

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.

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

We are invited to bring our thirst to God.

In the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to acknowledge our thirst and our need for God. Let us not mask it or hide it with distractions or goods which cannot ultimately satisfy. We are invited instead to bring our thirst to God and, like the Samaritan woman, simply ask: Lord, give me this water, the water which will make us never thirst again.

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.

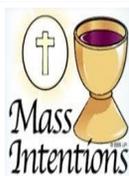
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, March 8, 2026

Dalton Doucette

Requested by the Wells 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 Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, Harold Moore, David Powe, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

Sunday, March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin



Offerings for March 1, 2026

Offerings: \$1,848

Attendance: 79

Online Giving: \$270

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

MARCH

- Sun. Mar. 8 Daylight Savings Time
- Fri. Mar. 13 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
- Fri. Mar. 20 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
- Fri. Mar. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

March Christian Action



Be generous with your time:

- Brush the snow off someone else's car.
- Shovel someone's walkway.
- Visit someone who is a shut-in.
- Grocery shop for someone.
- Spend time with a child.



Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$12,384). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.

Lenten Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- a) Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- b) Everyone between 18 and 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast (one full meal a day and nothing between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).



Nourishing Futures in Guatemala

In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent in the church. Please use the Edinburgh Street side entrance doors to the 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!



**Lenten Soup Supper
Saturday, March 21,
after the 4 pm Mass at St. Monica**

The Welcome and Social Justice Committees of St. Monica's would like to invite everyone to a simple soup supper in the Narthex. Our speaker for the evening will be William Camp the Program Coordinator at St. Joseph's Northside. Bill will be sharing the many services that they offer for their guests. Look for the sign up sheets and sign up to attend, or help with set up, take down, or bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a salad. Please plan on coming to share this simple meal during our time of reflecting on the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Any questions call JoAnn DeMott at 313-2614.

Tom & Nellie Bostick's daughter, Sheila Clements participated in a project with her granddaughter, CaTyra Pollard—a chapter book to help seniors leave a lasting legacy. Check out the full story here:

<https://13wham.com/news/local/locally-authored-chapbook-helps-seniors-leave-a-lasting-legacy>



Needed: CLEAN plastic food containers with lids to send food home with youth group teens at St. Monica. New or used, but CLEAN, please! Thank you!



**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's
Religious Education Food & Sock Drive**



PLEASE donate nonperishable food items, Socks (children and adult sizes). There will be bins in the gathering space.

**THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES
EXPLORING CARE AND
SUPPORT SERVICES**

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Sunday, March 8th – 10:30 am–12:00 pm

Following Mass

Topics in the program include:

- Planning for care changes.
- Types of respite, long-term and residential care.
- End of life care options.
- Moving care settings.



**St. Monica Church,
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, &
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**

**Palm Sunday Mass: 10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
March 29 831 Genesee St.**

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**Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 2 7:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration**

**Good Friday Service: Noon - Immaculate Conception
April 3 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608**

**Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
in ASL with interpreter: Emmanuel Church of the Deaf**

**Easter Vigil: 7:01 pm
April 4 Immaculate Conception Church**



Easter Sunday Mass: April 5

**10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt**

All are welcome, especially you!

Needed: Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt



Help us reach 1,000 eggs for our joint Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and St. Monica Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5! We need small, individually-wrapped candies that can fit into small eggs. **PLEASE, NO PEANUTS.** Candy can be donated anytime before March 18 to the office. Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org with questions. Thank you for helping make Easter special!

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><i>FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU; BE NOT AFRAID; FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, AND HELP YOU, I WILL HOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ISAIAH 41:10</i></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> <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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