

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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Office Hours: 9:00 am — 3:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

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.

August 2, 2026

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Daily life brings with it both blessings and trials. It is easy to think we walk alone when we are in the midst of especially difficult times. This is when it is most important to remember that Jesus is with us always: nothing will be able to separate us from [his] love. Our challenge is to remain rooted in our faith and trust this promise.

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.

Parish Staff

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Joanie Fraver, **Finance Council Chair**

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New members are welcome at
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.

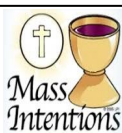
For more information on how to join the parish,
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, August 2, 2026

Edward Cullen

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, Fr. Robert Werth, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Reader I & II—Teyana Pappin

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

There is a world of difference between submitting to the Divine Will from sullenness and submitting to it knowing that God is Supreme Wisdom, and that some day we will know all that happened, happened for the best.

Offerings for July 26, 2026

Offerings: \$1,033

Attendance: 74

Online Giving: \$480

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

August Christian Action

Be Kind and Caring!

- Be the reason someone smiles.
- Visit, email, call or write a note to someone who is lonely.
- Let someone know you are praying for them.
- Lighten someone's load.
- Be the reason someone believes in the kindness of strangers.

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.



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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

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

Living Faith 'Get Down to Business'

There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.
Matthew 14:16

It happens frequently enough that a homily of mine that seems like a bust to me is received differently by at least some who hear it. It's one of those good, humbling experiences that serves as a reminder of Who is in charge and that God is quite capable of working with what we've got, thank you.

I wonder if this is how the disciples felt when Jesus told them to feed the hungry crowd themselves. Hmm, could you repeat that? Five loaves and two fish is all that we've got echoing the inadequacy we often feel before a situation beyond our capacities. That's good enough for me, Jesus seems to say, so let's get down to business.

St. Paul says, "I am content with weaknesses...for the sake of Christ; for when I'm weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). That's because I am less likely to get in the way.

Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026
AUGUST 10-14
8:45am-noon * Grades preK4-7
Free + lunch included
Online registration form: stmonicaofrochester.org

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

These are the following items we need for VBS 2026.
Please note that all food MUST be PEANUT-FREE.
Please contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to donate.
Thank you so much for supporting our youth's spiritual development!

- o Cheese sticks - 150
- o Gogo squeeze - 100
- o Hot dog buns - 100
- o Individual goldfish bags - 100
- o Individual chips bags - 200
- o Individual popcorn snack bags (pre-popped)- 100
- o Doritos bags - 70
- o Individually-wrapped Oreos - 100
- o Peanut-free granola bars - 200
- o Grapes for 80 people
- o 4 watermelons

St. Augustine School Reunion

September 13, 2026
Twin Silo Venue
6758 Big Tree Rd, Livonia, NY 14487
1:00-6:00pm
\$35 catered lunch included; Cash Bar Available
Bring Own Soda/Water, Folding Chairs
If you questions, send to email:
staugustine_melody@yahoo.com

Welcome Visitors!
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today 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!

28th Annual Clarissa Street Reunion 2026

August 15, 2026 10:00am - 7:00pm

Please join the festivities as family, neighbors, and friends gather to enjoy the following: Presentations from 3 stages and a variety of vendors and exhibits.

End of Summer Parish Picnic with Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's and St. Monica Churches

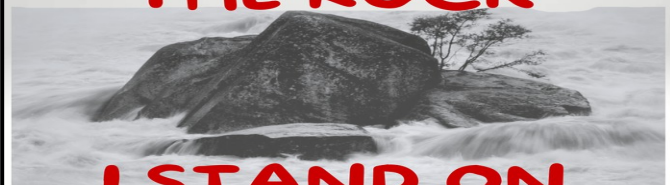
Sunday, September 13 ~ 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Genesee Valley Park, Roundhouse Shelter

2026 Picnic Planning Meeting

Are you planning to attend the End of Summer Picnic this year? Would you be able to help with the planning and organizing of the picnic? If so, you are invited to attend a planning meeting **on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm in the St. Monica Rectory**. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to volunteer, please contact one of the picnic co-chairs: Meg Lute at mlute@rochester.rr.com or Debbie Diederich at dfdiederich270@gmail.com. We will be glad to have you on the volunteer team.

Fr. Chester P. Smith
National Black Catholic Men's Conference
Birmingham, Alabama
October 15th - 18th 2026

THE ROCK



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Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard North
Birmingham, Alabama
October 15th - 18th 2026

Type in the passkey link below for hotel reservations
<https://book.passkey.com/s/509610024>
Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference Oct2026 - Start Your Reservation
To register, go to the Bowman-Francis Ministry website at:
www.bowmanfrancis.org

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS. PROVERBS 3:5-6	
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 Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.
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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