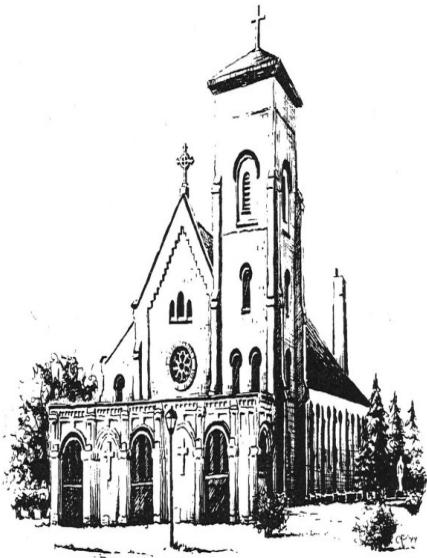


# ***Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church***

***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.

***December 14, 2025***



***Third Sunday of Advent***

*The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.*

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!*

*Philippians 4:4*

***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.***

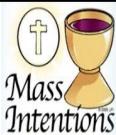
***Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.***

***Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.***

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**William Scott**

**Requested by the Fontenette Family**



**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, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler**

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker



**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore



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

2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Go to [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) • View the video  
• Make your gift



Parish—Goal \$11,000  
\$5,499 Pledged  
49.99 % of Goal

As of this date, 15 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!



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### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**

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

**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN**  
weekly worship & announcements

### **Offerings for December 7, 2025**

**Offerings: \$3,269**

**Attendance: 82**

**Online Giving: \$410**

**Online Givers: 6**

**Catholic University: \$342**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



**Fri. Dec. 19**

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

**Wed. Dec. 24**

Christmas Eve—**Office Closed**

Christmas Eve Mass—St. Monica-4:00 pm

**Thur. Dec. 25**

Christmas Day—**Office Closed**

Christmas Day Mass—10:00 am

**Fri. Dec. 26**

Day after Christmas—**Office Closed**

**Wed. Dec. 31**

New Year's Eve—**Office Closed**

### **December Christian Action**

#### **BE THE GIFT:**



Visit someone who is lonely.

Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays.

Help someone with a task.

Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter.

Surprise someone with a kind note.

Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time.

Give someone a hug.

Tell someone you love/appreciate them.

Tell someone you're sorry.

Send a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.



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.

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



On Wednesday, December 3rd, two of Immaculate Conception parishioners were Jeremy Cooney at the Jeremy Cooney 2025 Community Awards at Innovation Square. Bing Reaves was named NYS Veteran of the Year and Norma Thom was a Award Recipient.



December 3rd, two of St. Bridget's Church celebrated by Senator New York State Senator Community Awards at Innovation Square. NYS Veteran of the Year NYS Commendation



The youth at IC/SB celebrate the First Sunday of Advent by reading the meaning of the Advent wreath and lighting the purple candle of HOPE!

## Living Faith

### On Patience

*Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.*

*James 5:7*

Remember, as a child, the long wait till Christmas morning? I would search the house for presents. I'd imagine what they could be and drive myself crazy in anticipation.

I'm not sure if I'm at all more patient in adulthood. I am impatient for my children to return to Mass. I am impatient with my own faults. I'm impatient when God does not answer my prayers to my satisfaction. "Listen, Lord, your servant is speaking" is too often my attitude.

St. James tells it like it is in his epistle. You must be patient, he says, and you must be firm in the Lord. Don't complain about each other, don't judge lest you be judged. The Christian is like the farmer waiting for his crop. He doesn't control the rain or the sun. He trusts in the Lord and waits for the proper time. Oh, that I will be more like that farmer in the Lord's vineyard.

*Father in heaven, teach me to be patient as I wait for you.*

Greg Erlandson

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

# HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH - EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

All Masses ASL interpreted.

**Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24:**  
4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church

**Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25:**  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

**New Year's Day Mass Thursday, January 1:**  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

  
ST. MONICA CHURCH  
EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
CORNER OF GENESEE & MONICA STREETS  
ROCHESTER, NY 14609

  
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ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!



Please remember to sign up for Coffee Hour held once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

You may now bring in homemade items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!

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Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

Pope Francis

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*Welcome Visitors!*

*We are blessed by your presence.*

*Please come again.*

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b> A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p><b>GLORY BE TO GOD WHOSE POWER, WORKING IN US, CAN DO INFINITELY MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE.</b>  <b>EPHESIANS 3:14-21</b></p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 <a href="http://www.cornill.org">www.cornill.org</a></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>	<p>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell <i>Thankful For Two Lives Well Lived Endearing Legacies and, A Love Everlasting</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI</b> <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b> <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA <i>Out of sight but never out of mind! Marcia Fugate</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b></p>	<p><b>Linda Nash</b> <i>As You Feast in Heaven We'll Place An Empty Chair In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks</i> <i>Lynn &amp; Shlonda</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</b> <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b> <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel &amp; Brandon</i></p>	<p>“In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band</i>”</p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
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