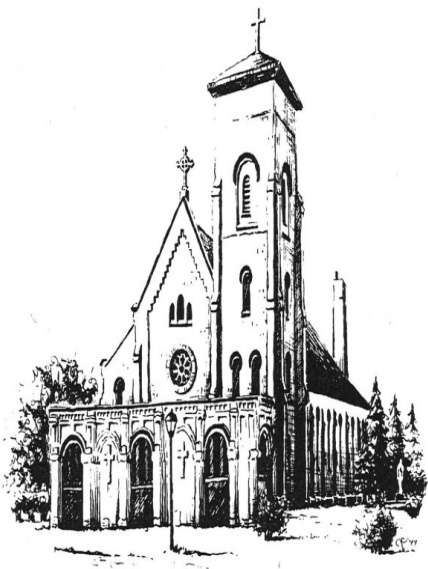


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

In the cross is our hope.

The cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring his perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation.

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.

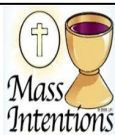


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Timothy M. Sullivan

Requested by Family



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Buccan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 14, 2025

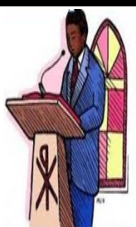
Reader I & II—Maureen Corral/Elvira Martin

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Intention book has arrived. You can now schedule Mass Intentions for 2026. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

In Loving Memory

If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial in the bulletin please call the Office.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send bulletin submissions to Tracy by 4pm on Mondays: tracy.jordan@dor.org with photos.



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.

Offerings for September 7, 2025

Offerings: \$3,266

Attendance: 73

Online Giving: \$340

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER

- Sun. Sept. 21 Religious Education Registration
Second Collection-Catholic Campaign
for Human Development
- Fri. Sept. 26 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
- Sun. Sept. 28 Religious Education Registration
Annual Parish Finance Meeting
following Mass

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!

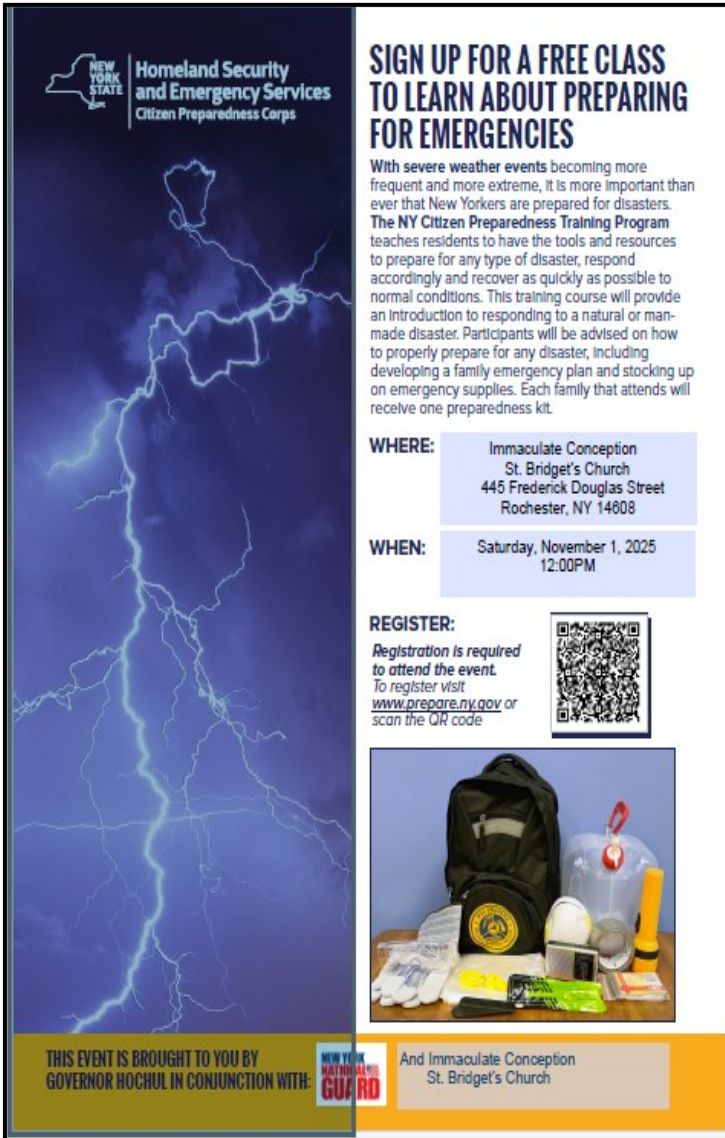
Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

At the Mass on September 21, we'll be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many lifechanging community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provides employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. In addition, 25% of the funds will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. You can give at church or online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections".



Registration for Religious Education Classes will be on
Sunday, September 21 and Sunday, September 28.

Please see Mrs. Fontenette for forms.



Frederick Douglass HBCU Football Classic

Central State University vs. Lane College
September 27, 2025 ~ 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Rochester Community Sports Complex
460 Oak Street, Rochester, NY
Tickets ~ \$25



Welcome Visitors!
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.

Feast Day of St. Peter Claver

The Feast Day of St. Peter Claver is celebrated on September 9. Jesuit priest who over a 44 year period ministered to and baptized 300,000 enslaved Africans who passed through the major slave port on entry to the new world in Cartagena (Columbia) South America.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver (Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's) will be celebrating his feast day today.



Annual Parish Finance Meeting
Sunday, September 28
Following Mass
Please Plan To Attend



Congratulations to Coach Fontenette for his recognition by the Buffalo Bills and Legends Global Merchandise High School Tackle Football Coach of the Week for the Rochester Region. Coach Fontenette will receive a plaque, a \$1000 donated to GC football account, and 2 tickets to the Bills vs Bengals game on December 7 where he will be recognized on the field before the start of the game! [#gcpride](#)



Thank you to all who helped us reach our team goal of \$2,000 for the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 4th. If you would still like to make a donation please do so by donating here:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/KOPCLA>

If you have any questions please reach out to any of the Ladies Auxiliary members:

Lynn Fulmore	Gail Whitcraft	Myrna Barthelemy
Pat Nguti	Rose Stokes	Michelle Horman
Yvette Reaves	Shelly Smith	Joanne Gordon
Jackie Bryant	Verma Brown	Maurini Strub

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<i>I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.</i> <i>PHILIPPIANS 4:13</i>	
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>A grand love that still lives beyond earthly life.</i> Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Loved, Cherished & Missed</i> Lynn Fulmore
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE
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>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>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	<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. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE