

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



445 Frederick Douglass Street, Rochester, NY 14608

(585) 235-3340 ~ (585) 235-8315 Fax

Emergency Line: (585) 412-3913

www.immaculateconceptionrochester.org

rillacul@dor.org

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

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

Parish Staff

Rev. Raymond Fleming, Pastor

fr.ray.fleming@dor.org

Richard Rall, Deacon

richard.rall@dor.org

Myrtle Fontenette, Religious Education Coordinator
& OCIA Coordinator

myrtle.fontenette@dor.org

Emanuel Colon, Multi Parish Finance Director

emanuel.colon@dor.org

Jeanne Engelbrecht, Finance Manager

jeanne.engelbrecht@dor.org

Tracy Jordan, Administrative Assistant

tracy.jordan@dor.org

Joanie Fraver, **Finance Council Chair**

Keith Parris, **Pastoral Council Chair**

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.

August 9, 2026

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God speaks to our hearts in quiet moments.

In today's Gospel, Jesus goes up the mountain by himself to pray. Jesus often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us that it is good to seek quietness and stillness when in prayer. God is always with us, but we need to seek him out and listen for the tiny whispering sound of his voice calling us to him.

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.

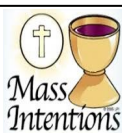
For more information on how to join the parish,
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, August 9, 2026

Special Intention for Kiva Fernandez

Requested by Julietta Herman



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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Reader I & II—Teyana Pappin

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



Offerings for August 2, 2026

Offerings: \$2,915

Attendance: 60

Online Giving: \$420

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.

August Christian Action

Be Kind and Caring!

- Be the reason someone smiles.
- Visit, email, call or write a note to someone who is lonely.
- Let someone know you are praying for them.
- Lighten someone's load.
- Be the reason someone believes in the kindness of strangers.

How do I give my offering?

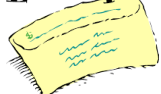
1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to: Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, 34 Monica Street, Rochester, NY 14619
2. OSV Online Giving: Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/immaculateconceptionrochester/giving/funds>) For secure one-time or recurring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

Offering Envelopes



Reminder: If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's donation envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to us.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

We hate others, and call it "zeal"; we flatter others because of what they can do for us, and call it "love"; we lie to them, and call it "tact."



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

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



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



Magnificat Rochester invites all Women to a meal at
St. Pius X ~ Parish Center ~ 3010 Chili Ave.
Saturday, September 12, 2026
The program begins at 9:30 am until noon

We are so excited to welcome our guest speaker, Colleen Antonio from St. Pius Tenth Parish. Colleen is a wife and mother of two children. She is a retired educator who spent 36 years teaching 7th and 8th grade English at Gates Chili Middle School. In her retirement, she focuses daily on learning to lean into God's will and embracing His Divine Providence through complete trust. During the event, Colleen will share her heartwarming testimony on how God has continually tested her faith, how He works through suffering and pain, and how His glory is magnified through the crosses in our lives. We hope you can join us for this inspiring morning.

Registration \$25.00; Student registration \$20.00; deadline to register is September 7, 2026. Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information: call Cece Crawford at 585-259-9838 or send an email to: RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com.

A Civil Rights Pilgrimage through the Deep South

Including Tuskegee, Montgomery, Selma & Birmingham
In the Spirit of the Freedom Riders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
and the Women and Men of the Civil Rights Movement

Under the Spiritual Leadership of Dr. Latonya L. Agard & Msgr. John A. Wall; Group Coordinators: Ms. M.J. Bettman and Ms. Margaret Cross

7-Days: November 5-11, 2026

Travelers will make their own airline arrangements. Initial registration deadline has passed, but there may still be room. For more information, email: CivilrightsPilgrimage26@gmail.com.

Keep in Prayer

Please keep Precious Fontenette, her family and her sister's family in your thoughts and prayers. Precious' sister, Anice Davis-Saunders passed away on Monday, July 27 in Richmond, VA. Please pray for the repose of her soul.



Just a reminder: Coffee Hour is held once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Please feel free to bring in homemade items as well as store bought items. Thank you!

28th Annual Clarissa Street Reunion 2026

August 15, 2026 10:00am - 7:00pm

Since 1996 the annual Clarissa Street Reunion educates, honors and celebrates Clarissa Street's historical significance in our largely Black community.

In the 40s, 50s, and 60s, Clarissa Street was a vibrant commercial melting pot of Black, Italian, Irish, and Jewish cultures. Immaculate Conception church, located one block east of Clarissa Street, was a part of that community.

After Rochester's 1964 civil unrest, a misguided urban renewal policy razed most buildings, displacing the residents and businesses. Only memories remain.

Come out and enjoy the displays, food and 3 stages of music.



End of Summer Parish Picnic with Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's and St. Monica Churches

Sunday, September 13 ~ 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Genesee Valley Park, Roundhouse Shelter

Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS. PROVERBS 3:5-6	
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 Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.
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
SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE