

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 20, 2026
25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God rewards those who place their trust in him.

It is hard not to relate to the worker who toiled all day and then was jealous of the worker who was paid equally for his one hour of work. But if we unite ourselves to the heart of Christ, we can understand God's pleasure in the conversion of all souls, whether they were faithful their whole lives or came to him right before death. Thank God for the mercy shown to each of us.

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.

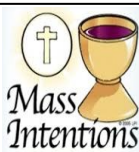
For more information on how to join the parish,
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, September 20, 2026

Anice Davis-Saunders

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph DeStephano



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Jacquelyn Dobson, Marcia Fugate, Tom Fugate, Carolyn Walker, Roxana Weber, Fr. Robert Werth, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda & Lily Tatum

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver



Break the Cycle of Poverty:

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or give at our parish web site, under "Second Collections". Please be generous.

Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

Offerings for September 13, 2026

Offerings: \$1,798

Attendance: 71

Online Giving: \$30

Online Givers: 1

Thank you for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER

Sun. Sept. 20

Second Collection- Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Fri. Sept. 25

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!

How do I give my offering?

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to: Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, 34 Monica Street, Rochester, NY 14619
2. OSV Online Giving: Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/immaculateconceptionrochester/giving/funds>) For secure one-time or recurring online giving

We now have a QR Code to access our online giving



Remember: If you have a milestone anniversary or birthday coming up, please let us know so we can print it in a future bulletin.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

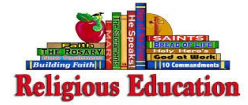
If it be a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God, it is a more terrible thing to fall out of them.

We'd like to let everyone know that on Monday 9/14, Fr. Ray fell and went to the hospital for pain in his back and left shoulder. He is in stable condition and awaiting diagnosis. Please keep him in your prayers! All weekday Masses and communion services are canceled for next week. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information. Thank you for your love!



The Finance Committee's Annual Parish Operating Results for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026 meeting will be held today following Mass.

Religious Education Classes start on Sunday, October 4.



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary have again signed up to do the Walk to End Alzheimer's on **Saturday, October 3, 2026** at the ESL Ballpark, One Morrie Silver Way, Rochester, NY. Gates open at 9:00 am. We're dedicated to making a difference in the fight to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia. **I hope you will support Joanne Gordon, Jackie Bryant or Verma Brown with a donation today.** It would mean a lot to us and those facing this relentless disease.

Our page: <http://act.alz.org/goto/KoPCLA26>

Thank you for your generosity. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

Rochester to host third-annual Baldwin Richardson Foods HBCU Classic Football Game

The 3rd Annual Baldwin Richardson Foods Frederick Douglass HBCU Football Classic takes place at the Rochester Community Sports Complex, 460 Oak St., Rochester, NY, featuring a matchup between the Lincoln University Lions and the Virginia State University Trojans on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Kickoff is at 1:00 pm. Gates open at 12:00 pm. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased through the Frederick Douglass HBCU Classic website.



Tri-Parish End of Summer Picnic Thank You

We had a great time last Sunday. It was fun having all three parishes together. Yes, we got a little wet but it didn't dampen our spirits. The Hospitality and Picnic Committees would like to thank all those who attended and all those who volunteered during the event to make this a great success. Congratulations to the winners of the oatmeal cookie contest: JoAnn DeMott, the Holmes family and Cheryl Basil. Thank you to all who entered the contest.

End-of-Summer Tri-Parish Picnic



St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ROMANS 15:13	
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>Jack & Elvira Powell</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM & RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Your Family</i>	Alzheimer's Association Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for support, crisis assistance and education on issues families impacted by dementia face every day.
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>Linda Nash</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</i>	<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. The Gordon/Bell Families
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	Hart Cleaning Services LLC Professional Janitorial Contracting Services Certified NYS WMBE • Certified DBE • Veteran Jake Hart ~ 585-615-2110 hartcleaning@frontier.com • www.hartcleaningservices.com	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. The Nwokelo Family
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