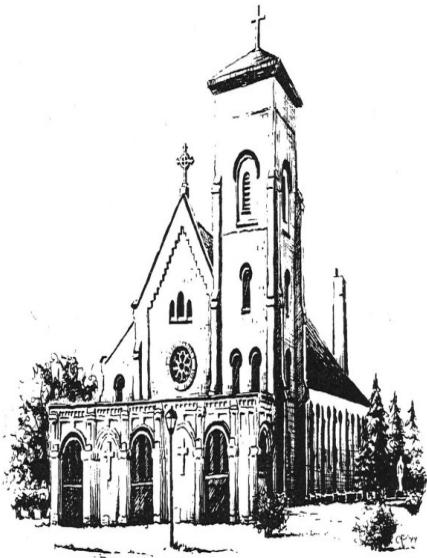


# ***Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church***

***A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition***

***"We've Come This Far By Faith"***



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Office located at: 34 Monica Street, Rochester, NY 14619

Office Hours: 9:00 am — 3:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

**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 8, 2026**  
***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***



The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

At our baptism, we receive the light of Christ. While this light of faith certainly illuminates our path, it is also meant to be shared with others. Through our good works, the light of Christ shines forth, helping others to recognize the work of God in our lives and drawing them to give him thanks and praise.

**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.

## **Parish Staff**

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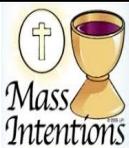
**Joanie Fraver, Finance Council Chair**

**Ramona Moore, Pastoral Council Chair**

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

**Charles Guess**

**Requested by the Fugate Family**



**Offerings for February 1, 2026**

**Offerings: \$3,737**

**Attendance: 69**

**Online Giving: \$320**

**Online Givers: 5**

**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 8, 2026**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin



#### **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



**Parish—Goal \$11,000  
\$11,684 Pledged  
106.22 % of Goal**

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.



### **FEBRUARY**

**Sat. Feb. 14** *Happy Valentine's Day*

**Mon. Feb. 16** *President's Day—Office Closed*

**Wed. Feb. 18** *Ash Wednesday—Mass & Ashes—5:30 pm*

**Fri. Feb. 27** *St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*

### **February Christian Action**

**Be Christ's**



**Pay a sincere compliment.**

**Surprise someone with a love note.**

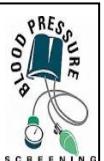
**Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.**

**Leave a generous tip.**

**Send a valentine to someone who may not receive one.**

**Pray for someone.**

**Please Note—Date Change for Blood Pressure Screening.** Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy following Mass. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



### **28 Days of Black History**

Visit <https://www.28daysofblackhistory.com/> and subscribe to receive Black history information daily during Black History Month. The theme for 2026 is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." We'll trace the moments throughout history we've honored the Black American experience, from cultural moments of boundary breaking to major individual and group achievements.

**Black History Month**

**"Believe You Can"**

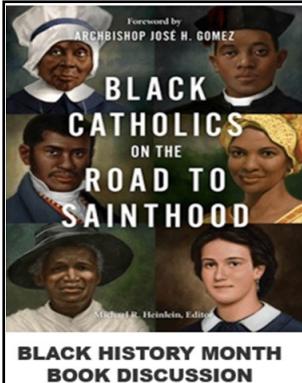
## Did You Know That....??

Marva Collins (1936–2015) was an educator and founder of Westside Preparatory School in Chicago, renowned for her rigorous methods with under-served students.



1. Founded Westside Preparatory School (1975)
2. Developed a challenging curriculum for at-risk youth
3. Achieved high academic outcomes among students
4. Authored "Marva Collins' Way" (1981)
5. Received the Reagan Presidential Award for Excellence in Education

Source: @aaresilience (Instagram)



Mondays,  
February 9, 2026  
7:00—8:30 pm

Zoom Book Discussion

Sponsored by Black Catholic  
Coalition of Rochester  
(BCCR)



Congratulations to  
Jake & Lily Gasiorek on the  
birth of their daughter,  
**Azalea Suzanne Gasiorek**,  
born on December 21, 2025.



Please remember to sign up for Coffee Hour held once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

You may now bring in homemade items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!

## The Empowered Caregiver Series

### Supporting Independence

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>—10:30 am—12:00 pm

Following Mass

This is the 4th of the 5 part series co-sponsored by the  
Ladies Auxillary of Peter Claver.



## 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. Beginning on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, PLEASE donate nonperishable food items, Socks (children and adult sizes). There will be bins in the gathering space. Each time the bins have a substantial amount, the food will be donated to a food bank. The socks will be donated to a community center. This will be a continuous opportunity to support our Rochester community...through June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 at the Mercy Spirituality Center  
Fee: donations accepted. **Register here:**  
<https://www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org/offerings>

+ 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	11-11:15 am	St. Monica parking lot
Ashes + Confession	12-12:15 pm	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

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b> 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><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 <a href="http://www.cornill.org">www.cornill.org</a></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI</b> <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p><b>Alzheimers Association</b> Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.</p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b> <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>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></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b></p>	<p><i>Linda Nash</i> <i>Two Years, Too Long</i> <i>Missing You Still</i> <i>Always</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</b> <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b> <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel &amp; Brandon</i></p>	<p>“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>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>