

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.

April 20, 2025

HAPPY EASTER

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Live each day with a focus on what is above.

Today we rejoice in the Lord's resurrection, his victory over death. Through this victory, the Lord has opened the gates of heaven for us and offered us forgiveness of sins and eternal joy in his presence. This eternal destiny calls us to live always with a focus on what is above—to orient our earthly activities and concerns toward what is most conducive to a life of faith in the Lord.

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.

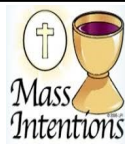


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Sharla Davenport

Requested by Lynn Fulmore & Shlonda Nash



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Sunday, April 20, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral & Elvira Martin

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Reader I & II—Erin McBride

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

"The joy of Easter is a reminder of God's enduring love for us. Celebrate God's love today and always!"

Offerings for April 13, 2025

Offerings: \$1,814

Attendance: 86

Online Giving: \$130

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

April

Mon. April 21 Office Closed

Fri. April 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

April Christian Action

Be Joyous!

Greet people with "Alleluia He is risen!"

Appreciate all the new birth going on around you.

Surprise someone with flowers.

Do some kindness for another that you wouldn't normally do.



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, 31 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 114.42% (\$13,730).

Once again, thank you.



**He is risen! He is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!**

Living Faith
Believe in the Resurrection

You know what has happened... Acts 10:36-37

We have just observed Lent and Holy Week. We have walked with Jesus during his Passion, stood with him as he was crucified and died, and now we stand as witnesses of his resurrection on this Easter Sunday. The apostles truly were witnesses. They saw the empty tomb. They saw Jesus in the upper room. They walked, talked and ate with him. Jesus prepared them for this moment, yet it was difficult to understand and still was even after it happened.

As Christian believers, we know what has happened. We have read it for years. We have heard it proclaimed. We learned about it at Sunday School. We know that Jesus rose from the dead and recite it in the Creed. But there is knowing something happened, and then there is professing and believing it. Knowing is not good enough. We must believe, and the resurrection must change our lives.

Do you just know about the resurrection, or do you truly believe?

Lord, help me to believe that you died and rose for me.

Fr. Edward Looney

**The church office will be closed on
Monday, April 21, 2025**

**Church
office
closed**



Please remember to sign up for Coffee Hour held once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

You may now bring in homemade items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!

**Mass of Recognition of the
Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony on

Sunday, April 27, 2025 11:15 a.m. at

Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park
All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano.



HAPPY EASTER!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Julian & Alana Bell celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on Monday, April 14, 2025. Happy Anniversary!



**THE GROUP OF LADIES WHO WILL BE JOINING
THE LADIES OF PETER CLAVER**



On Friday, April 11th Fr. Bob Werth was chaplain at Nazareth Elementary School, where there was a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross.

Lily Tatum is a student there and was in the presentation.



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| <p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions and Orville's Appliances.</p> | |
| <p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p> | <p>Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p> | <p><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p>Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore</p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p> | <p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p> | <p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p> | <p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN, CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS</p> | <p>Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p> | <p>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p> |
| <p>Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p> | <p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p> | <p>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p> |