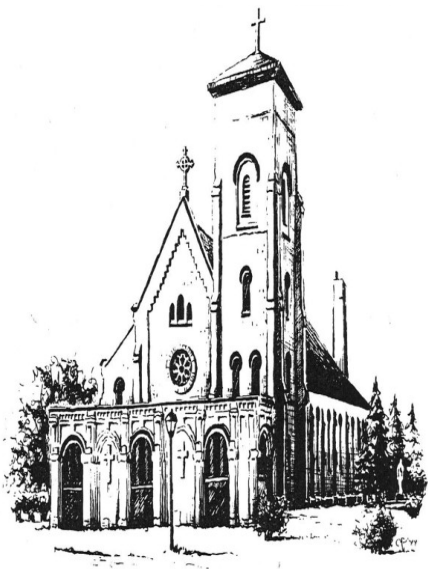


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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.

October 12, 2025

28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

If we persevere, we shall also reign with him.

Today's readings feature those in extremely difficult circumstances find hope and new life in their faith. Naaman is cleansed, Paul hopes in God in the face of trial, and desperate lepers are completely healed. In each of these examples, we see the transformative power of faith and the abundant power and grace of God. May the Lord increase and sustain us in faith so as to be strident witnesses of his love and mercy to the world.

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.

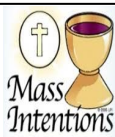


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Marva & Charles Guess

Requested by the Fugate 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 Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

Offerings for October 5, 2025

Offerings: \$1,823

Attendance: 96

Online Giving: \$220

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.



Mon. Oct. 13 *Indigenous Peoples' Day—Office Closed*

Sun. Oct. 19 *World Mission Sunday Collection*

Wed. Oct. 22 *Finance Council Mtg.—3:00 pm at St. Monica*

Fri. Oct. 31 *St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

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



October Christian Action

Invite Someone to Sunday Mass

While talking with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, associates, etc., invite them to join you for Mass on Sunday.



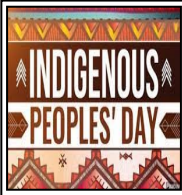
2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Together We Bring Hope
...and Hope does not disappoint*

Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year's campaign is ***Together We Bring Hope...and Hope does not disappoint***. The CMA is a vehicle to help us share the hope of the Gospel message throughout the Diocese of Rochester. It supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese. Your gift to the CMA enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.



*Welcome **Jurnee Charles, Shiloh Henry and Indiyaroya Massey Claude** who were newly baptized into our parish community on Sunday, October 5, 2025.*



Just a reminder, the church office will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, October 14th.

Planning for Your Legacy

A Workshop to help you make informed choices on:

**Planned Giving Vehicles
Wills & Estate Planning
Legacy Gifts that Make an Impact**

Join us for one of the following:

Monday, October 20, 2025; 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall
5000 Mt. Read Blvd., Rochester 14612

This workshop will also include information on Funeral Planning.

Tuesday, October 28, 2025; 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
St. John of Rochester Church Gathering Room
8 Wickford Way, Fairport 14450

Wednesday, October 29, 2025; 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Annunciation Church Hall
1760 Norton Street, Rochester 14609

This workshop will also include information on Funeral Planning.

**Please register with the number of people attending by emailing
stewardship@dor.org or call (585) 328-3210 ext. 1492**

Sponsored by:
Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows Churches
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish
St. John of Rochester Church



The Knights of Peter Claver attended Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Salvatore Matano on Sunday, October 5, 2025 for the Respect Life Mass.

Gateways Music Festival Fall Festival—October 13-16, 2025

Monday, October 13 | 6:30 p.m. Kilbourn Hall

Young Musicians Institute: Rochester Day for Strings + Concert
Free with RSVP

Tuesday, October 14 | 7:30 p.m. Hatch Recital Hall

Piano Recital: David Berry ~ Tickets \$20

Wednesday, October 15 | 7:30 p.m. | Hatch Recital Hall

Gateways Chamber Players ~ Tickets \$20

Thursday, October 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Kodak Hall at Eastman

Theatre Terence Blanchard with the E-Collective and the Gateways Festival Orchestra

Get Tickets—GATEWAYSMUSICFESTIVAL.ORG

NEW YORK STATE
Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Citizen Preparedness Corps

SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE: Immaculate Conception
St. Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglas Street
Rochester, NY 14608

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
12:00PM

REGISTER:

Registration is required to attend the event.
To register visit
www.prepare.ny.gov or
scan the QR code



THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY
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And Immaculate Conception
St. Bridget's Church



African Americans on the Road to Sainthood

CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Please come to experience, learn, and celebrate the rich gifts of our Black Catholic heritage as we present a cultural dramatization that brings to life the seven Black Americans on the Road to Sainthood.

It will be filled with poetry, drama, and song for an inspiring artistic presentation by the acclaimed theater director, producer, actor, and historical interpreter David Shakes of Rochester, New York.

THERE WILL BE A FREWILL OFFERING

**Friday, November
14, 2025**

**Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**

**445 Fredrick
Douglass St.
Rochester, NY
14608**

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Refreshments
after the event!**

**Co-Sponsored by
the Black Catholic
Coalition of
Rochester (BCCR)
and Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<i>I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.</i> <i>PHILIPPIANS 4:13</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	<i>A grand love that still lives beyond earthly life.</i> Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Loved, Cherished & Missed</i> Lynn Fulmore
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE
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!</i> <i>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>Mom ~ Linda Nash</i> <i>Our Cheerleader in Life, Spirit Team in Heaven.</i> <i>Missed is your guidance, always.</i> <i>Lynn & Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i> Tim Sullivan <i>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>
SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE