

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.

November 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



November is Black Catholic History Month

We are called to persevere in faith until the day Christ returns.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in heaven. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice. If we persevere in faith, we can anticipate this coming with joy.

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.

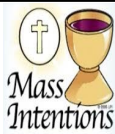
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Raphael Nguti

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 Buccan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 14, 2025

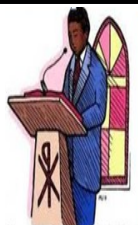
Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore



Offerings for November 9, 2025

Offerings: \$2,325

Attendance: 82

Online Giving: \$200

Online Givers: 3

Military Services: \$492

Thank you for your generous support.

NOVEMBER

Sun. Nov. 16

Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Turnout—Music provided by Penny Parris and Company

Alzheimer's Association-Empowered Care-giver Series: Understanding Dementia/Foundations

Thur. Nov. 27

***Thanksgiving Day Mass—10:00 am
Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed***

Fri. Nov. 28

***Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed
St. Joseph's House of Hospitality***

Sun. Nov. 30

***Christmas Carol—Geva Theater
Religious Education Class***

November Christian Action



- Believe there is always, always, always something to be grateful for!
- Thank the person sitting near you.
- Thank someone in your family.
- Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
- Write a text, email, note or letter letting someone know how grateful you are for them.
- Pray: All that I am and all that I have is because of you Lord!



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

2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish—Goal \$11,000
\$3,199 Pledged
29.08 % of Goal

As of this date, 10 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!



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Just a reminder: The 2026 Mass Intention book is available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

Welcome Visitors!

**We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.**

THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES



Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

445 Frederick Douglass Street

Rochester, NY 14608

Starts November 16th (after Mass) 10:30 am - 12 pm

To Register Please Contact Joanne Gordon or call

1-800-272-3900

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver

Ladies Auxiliary Court 106.

This program is supported (in part) by a grant from the New York State Department of Health

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
Rochester & Finger Lakes
Region Chapter

ROCHESTER JAMAICAN ORGANIZATION
COMMUNITY PARTNERS & FRIENDS

JAMMIN' FOR JAMAICA
HURRICANE RELIEF

JAM NOV 14
6PM-12AM
JAMAICA JAMMIN' DJ EXTRAVAGANZA

\$40 PER DAY
MINIMUM DONATION

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY LOCAL CARIBBEAN RESTAURANTS

JAM 15
4PM-12AM
JAMAICA LIVE BAND PERFORMANCES

JAM 16
2PM-6PM
JAMAICA JAZZ JAZZ/GOSSPEL PERFORMANCES

TROPICX
LATELY LOUNGE & EVENT CENTER
4775 LAKE AVE ROCHESTER NY
585-234-2119
www.rochesterjamaican.org

Upcoming event raising funds for Jamaica.

Please come out and support our dancers.

Our Liturgical Dancers will minister during the program between 2pm-5pm Sunday afternoon.

Blacks in Catholic History

November 16th

Did You Know...

...that the very first African American priests in the United States were three brothers born of a slave mother and fathered by a Georgia plantation owner?

The Healy brothers: James, Alexander, and Patrick were sent north for their education and freedom. Because of the adverse racial climate in 19th century America, the Healy brothers had to be ordained in Europe, beginning with James in 1854; Alexander, in 1858; and Patrick, in 1864. James Augustine Healy later became our nation's first African American bishop in Portland, Maine, in 1875. A year earlier, his brother, Patrick Francis Healy, became the highly regarded president of the Catholic institution, Georgetown University, here in Washington, DC. Ironically, Georgetown did not admit students of color, until the mid-1900's.

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!

Encounter Pope Leo XIV

Live at NCYC!

On Friday, November 21, Pope Leo XIV will speak live from the Vatican to young Catholics gathered at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference. This event is hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, and EWTN is honored to serve as the exclusive media partner providing news coverage, broadcast, and digital streaming of the event.



On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (AMS), thank you to all those who contributed to the National Collection for the AMS last week. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and military chaplaincy.

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<i>FEAR NOT! STAND YOUR GROUND, AND YOU WILL SEE THE VICTORY THE LORD WILL WIN FOR YOU TODAY.</i> <i>EXODUS 14:13</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	Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Thankful For Two Lives Well Lived Endearing Legacies and, A Love Everlasting</i>
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	<i>SPACE AVAILABLE</i>
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! 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>As You Feast in Heaven We'll Place An Empty Chair In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks Lynn & Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</i>	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan 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>
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