

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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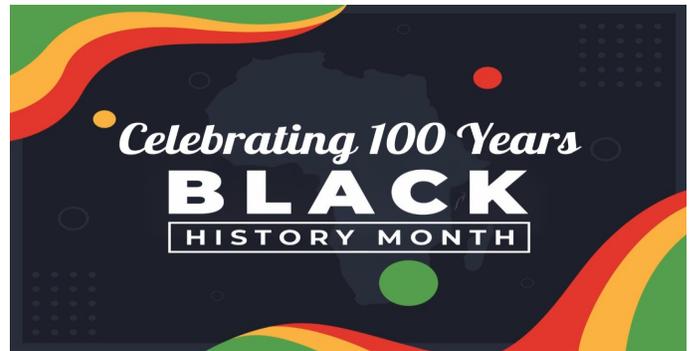
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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Seek God's wisdom and follow his commandments.

As disciples, we strive to follow God's wisdom, and yet we are presented with so many other competing claims of "wisdom" in our world. Our readings today enlighten us on what God's wisdom is and what it is not. May Jesus' wise teachings in the Sermon on the Mount help us grow closer to God.

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.

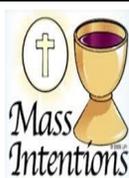
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Bill Castle

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Offerings for February 8, 2026

Offerings: \$1,233

Attendance: 68

Online Giving: \$250

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.



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, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

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



February Christian Action

Be Christ's



Pay a sincere compliment.

Surprise someone with a love note.

Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.

Leave a generous tip.

Send a valentine to someone who may not receive one.

Pray for someone.



Ending Hunger With CRS Rice Bowl

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from the gathering space on Sunday, February 22nd. Then, visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.



Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$11,784). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.

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.



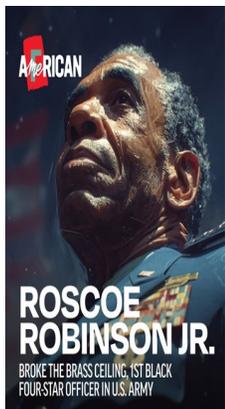
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

KNOW THE PAST, SHAPE THE FUTURE.

Did You Know That....?!

Roscoe Robinson Jr. (1928–1993) first African American four-star general in the U.S. Army, whose distinguished career included key command roles and influence on Cold War military strategy.

1. First African American promoted to four-star general in the U.S. Army (1982)
2. Commanded U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), one of the Army's largest commands
3. Served as U.S. Representative to NATO's Military Committee after retirement
4. Vietnam War combat veteran and graduate of West Point (1951)
5. Mentored future senior Black officers, helping open leadership pathways across Army ranks



Source: @aaresilience (Instagram)

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.



+ Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Offerings for St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Mass + Ashes	8:00 am	St. Monica Church
Drive-through Ashes + Confession	11-11:15 am 12-12:15 pm	St. Monica parking lot 831 Genesee St. 14619
Drive-through Ashes	5:15-5:30 pm	St. Monica parking lot
Mass + Ashes	5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



St. Monica CHURCH



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



IC/SB Youth are asking for your support for their 2026 Food and Socks Drive. **PLEASE** donate nonperishable food items, Socks (children and adult sizes). There will be bins in the gathering space. This will be a continuous opportunity to support our Rochester community through June 28th.

Lenten Mass & Soup Supper at Mercy Spirituality Center

A Lenten gathering where Mass is celebrated and followed by a great meal and wonderful conversation.

Presider for Mass: Fr. Ray Fleming
February 23 — 5:30 pm
Fee: donations accepted.



Register here:
<https://www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org/offerings>

Lenten Regulations

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

- 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.
- 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).

Akoma & Voices of Thunder

An evening of performances by

Akoma & Voices of Thunder

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 141 Adams St.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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>WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE— IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY—THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.</i></p> <p><i>PHILIPPIANS 4:8</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 RAPHAEL NGUTI</p> <p><i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>Alzheimers Association</p> <p>Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.</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, <i>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA</i> <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>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</p> <p><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
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