

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.

September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Jesus' words at the end of today's Gospel are some of the most reassuring in Scripture. He is present whenever God's people gather, as we do at every liturgy. When we gather in love and unity, we are fulfilling Paul's instruction in the second reading when he says: Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another.

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.**

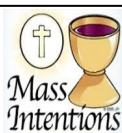
**For more information on how to join the parish,
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.**



Sunday, September 6, 2026

LaVaughans Holcomb

Requested by Joanne, Julian, Alana & Alia



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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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 30, 2026

Offerings: \$1,485

Attendance: 83

Online Giving: \$80

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER

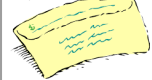
Tues. Sept. 8	Pastoral Council Meeting—5:45 pm at St. Monica
Sun. Sept. 13	Tri-End of Summer Picnic—1-4 pm Genesee Valley Park, Roadhouse Shelter Grandparents Day
Sun. Sept. 20	Second Collection- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Fri. Sept. 25	St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

September Christian Action

Be Welcoming!

- Greet others with a smile!
- Introduce yourself to any visitors at our church.
- Put your phone away and be present to others.
- Let others know you're happy to be with them!

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.

Lord,

We place this school year into Your hands. Protect the students and teachers as they come and go, keeping them safe from harm. Grant their minds focus, their hearts joy, and their schools an atmosphere of calm and safety. Amen.



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



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.



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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



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

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Please send bulletin submissions to

Tracy by 4pm on Mondays: tracy.jordan@dor.org with photos.

We are sending a "HUGH Thank You" to the St. Peter Claver



Ladies Auxiliary for their very generous donation of Staples gift cards to our religious education students. Your donation was a big help for our school supply needs. We are very blessed to have your love and support!

IC/SB Religious Education Students



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.

Thank you to the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and the Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Community for the wonderful salute to Seniors Day on Sunday, August 23, 2026.



With your help and support **"We've Come This Far By Faith."**

We look forward to your continued support and participation in our faith community activities.



Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education Class is **Sunday, September 6** and **Sunday, September 13**. Classes start on **Sunday, October 4**.

Please see Mrs. Fontenette for forms.



Greetings, it's that time again. The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary have again signed up to do the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's has touched millions of lives—including mine. That's why we've joined the fight against the disease by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. Will you support our fundraising efforts? Your donation enables the Alzheimer's Association to provide quality care and support through their free 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900), in-person and virtual support groups, education programs and more. It also empowers the Association to accelerate the world's most promising research toward treatment, prevention, and, ultimately, a cure.

We're dedicated to making a difference in the fight to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia. **I hope you will support Joanne Gordon, Jackie Bryant or Verma Brown with a donation today.** It would mean a lot to us and those facing this relentless disease.

Our page: <http://act.alz.org/goto/KoPCLA26>

Also, there's strength in numbers! When you join our Walk team, we'll stand strong against the disease that's taken too many of our loved ones too soon. It's easy to get started, and we're here to help you every step of the way. Just visit our webpage and click the link to join our team.

We hope you'll take this opportunity to help end Alzheimer's. Joining our team or making a donation would mean so much to us and to all those facing this relentless disease.

Thank you for your generosity. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

Tri-Parish End of Summer Picnic

with Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's and St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, September 13 ~ 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Genesee Valley Park, Roundhouse Shelter

RAIN OR SHINE... You don't want to miss the fun.

We provide hot dogs, sausages, rolls and condiments. You bring chairs (if you don't want to sit on picnic benches), place settings and drinks for your family, plus your favorite picnic dish to share (don't forget serving utensils):



Last names beginning with **A-L** bring a favorite picnic side dish.
Last names beginning with **M-Z** bring a dessert or favorite sweet.

Games, Food, Fellowship

We will have a TV set up with the Bills Game!

Got a favorite oatmeal cookie you like to bake? Think it can win a competition? What makes your cookie stand out from all the rest? Make it and submit it to the **Oatmeal Cookie Challenge**. No store or bakery purchased cookies can be submitted. Cookies will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, and creativity.

PLEASE NOTE: No peanut butter or nuts can be used in your recipe.

SIGN UP SHEET AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ROMANS 15:13	
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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