

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 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Those who have the Spirit of Christ belong to him and will share his resurrection.

Today's Gospel is not just about the resurrection of Lazarus. It is also about ours. Because the Spirit lives in us, death has no power over us. We, too, will share Christ's resurrection. May this hope inspire and guide us through these final days of Lent.

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.

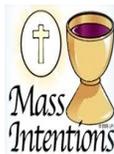
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, March 22, 2026

Special Intention—Jaylan Ferdinand-Poyotte

Requested by Julietta Herman



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

Offerings for March 15, 2026

Offerings: \$11,194

Attendance: 87

Online Giving: \$155

Online Givers: 4

Catholic Relief Services: \$508

Thank you for your generous support.

MARCH

Fri. Mar. 27

*St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm*

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

Sunday, March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)

Reader (Mass at St. Monica at 10:00 am)

Friday, April 3, 2026 (Good Friday)

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Saturday, April 4, 2026 (Easter Vigil)

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore/Norma Thom

Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Easter)

Reader (Mass at St. Monica at 10:00 am)

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette



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.



Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity

God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for the deceased, special intentions, birthdays or anniversaries. Please call or stop by the office if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions.



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Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

Financial Fraud Hotline

1-800-388-7177 x1266

Reports may also be made in writing to:
Internal Audit Department • Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624



Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (**\$13,884**). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.

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.



Living Faith
The Experience of Grieving

And Jesus wept.

John 11:35

Some theologians say these three words are among the most important words on grief in the entire Gospel. Why? Because they show Jesus' total immersion in the human experience of grieving. We love. We lose the one we love. We grieve. Jesus' tears here are genuine. He is "perturbed" and "deeply troubled" by the death of his friend Lazarus (v. 33) and the impact of his death on his family, friends and local community. Jesus' weeping is so real and profound the bystanders whisper in awe, "See how he loved him" (v. 36).

Where is Jesus when we are grieving the loss of our loved ones—and we wonder how we can go on living without them? Jesus is with us. He knows firsthand the pain we are experiencing. And he is loving us.

As for Jesus' enemies, the raising of Lazarus is the last straw. Jesus must be stopped. Permanently. But paradoxically, it is precisely through his own death that Jesus will win for us everlasting life and reunion with our loved ones forever.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES
**RESPONDING TO
DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIORS**

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
Sunday, April 12th – 10:30 am–12:00 pm
Following Mass

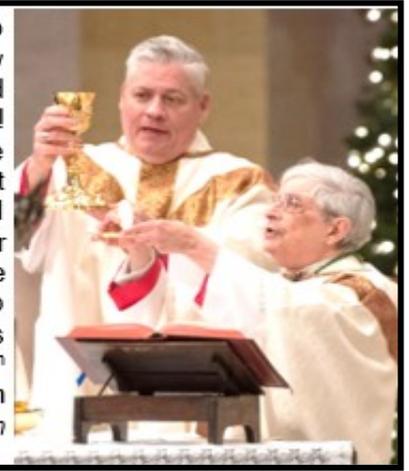
People living with dementia may use behaviors as a way to communicate their needs and feelings as the disease progresses. Learn how dementia can change a person's behavior, possible triggers and person-centered care approaches to address behaviors.

Topics in the program include:

- How dementia affects behavior.
- Identifying and understanding possible triggers.
- Non-medical and medical approaches to addressing behaviors.
- Four steps for managing behaviors.

Welcome Visitors!
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.

Thank you, Bishop Matano, for your many years of dedicated service to our diocese! We pray that you are blessed in our next endeavors, and we will long remember your gift of ministry to us. We also welcome Bishop John Bonnici, who was installed as the 10th bishop of Rochester on March 19. *Photo from the Catholic Courier.*



Palm Sunday Coffee Gathering

Please join us for a Palm Sunday coffee and sweets celebration after the 10 am Mass at St. Monica's. If you would like to bring a treat for the gathering, please drop it off at the Narthex before mass begins.

All are welcome especially you!

Holy Week
2026 St. Monica Church,
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, &
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Palm Sunday Mass: March 29	10:00 am @ St. Monica Church 831 Genesee St. Youth presentaion of the passion
Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 2	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration
Good Friday Service: April 3	Noon - Immaculate Conception 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Easter Vigil: April 4	7:01 pm Immaculate Conception Church



Easter Sunday Mass: April 5
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
All are welcome, especially you!

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/national-collections for more information. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



<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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