

# *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 2, 2025*

## *All Souls Day*

*Hope and trust in the Lord ease our sorrow for the loss of our loved ones.*

*The loss of a loved one brings with it sorrow due to a deeply felt absence in our daily life. We mourn the separation, even when it was not unexpected. But the pain of our loss is tempered and eased by our hope and trust in the Lord, in his mercy, and in his promise to grant eternal life to those who believe in him. We cooperate with him by praying for those who have died and asking the Lord to bring them swiftly to himself.*



**Did you remember to set  
your clocks back?**

***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.

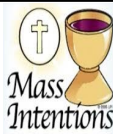
***Baptism:*** Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

**Eric 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 Buccan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, 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 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



### **Offerings for October 26, 2025**

**Offerings: \$1,545**

**Attendance: 84**

**Online Giving: \$30**

**Online Givers: 1**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

### **NOVEMBER**

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| Sun. Nov. 2   | Celebration of All Saints/All Souls<br>Parishioners bring in pictures of deceased loved ones.          |
| Fri. Nov. 7   | The Mega Select Choir Scholarship Concert<br>Medical Academy, 1411 East Ave.—7 pm                      |
| Sat. Nov. 8   | Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am<br>A Soul Symphony Where Gospel Meets Orchestra, Eastman Theater—7:30 pm |
| Sun. Nov. 9   | Liturgical Dancers as our Prelude Selection  |
| Mon. Nov. 11  | Veterans Day—Office Closed   |
| Fri. Nov. 14  | David Shakes and the NorthStar Players<br>A play about the Saintly Seven—6:30-8:30 pm                  |
| Sun. Nov. 16  | Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Turnout—Music provided by Penny Parris and Company        |
| Sun. Nov. 23  | Christ the King  |
| Thur. Nov. 27 | Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed   |
| Fr. Nov. 28   | Day after Thanksgiving—Office Closed<br>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality                              |



2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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

**Parish—Goal \$11,000  
\$2,699 Pledged  
24.54% of Goal**

As of this date, 9 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!



November is Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the history and contributions of Black Catholics. It was established in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. The month was chosen to coincide with several important dates, including the feast of St. Martin de Porres November 3rd and the birthday of St. Augustine November 13th. Black Catholic History Month was established in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCC). The choice of November is significant because it is the month of important feast days, including:

**St. Martin de Porres:** His feast day is November 3rd. He was the first Black saint of the Americas and is known as the "Father of the Poor".

**St. Augustine:** His birthday is traditionally celebrated on November 13th. He was a major early church figure from North Africa.

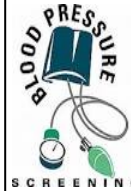
**All Saints Day and All Souls Day:** The month also coincides with these days, which are important for remembering and praying for all saints and souls.

#### **Purpose:**

The month is a time to reflect on and highlight the long history and contributions of Black Catholics, from ancient times to the present day. This includes the legacy of African saints, early Christian communities in Africa, and the lives of modern Black Catholic leaders and figures on the path to sainthood in the United States.

### **Remembering Our Loved Ones**

Today please join us in remembering our deceased family and friends by bringing in a photo of your loved one. The photo will be displayed on a table in front of the altar during Mass. (Be sure to pick up your photo following Mass).



Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy following Mass. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next Sunday, November 9, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to [www.milarch.org/nationalcollection](http://www.milarch.org/nationalcollection)



#### **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 FREEWILL 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**



### **Welcome Visitors!**

*We are blessed by your presence.  
Please come again.*

<b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b>  A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<p align="center"><i>BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>JOSHUA 1:9</i></p>	
<b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b>  640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	Jack & Elvira Powell  <i>Thankful For a Life well Lived An Endearing Legacy And, Love Everlasting</i>  <i>Lynn Fulmore</i>
In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	<p align="center"><b><i>SPACE AVAILABLE</i></b></p>	<p align="center"><b><i>SPACE AVAILABLE</i></b></p>
In Loving Memory of <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b>  <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, <b>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA</b>  <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i> <i>Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b>  <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b>	<p align="center"><b><i>Linda Nash</i></b>  <i>As You Feast in Heaven We'll Place An Empty Chair In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks</i>   <i>Lynn &amp; Shlonda</i></p>
In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b>  <i>The Castle Family</i>	<p align="center"><b><i>SPACE AVAILABLE</i></b></p>	<p align="center">“In Memory of the great bass player  <b>Tim Sullivan</b>  <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band “</i></p>
In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b>  <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b>  <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b>  <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b>  <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b>  <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
<p align="center"><b><i>SPACE AVAILABLE</i></b></p>	In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b>  <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	<p align="center"><b><i>SPACE AVAILABLE</i></b></p>