

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.

October 4, 2026

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

The antidote to despair is to keep our hearts focused on God's gracious gifts.

In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says to have no anxiety but rather to think about what is true, honorable, and just; what is pure, lovely, and gracious; and anything excellent and worthy of praise. When we contemplate the good around us instead of dwelling on the negative, we are reminded that life is a gift, and that we play a role in God's plan to redeem the world.

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.

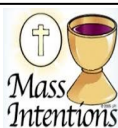
For more information on how to join the parish,
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, October 4, 2026

Zachary Corral

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph DeStephano



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Jocelyn Buccan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Jacquelyn Dobson, Fr. Raymond Fleming, Marcia Fugate, Tom Fugate, Carolyn Walker, Roxana Weber, Fr. Robert Werth, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda & Lily Tatum

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, November 1, 2026

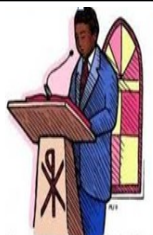
Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Reader I & II—Knights of Peter Claver

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Reader I & II—Violet Booker



The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Purity does not begin in the body but in the will. From there it flows outward, cleansing thought, imagination, and, finally, the body. Bodily purity is a repercussion or echo of the will. Life is impure only when the will is impure.



2027 Mass Intentions

The 2027 Mass book is available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

Offerings for September 27, 2026

Offerings: \$3,902

Attendance: 91

Online Giving: \$245

Online Givers: 4

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$150

Thank you for your generous support.

OCTOBER

Sun. Oct. 4	Religious Education Classes begin/Teachers Meeting
Mon. Oct. 12	Indigenous People's Day—Office Closed
Tues. Oct. 13	Pastoral Council Mtg.—6:00 pm at ICSB Rectory
Sun. Oct. 18	World Mission Sunday Collection
Fri. Oct. 30	St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

October Christian Action

Invite Someone to Sunday Mass!

While talking with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, associates, etc., invite them to join you for Mass on Sunday.

How do I give my offering?

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to: Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, 34 Monica Street, Rochester, NY 14619
2. OSV Online Giving: Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/immaculateconceptionrochester/giving/funds>)
For secure one-time or recurring online giving

We now have a QR Code to access our online giving



Remember: If you have a milestone anniversary or birthday coming up, please let us know so we can print it in a future bulletin.



Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:
Financial Fraud Hotline
1-800-388-7177 x1266

FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray continues in rehab for his broken shoulder. While he is in a lot of pain, he is encouraged by all the love, support, and prayer of our community.

Fr. Ray is receiving visitors on a limited basis – if you would like to visit him, please contact Mary Ellen to schedule a visit time.

All weekday Masses and communion services are canceled for next week. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information.

Thank you for your love!



HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE, NO MATTER THE RACE, AGE OR GENDER

Fighting human trafficking is a great moral calling of our day!

The Angels of Mercy's presentation will help **prevent** human trafficking through education.

THE PRESENTATION IS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS 12 & OLDER,
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

We will learn:

- Who is vulnerable?
- What IS Human Trafficking?
- How do traffickers recruit and groom victims?
- Where does this happen? Is this a city problem? Are the suburbs safe?
- When do I start to watch for traffickers? How do I keep people safe?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
10:45 am (after 9:30 am Mass)
St Pius X Parish Center
3010 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624

Sponsored by St Pius X Social Ministry & Youth Ministry
www.angelsofmercynewyork.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Please send bulletin submissions to
Tracy by 4pm on Mondays: tracy.jordan@dor.org with photos.

Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.



Religious Education Classes start today, along with Parent Meeting and Meet Religious Education Teachers.



Keep in Prayer

Please keep Clara Bray, Victorian Doucette and the Doucette Family in your thoughts and prayers. Joshua Doucette, Nephew of Clara & Victorian recently passed away in Texas. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Please also keep their niece, Jessica Doucette in your thoughts and prayers. Jessica recently underwent surgery and prayers for her healing would be greatly appreciated.

"HELP WANTED:" Time to clean up the church gardens and grounds before winter. Can You Help? Saturday, October 10th between 11am & 3pm. Come when you can give for as much time as you can afford. Tools provided or bring your own. Alternate rain day: Saturday, October 17th



We are currently **Looking for Volunteers and/or a Coordinator for the Hospitality Committee** to take on the task of running the coffee hour for the church on the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested please speak with Isabelle Walters.

Prayers for All Creation

Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00 pm

An ecumenical service hosted by St. Monica, alongside the Genesee River, behind the Staybridge Suites at the corner of Brooks Ave and Genesee Street. Parking at Brooks Landing across the street.

St. Monica: Christmas is coming (already!?), which means we are looking for a baby to play the starring role of baby Jesus in our Nativity play on Christmas Eve! Do you know any babies who will be between 1-8 months old who could play the part? Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org if so! Thank you for helping make our play special!

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



St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME. PHILIPPIANS 4:13	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	<i>Jack & Elvira Powell</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM & RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Your Family</i>	Alzheimer's Association Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for support, crisis assistance and education on issues families impacted by dementia face
In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>	In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i>	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>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS	<i>Linda Nash</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</i>	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i> Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>
In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. The Gordon/Bell Families
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	Hart Cleaning Services LLC Professional Janitorial Contracting Services Certified NYS WMBE • Certified DBE • Veteran Jake Hart ~ 585-615-2110 hartcleaning@frontier.com • www.hartcleaningservices.com	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. The Nwokelo Family
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