

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 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.

Perhaps we can identify with the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. They most likely felt despair and discouragement, but when Jesus revealed himself to them that despair was turned into joy and they rushed to tell the other disciples. If we today continue to open ourselves to God's movement in our lives, we can feel that same joy and be energized to share the Good News with others.

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.

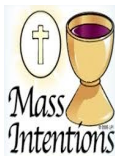
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Louise Miles

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 Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, Harold Moore, David Powe, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Teyana Pappin

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Offerings for April 12, 2026

Offerings: \$2,949

Attendance: 101

Online Giving: \$80

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

April

Fri. April 24 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Wed. April 29 Finance Council Meeting—3:00 pm
St. Monica Rectory

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.



Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$13,884). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for the deceased, special intentions, birthdays or anniversaries. Please call or stop by the office if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions.



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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

ECHOES FROM THE PAST
MAHALIA Sings
 WITH **MAHALIA JACKSON** AND **THOMAS DORSEY**
MAY 3, 2026
4:00PM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH
445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.
ROCHESTER, NY 14608

MAGGIE MOORE
 MARVIN RODGERS
 EUNICE WHITE
 ICSB LITURGICAL DANCERS

Living Faith

Rising Up

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.

Acts 2:32

Several years ago, I received a beautiful Easter-themed brochure from a florist selling fresh multicolored flowers. At the bottom of the page it stated: "Remember this year Easter falls on April 21." I reflected on the word, "falls" finding that it was not the most correct way to refer to Easter. Easter never falls on any day. All the things about Easter are always rising up.

We celebrate Jesus rising up from the tomb. Springtime is rising up from winter, and grass is showing fresh new shoots. Dogwood blossoms appear, along with daffodils, tulips and a host of other flowers that awake. It's new life in Jesus! And this celebratory parade continues for the 50 days of the Easter season and beyond. Down with the falls. It's now up, up and—one fine day—away.

Fr. James McKarns

The next Finance Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 3:00pm in the rectory at St. Monica.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Corn Hill Arts Festival
July 11 – 12, 2026



Welcome Azalea Suzanne Gasiorek who was newly baptized into our parish community on Sunday, April 12, 2026.



Save the Date:

Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 pm

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf and St. Monica Church at the Red Wings Game

Our youth will sing the national anthem to start the game!

Tickets are \$6 and will go on sale in June.

Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

<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;">BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PSALM 46:10</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>Jack & Elvira Powell</i></p> <p><i>Always Loved Never Forgotten Forever Missed</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM & RAPHAEL NGUTI</p> <p><i>Love Your Family</i></p>	<p>Caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementia is no easy task. Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.872.3900. Rochester Alzheimer's Association.</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</p> <p><i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>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></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</p> <p><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS</p>	<p><i>Linda Nash</i></p> <p><i>Two Years, Too Long Missing You Still Always</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</p> <p><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES</p> <p><i>Gone, but Never Forgotten Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</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>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</p> <p><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</p> <p><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR.</p> <p><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGEE FAMILY</p> <p><i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
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