

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.

November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

We are called to be God's temple, giving life to the world.

In baptism, we became temples where the spirit of God came to dwell. He remains in us so long as we do not drive him out by mortal sin; his presence influences our lives and transforms our hearts more when we put no obstacles in the way of his action. Just as Jesus drove the money-changers out of the Jerusalem temple, so we should ask him to drive out of our hearts all selfish desires so we can live fully for the glory of God and the service of others.

Black Catholic History Month

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.

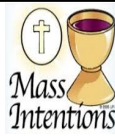
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Timothy M. Sullivan

Requested by his Loving Family (Annerose & 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 Degan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



Offerings for November 2, 2025

Offerings: \$1,874

Attendance: 74

Online Giving: \$220

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.

NOVEMBER

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| Sun. Nov. 9 | <i>Liturgical Dancers as our Prelude Selection
Cole All-Star Circus, Canandaigua
Religious Education Class</i> |
| Tues. Nov. 11 | <i>Veterans Day—Office Closed</i> |
| Fri. Nov. 14 | <i>David Shakes and the NorthStar Players
A play about the Saintly Seven—6:30-8:30 pm</i> |
| Sun. Nov. 16 | <i>Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
Turnout—Music provided by Penny Parris
and Company
Alzheimer's Association-Empowered Care-
giver Series: Understanding Dementia/
Foundations</i> |
| Thur. Nov. 27 | <i>Thanksgiving Day Mass—10:00 am
Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed</i> |
| Fri. Nov. 28 | <i>Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed
St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</i> |
| Sun. Nov. 30 | <i>Christmas Carol—Geva Theater
Religious Education Class</i> |



Parish—Goal \$11,000
\$3,199 Pledged
29.08 % of Goal

As of this date, 10 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank

those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

November Christian Action



- Believe there is always, always, always something to be grateful for!
- Thank the person sitting near you.
- Thank someone in your family.
- Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
- Write a text, email, note or letter letting someone know how grateful you are for them.
- Pray: All that I am and all that I have is because of you Lord!



Today our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Please prayerfully consider

a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

***Welcome visitors we are blessed
by your presence.***

Please come again!

THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES



Building Foundations Caregiving explores the role of caregiver and changes they may experience, building a support team and managing caregiver stress.

Supporting Independence focuses on helping the person living with dementia take part in daily activities, providing the right amount of support and balancing safety and independence while managing expectations.

Communicating Effectively teaches how dementia affects communication including tips for communicating well with family, friends and health care professionals.

Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors details common behavior changes and how they are a form of communication, non-medical approaches to behaviors and recognizing when additional help is needed.

Exploring Care and Support Services examines how best to prepare for future care decisions and changes, including respite care, residential care and end-of-life care.

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**Starts November 16th
(after Mass)**
10:30 am - 12 pm

To Register Please Contact
Joanne Gordon
Or call
1-800-272-3900

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
Rochester & Finger Lakes
Region Chapter

This program is supported (in part) by a grant from the New York State Department of Health

How to Care For Someone With Alzheimer's Disease



Establish a daily routine.

Respect their privacy.

Encourage their independence.

Keep in mind their abilities.

Give encouragement and support.

Tell the person what you're doing.

Be attentive to personal hygiene.

Break down all tasks into simple instructions.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 106.

The Month of All Souls

November is the month of All Souls, is a wonderful time for us to remember our roots planted firmly by those who have gone before us. It is also an opportune time for parents, to talk with their children about our heritage of tradition started by those who have gone before. It is a time to think about "Ancestor Worship" as an opportunity for engaging our own place in history and the general scheme of things. We can recognize and remember those who have contributed to who we are and that we contribute to those who come after us. This month of the blessed dead is also a ripe time for talking about death with our children in a simple and beautiful way so that they can understand the concept. We should speak of it as a reality and as a fulfillment for us of the Resurrection. We should try to get the message across that life isn't taken away, only changed. As a family you might pick a special time to pray for the deceased who have no one to love or remember them in this life.



The church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. Normal business hours will resume on Wednesday, November 13th.

Celebrating the gifts of our culture and faith



The "Saintly Seven" refers to seven Black Catholic candidates on the path to sainthood in the U.S., often highlighted during Black Catholic History Month in November. The group includes Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, Venerable Henriette Delille, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Venerable Mother Mary Lange, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, Servant of God Julia Greeley, and Servant of God Friar Martin de Porres Maria Ward.

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman: A Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration who was a prominent educator and evangelist.

Venerable Henriette Delille: A free woman of color who founded the Society of the Holy Family in New Orleans to serve the sick and poor.

Venerable Pierre Toussaint: A formerly enslaved man who was known for his devout faith and charitable work in New York City.

Venerable Mother Mary Lange: A foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious congregation of African American women in the United States.

Venerable Father Augustus Tolton: The first openly Black Catholic priest in the United States, who served in Chicago.

Servant of God Julia Greeley: An enslaved woman from Colorado who became known for her strong faith and charitable work.

Servant of God Friar Martin de Porres Maria Ward: A Dominican friar in Peru who was known for his love of the poor and his devotion to the Eucharist.

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<i>FEAR NOT! STAND YOUR GROUND, AND YOU WILL SEE THE VICTORY THE LORD WILL WIN FOR YOU TODAY.</i> <i>EXODUS 14:13</i>	
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	Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Thankful For Two Lives Well Lived Endearing Legacies and, A Love Everlasting</i>
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	<i>SPACE AVAILABLE</i>
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! 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>As You Feast in Heaven We'll Place An Empty Chair In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks Lynn & Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</i>	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan 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. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
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