

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 26, 2025

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Humility before the Lord is its own righteousness.

In the spiritual life, it is tempting to look at others' motivations and behaviors and compare them to ourselves. We may even comfort ourselves with the thought that at least we are "not like them." The Lord reminds us that our focus should be on examining our own actions, recognizing our own sins, and humbly repenting for these, seeking God's mercy.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday, November 2.

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 1.

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.

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Betty Murray

Requested by Judith Kiehl



Offerings for October 19, 2025

Offerings: \$2,019

Attendance: 65

Online Giving: \$180

Online Givers: 4

World Mission Sunday: \$458

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, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler



Fri. Oct. 31

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

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.



2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Together We Bring Hope
...and Hope does not disappoint*

Parish—Goal \$11,000

\$2,499 Pledged

22.72% of Goal

As of this date, 8 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



MASS INTENTIONS

Just a reminder: The 2026 Mass Intention book is available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.



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.



NEW YORK STATE Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Citizen Preparedness Corps

SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE: Immaculate Conception
St. Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglas Street
Rochester, NY 14608

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
12:00PM

REGISTER:
Registration is required to attend the event. To register visit www.prepare.ny.gov or scan the QR code




THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY GOVERNOR HOCHUL IN CONJUNCTION WITH: **NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD** And Immaculate Conception St. Bridget's Church

Remembering Our Loved Ones

On Sunday, November 2nd, please join us in remembering our deceased family and friends by bringing in a photo of your loved one. The photo will be displayed on a table in front of the altar during Mass. (Be sure to pick up your photo following Mass).



Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, November 2nd in the sacristy following Mass. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



TRUNK OR TREAT
THURSDAY, OCT. 30
WHEN 5:30 - 7 p.m.
WHERE Adams St. R-Center Parking Lot* (85 Adams St.)

Join us for a spectacular evening of Halloween fun! Enjoy a safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating as local groups and youth organizations showcase their creatively decorated trunks. Plus, we'll have exciting Halloween activities and face painting to delight all ages!

MORE INFORMATION:
Adams St. R-Center
428-7266

*Indoors if raining.

CITY OF ROCHESTER
R CENTERS

Upcoming Family Game Day at St. Monica!

Sunday, November 2nd

from **1:00-4:00 pm.**

Pizza lunch will be provided.




You Are Invited!

Get involved in the Ignatian Spirituality Project!

ISP offers hope, healing, and belonging to those recovering from homelessness and addiction.

The Spirituality of Recovery

ISP believes spirituality plays an important role in breaking the cycle of homelessness and substance use addiction. Guided by the wisdom of the Ignatian spirituality and interwoven with traditional 12-Step approaches, ISP programs offer participants a chance to share in biweekly group conversations.

You are needed!

Facilitators are needed for the weekly groups and to assist with a year-long retreat. Contact: Marilyn Pray SSIJ- mpray@ssjrochester.org or 585-746-9178.

Next Meeting:

October 23, 5:00pm – 6:30pm at St. Boniface Convent located at 314 Gregory St. Rochester, NY

Want to learn more?
Visit the ISP website at www.ispretreats.org.



African Americans on the Road to Sainthood

CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Please come to experience, learn, and celebrate the rich gifts of our Black Catholic heritage as we present a cultural dramatization that brings to life the seven Black Americans on the Road to Sainthood.

It will be filled with poetry, drama, and song for an inspiring artistic presentation by the acclaimed theater director, producer, actor, and historical interpreter David Shakes of Rochester, New York.

THERE WILL BE A FREEWILL OFFERING

Friday, November 14, 2025

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
445 Fredrick Douglass St.
Rochester, NY 14608

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Refreshments after the event!

Co-Sponsored by the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) and Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

*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><i>BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.</i></p> <p><i>JOSHUA 1:9</i></p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>A grand love that still lives beyond earthly life.</i></p> <p>Jack & Elvira Powell</p> <p><i>Loved, Cherished & Missed</i></p> <p>Lynn Fulmore</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</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</p> <p><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 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>Mom ~ Linda Nash</i> <i>Our Cheerleader in Life, Spirit Team in Heaven.</i> <i>Missed is your guidance, always.</i> <i>Lynn & Shlonda</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</p> <p><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <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>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</p> <p><i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI</p> <p><i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>