

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.

May 25, 2025
6th Sunday of Easter

Home to the Holy Spirit, our hearts become the eternal dwelling place of Christ.

Christians on pilgrimage to the Holy Land are often greeted with the words, "Welcome home." Indeed, the Church began in Jerusalem; Jesus died right outside of its walls; and it is also home to the first council recounted in today's first reading. Truly, our home is not in a particular place but in Christ, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives light to the new Jerusalem, which is the eternal city, the kingdom of God.

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.

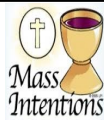


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Kathleen Brooks

Requested by Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski & 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 Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver & Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Teyana Pappin

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, June 29, 2025

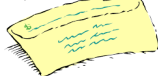
Reader I & II—Norma Thom



REMINDER

If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's donation envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to us.

Offering Envelopes



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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
1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624

Offerings for May 18, 2025

Offerings: \$1,200

Attendance: 78

Online Giving: \$430

Online Givers: 6

Diocesan Missions: \$456

Thank you for your generous support.



Welcome Kavon Ferdinand-Claude who was newly baptized into our parish community on Sunday, May 18, 2025.



The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation is

Thursday, May 29th

Mass will be at 12:10 pm at St. Monica Church.

May Christian Action

Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

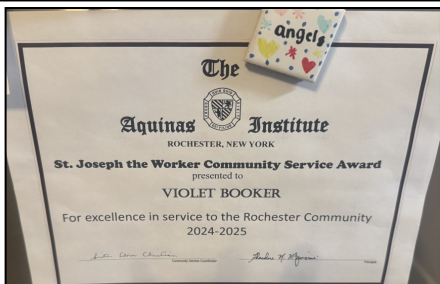
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parish—Goal \$12,000

As of this date, 32 families have contributed to the CMA. Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. We have exceeded our goal by 122.75% (\$14,730).

Once again, thank you.



*The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.
Have a safe and happy Memorial Day!*



*Violet received the St. Joseph the Worker Community Service Award from Aquinas. It is for exceptional commitment to community service.
Congratulations Violet!*

On Saturday, May 17th a local chapter of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, the oldest Black Catholic lay-led organization in existence, was reinstated at Immaculate Conception/ St. Bridget's Church. Bishop Salvatore Matano celebrated the Mass, during which 10 knights and 12 ladies were inducted to the Knights' Council and Ladies Auxiliary Court 106.



JUNE 8, 2025 • PENTECOST
11:00 am Mass
Join us for a special multicultural liturgy and coffee hour to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

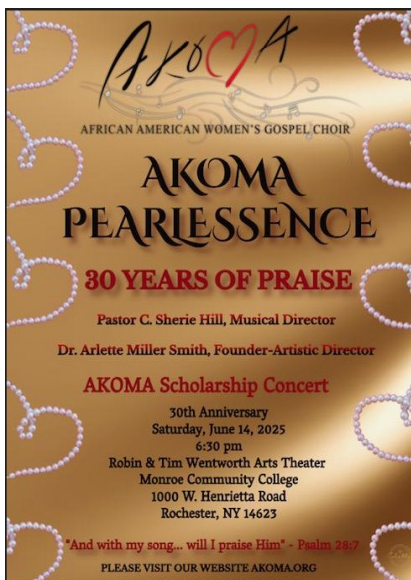
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, and St. Monica's Church will be having a combined international celebration on Pentecost, Sunday, June 8th at 11:00 AM at St Monica's which will showcase all three parishes. At that Sunday's Eucharist parishioners are invited to wear ethnic clothing that recognizes their heritage or if you would rather, wear red to commemorate Pentecost. There will be a special coffee hour that will feature food from around the world. Signup boards will be available in the churches requesting finger foods for the coffee hour and seeking volunteers to set up, serve and clean up.



Please join us for the 70th Annual St. Rita Fiesta on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31! There will be live music, great food options including Fish Fry and Chicken BBQ, sweet treats, carnival games such as Dunk the Deacon, pony rides, inflatables, raffles, and so much more.

A full schedule and details are available on our website at <https://stritawebster.org/fiesta/>

All are welcome - something for everyone! Free on-site handicapped parking and golf cart rides are available.



Saturday, July 12, 2025
Sunday, July 13, 2025

ST. MONICA SUMMER CONCERT
Sunday, June 29, 2025
4-6 PM
Join us for our third annual showcase of the talented musicians from our parish and community. Refreshment reception to follow. Free will offerings accepted.

*Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!*

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626 Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions and Orville's Appliances.	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org	Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870 <i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i>	<i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity</i> <i>Together Missed, Evermore</i> Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i>	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</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 DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN, 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	Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</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>
Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</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 JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKEL SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941