

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.

December 28, 2025
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Holy Family models a foundational community of love.

Jesus was born and grew up within a family which was marked by holiness, love, and fidelity to the will of God. Their example calls us to strive to do the same. Today's readings provide an example of ideal relationships among families. Even in the midst of broken relationships, the virtues that Paul names can send all of us on the road to healing and reconciliation.

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, December 28, 2025

Nellie Bostick

Requested by the Fontenette 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 Degrnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore



Thursday, January 1, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin



MASS INTENTIONS

Just a reminder: The 2026 Mass Intention book is available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

Offerings for December 21, 2025

Offerings: \$1,480

Attendance: 64

Online Giving: \$290

Online Givers: 7

Thank you for your generous support.

DECEMBER

Wed. Dec. 31

New Year's Eve—Office Closed

JANUARY

Thur. Jan. 1

New Year's Day Mass—10:00 am

New Year's Day—Office Closed

Fri. Jan. 2

Day after New Year's—Office Closed

Sat. Jan. 3

Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am

Sun. Jan. 4

Blood Pressure Screening

December Christian Action

BE THE GIFT:



Visit someone who is lonely.

Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays.

Help someone with a task.

Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter.

Surprise someone with a kind note.

Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time.

Give someone a hug.

Tell someone you love/appreciate them.

Tell someone you're sorry.

Send a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.



2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Go to www.dcr.org • View the video
See how the funds are distributed
Make your gift

Parish—Goal \$11,000

\$6,749 Pledged

61.35 % of Goal

As of this date, 19 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!

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, December 31st, Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd for the New Years Holiday. Have a safe and happy New Years!

Happy New Year! 2026

New Year's Day Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's

Living Faith Our Family in God

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience...

Colossians 3:12

Among all the genres of viral videos out there, one that I find most affecting is one I'd call "Children meeting their newborn siblings for the first time."

From teens to toddlers, those moments are nothing but joy. Even small children break into happy tears when their tiny swaddled-up brother or sister is gently placed in their arms. What a mysterious, profound bond is family love!

In Jesus, those natural bonds of "mutual affection," as Paul calls them elsewhere (Romans 12:10), are expanded. Baptized into him, we're all brothers and sisters now, called to treat each other with that profound, deeply rooted love and to welcome one another into our lives with open arms and gratitude for the unique gift each one brings into this family—this family of God.

Father, help me grow in love for the brothers and sisters I have in you.

Amy Welborn

Welcome Visitors!

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

The Holy Family



When Joseph and Mary lost Jesus in Jerusalem, they did not give up searching until the family was reunited. For his part, Jesus returned to the bosom of his family, sharing their lives so that he grew in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

Many times family members are not "lost" to one another physically, but spiritually. They may live in the same house as strangers never sharing their inner selves, pursuing their own interests and goals, and giving very little thought to one another's happiness.

The mutual love of Mary, Joseph and Jesus can show people a way out of the selfishness and indifference that destroy family unity. Each of them lived for God and for each other.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, January 4th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial in the bulletin please call the Office.

St. Monica CHURCH

**We need warm & clean coats,
hats, scarves, and gloves
for adults, teens, and children**

**ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM**

LAST DAY TO DONATE: JANUARY 14

Donations can be brought to the office:

34 Monica Street

Monday-Friday

10:00am-3:00pm

-ring the bell at the front office door-

or to Mass

to the box in the narthex.

To arrange another drop-off time,
contact jessica.tette@dor.org.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!



<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p>GLORY BE TO GOD WHOSE POWER, WORKING IN US, CAN DO INFINITELY MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE. EPHESIANS 3:14-21</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>Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Thankful For Two Lives Well Lived Endearing Legacies and, A Love Everlasting</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>Alzheimers Association 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 <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <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 <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS</p>	<p>Linda Nash <i>As You Feast in Heaven We'll Place An Empty Chair In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks</i> <i>Lynn & Shlonda</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>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 <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>