

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.

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

God has made us a chosen race and a royal priesthood. In him we find our deepest identity.

The second reading from the First Letter of Peter provides a beautiful and yet challenging description of who we are as Christians. We are, by virtue of baptism, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a people set apart to give praise to God. Taken together, these statements remind us what a grace and privilege it is to be chosen, but they also reassure us of how God sees us and how we ought to see ourselves and others. Everything we do must reflect his holy and royal status.

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.

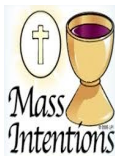
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, May 3, 2026

James Walker

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 Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, Harold Moore, David Powe, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Teyana Pappin

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver



Offerings for April 26, 2026

Offerings: \$1,764

Attendance: 64

Online Giving: \$180

Online Givers: 3

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$334

Thank you for your generous support.

May

- Sun. May 3 Blood Pressure Screening following Mass Mahalia Sings Concert—4:00 pm
- Sun. May 10 Mother's Day
- Sun. May 17 The Empowered Caregivers Series following Mass—10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Fri. May 29 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
- Mon. May 25 Memorial Day—Office Closed

May Christian Action

Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$334 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



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



Spring Seed Planting Class, conducted by Mr. Robert Hoffman.
 Mr. Robert teaches the youth at Immaculate Conception/St.
 Bridget's how to plant seeds for outdoor summer plants!
 Thank you Mr. Robert!

ECHOES FROM THE PAST
MAHALIA Sings
 WITH MAHALIA JACKSON & THOMAS DORSEY
MAY 3, 2026
4:00PM
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH
 445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.
 ROCHESTER, NY 14608



MAGGIE MOORE



MARVIN RODGERS



EUNICE WHITE




ICSB LITURGICAL DANCERS

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



DR. RONALD EDMONDS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Dr. Ronald Edmonds Award of Excellence is an award that bears the name of an educator who displayed a passion for raising the awareness and commitment to providing all students with an environment and the support needed to be well educated.




Raina Boupavong
 Raina Boupavong is a Rochester native and a dedicated Spanish educator with 20 years of service in the Rochester City School District. A graduate of Spelman College, she began her career in foreign service before finding her true calling in education. Throughout her work, she has remained committed to creating joyful, affirming spaces where students feel seen, valued, and inspired to recognize the power of education. As she transitions into building and district leadership, she looks forward to expanding her impact. Raina is proud to share a vibrant life with her husband, a fellow educator, and their 16-year old twins.

"I am honored to accept this award and remain committed to ensuring that every student receives equitable support, opportunity, and a joyful educational journey."

St. Monica CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026
AUGUST 10-14
 8:45am-noon * Grades preK4-7
 Free + lunch included
 Online registration form: stmonicaofrochester.org
LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Action Alert!

The new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit would allow all taxpayers to receive a 100% federal tax credit, up to \$1,700, for donations that fund scholarships helping students with tuition, tutoring, and other education costs. If New York opts in, this program would bring millions of dollars in privately funded support to families, while allowing taxpayers to redirect a portion of their federal taxes to help students across the state, including our Catholic school families. Tell Gov. Hochul to opt in! Go to www.bit.ly/federal-scholarship-credit to take action today, or scan the QR code below.



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 style="text-align: center;">FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUKE 1:37</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</p> <p>133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge</p> <p>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! 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</p> <p><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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