SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE: Immaculate Conception St. Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglas Street
Rochester, NY 14608

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
12:00PM

REGISTER:
Registration is required to attend the event.
To register visit www.prepare.ny.gov or scan the QR code



THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY GOVERNOR HOCHUL IN CONJUNCTION WITH:



And Immaculate Conception St. Bridget's Church

Upcoming Family Game Day at St. Monica!

Sunday, November 2nd from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Pizza lunch will be provided.



African Americans on the Road to Sainthood

CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Please come to experience, learn, and celebrate the rich gifts of our Black Catholic heritage as we present a cultural dramatization that brings to life the seven Black Americans on the Road to Sainthood.

It will be filled with poetry, drama, and song for an inspiring artistic presentation by the acclaimed theater director, producer, actor, and historical interpreter David Shakes of Rochester, New York.

THERE WILL BE A FREWILL OFFERING

Friday, November 14, 2025

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445 Fredrick Douglass St.
Rochester, NY 14608

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Refreshments after the event!

Co-Sponsored by the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) and Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<i>BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.</i> <i>JOSHUA 1:9</i>	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	<i>A grand love that still lives beyond earthly life.</i> Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Loved, Cherished & Missed</i> Lynn Fulmore
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE
In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</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 My Guess Family, CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i> <i>Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS	<i>Mom ~ Linda Nash</i> <i>Our Cheerleader in Life, Spirit Team in Heaven.</i> <i>Missed is your guidance, always.</i> <i>Lynn & Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i> Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>
In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</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 ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</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>
SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE