

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.

August 16, 2026

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Christ's words in today's Gospel are puzzling and can seem unfair. Why does it seem that he initially rejects the woman's request to heal her daughter because she is not Jewish? And did Jesus know she would be persistent in her request? Regardless, Jesus is impressed with her great faith and it provides him a "teachable moment" because he heals the woman's daughter, showing that the kingdom of God is indeed for all people.

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.

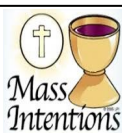
For more information on how to join the parish,
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, August 16, 2026

In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph DeStephano



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 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 9, 2026

Offerings: \$2,279

Attendance: 65

Online Giving: \$80

Online Givers: 2

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.

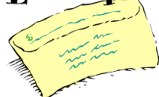
How do I give my offering?

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



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

A man may stand for the justice of God, but a woman stands for His Mercy.



If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial in the bulletin please call the parish office - 235-3340.



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



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

Living Faith

Persistence

O woman great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.
Matthew 15:28

There are at least thirty-five miracles worked by Jesus in the Gospels. No doubt, many more are not mentioned, for elsewhere it says: "Jesus did many other signs...not written in this book" (John 20:30). Many miracles were cures requested by people. This account of the Canaanite woman is unique because she faced overwhelming odds against obtaining a blessing for her daughter. This woman was a foreign, non-Jewish person. She had contacted Jesus and the apostles during their vacation. The apostles advised Jesus to ignore her. Jesus told her he only ministered to the Jewish nation. He then offered an unusual harsh comment about food for dogs. With a mother's heart, she continued to plead for her daughter. Respectfully, she bantered back with deep faith in Jesus and by her personal persistence. Jesus was impressed and fulfilled her request.

When you need courage to persevere in prayer and trust, keep in mind the story of the Canaanite Woman.

Fr. James McKarns

Westside Farmers Market Tuesdays, from 4-7 pm

St. Monica's Parking Lot ~ 831 Genesee Street.



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**

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.

Welcome Visitors!

**We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.**

Tri-Parish End of Summer Picnic

with Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridgets 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.**

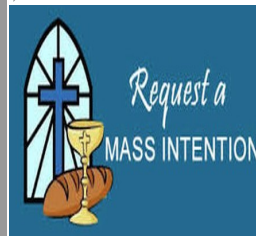
Games, Food, Fellowship

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 BEGINS AUGUST 16TH

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!



2027 Mass Intentions

The 2027 Mass Intention book has arrived. You can now schedule Mass Intentions for 2027. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

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.

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
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