

# *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 13, 2026**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive others.*

*Today's readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors.*



**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.

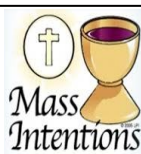
For more information on how to join the parish,  
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



**Sunday, September 13, 2026**

**Frank Casa**

**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 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

**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



### ***Offerings for September 6, 2026***

***Offerings: \$2,776***

***Attendance: 72***

***Online Giving: \$220***

***Online Givers: 3***

***Thank you for your generous support.***

### ***SEPTEMBER***

***Sun. Sept. 13***

***Tri-End of Summer Picnic—1-4 pm  
Genesee Valley Park, Roadhouse Shelter  
Grandparents Day***

***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**



### **Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Next Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provided employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).



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

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Please send bulletin submissions to**

**Tracy by 4pm on Mondays: [tracy.jordan@dor.org](mailto:tracy.jordan@dor.org) with photos.**



*Rochester's Own  
Court 106 is Honored to Carry  
on the Ladies Auxiliary Legacy*

*Grand Lady Lynn N. Fulmore  
Vice Grand Lady Maurini Strub  
Secretary Michelle Horman  
Treasurer Verma Brown Financial Secretary Pat Nguti  
Lady of Prayer Yvette Reaves Chaplain Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski  
Lady Jackie Bryant  
Lady Joanne Gordon  
Lady Shelly Smith  
Lady Rose Stokes  
Lady Gail Whitcraft*

*Save  
the  
Date*

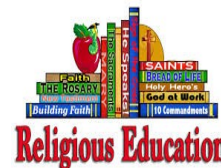
The Finance Committee's Annual Parish Operating Results for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026 meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> following Mass.

Registration for Religious Education Class

**Today ~ Sunday, September 13.**

Classes start on **Sunday, October 4.**

Please see Mrs. Fontenette for forms.



### Tri-Parish End of Summer Picnic

with Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,  
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridgets and St. Monica Parishes

**TODAY ~ Sunday, September 13 ~ 1:00 to 4:00 pm  
Genesee Valley Park, Roundhouse Shelter**

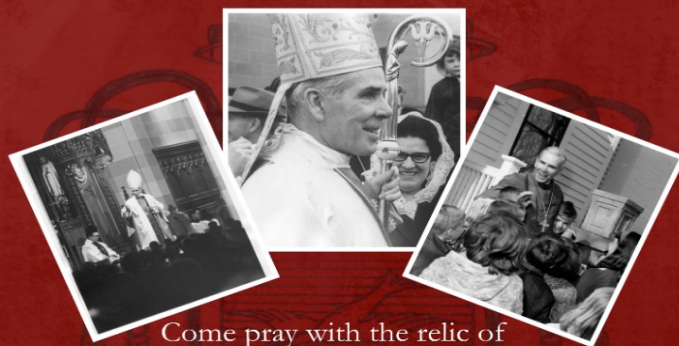
**RAIN OR SHINE... You don't want to miss the fun.**

**Games, Food, Fellowship**

**We will have a TV set up with the Bills Game!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!**

### Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



Come pray with the relic of  
Rochester's sixth bishop!

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester  
Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 7:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport  
Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Penfield  
Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 7:00 pm



Greetings, it's that time again. 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 14608 — 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>

Also, there's strength in numbers! When you join our Walk team, we'll stand strong against the disease that's taken too many of our loved ones too soon. It's easy to get started, and we're here to help you every step of the way. Just visit our webpage and click the link to join our team.

We hope you'll take this opportunity to help end Alzheimer's. Joining our team or making a donation would mean so much to us and to all those facing this relentless disease.

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



We are currently **Looking for Volunteers and/or a Coordinator for the Hospitality Committee** to take on the task of running the coffee hour for the church on the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested please speak with Isabelle Walters.

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

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| <b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b><br><br>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community<br>402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607<br>585-232-3262 | MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS<br>YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH<br>HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.<br><br>ROMANS 15:13                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b><br>133 S. Fitzhugh Street<br>Rochester, NY 14608<br>www.cornhill.org                                     | <b>Skips on the Ridge</b><br><br>640 West Ridge Road<br>Rochester, NY 14615<br>585-865-3896                                                                                                                                              | <i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i><br><br><i>Always Loved</i><br><i>Never Forgotten</i><br><i>Forever Missed</i>                                                                 |
| In Loving Memory of the<br><b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b><br><br><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>                                     | In Loving Memory of<br><b>TALLAM &amp; RAPHAEL NGUTI</b><br><br><i>Love Your Family</i>                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Alzheimer's Association</b><br>Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for<br>support, crisis assistance and education on<br>issues families impacted by dementia face |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp;<br/>THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b><br><br><i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i>                                | In Prayerful Remembrance of the<br>Deceased Members of the<br>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY<br>FAMILIES<br><br><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>                                                                                                   | In Loving Memory of<br><b>JOE HAUSER</b><br><br><i>The Wingo Family</i>                                                                                                       |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b><br><br><i>The Wingo Family</i>                                                                   | In Loving Memory of My Guess Family,<br>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA<br><i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i><br><i>Marcia Fugate</i>                                                                                            | In Prayerful Remembrance of the<br>Deceased Members of the<br>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES<br><br><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>                                              |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>JAMES STOKES</b><br><br><i>The Stokes Family</i>                                                                         | In Loving Memory of<br><b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp;<br/>ALICE WALTERS</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Linda Nash</i><br><br><i>Always Loved</i><br><i>Never Forgotten</i><br><i>Forever Missed</i>                                                                               |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>BILL CASTLE</b><br><br><i>The Castle Family</i>                                                                          | In Loving Memory of<br><b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b><br><br><i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i><br><i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon,<br/>Shannel &amp; Brandon</i>                                                                          | <i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i><br><b>Tim Sullivan</b><br><i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf<br/>of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>                             |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b><br><br><i>Joanne Gordon</i>                                                                           | In Loving Memory of<br><b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b><br><br><i>Roxana C. Weber</i>                                                                                                                                                          | In Loving Memory of<br><b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b><br><br><b>The Gordon/Bell Families</b>                                                           |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE<br/>McGEE FAMILY</b><br><br><i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i>                             | <b>Hart Cleaning Services LLC</b><br><br>Professional Janitorial Contracting Services<br>Certified NYS WMBE • Certified DBE • Veteran<br><br><b>Jake Hart ~ 585-615-2110</b><br>hartcleaning@frontier.com • www.hartcleaningservices.com | In Loving Memory of<br><b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b><br><br><b>The Nwokelo Family</b>                                                                              |
| <b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>                                                                                                                                                        |