

# *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 18, 2026**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

***We belong to God and to God's kingdom first.***

***As the Father and the Creator of all, God is above all powers on earth. God has called each of us by name in baptism and has entrusted us with building his kingdom in faith, hope, and love. We owe God what belongs to God—our obedience and work of faith—because we belong to God and to God's kingdom before any earthly power.***

**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.

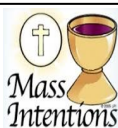
**New members are welcome at  
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.**

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



**Sunday, October 18, 2026**

**Bill Castle (Son) & Riffie Castle (Mother)**  
**Requested by the Castle Family**



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

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, October 18, 2026**

Reader I & II—Makeeda & Lily Tatum

#### **Sunday, October 25, 2026**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

#### **Sunday, November 1, 2026**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

#### **Sunday, November 8, 2026**

Reader I & II—Knights of Peter Claver

#### **Sunday, November 15, 2026**

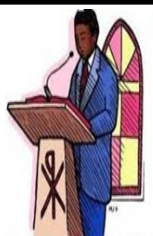
Reader I & II—Violet Booker

#### **Sunday, November 22, 2026**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

#### **Sunday, November 29, 2026**

Reader I & II—Norma Thom



### **The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen**

**Make this experiment whether you believe in God or not. At your first opportunity, stop in a Catholic Church for a visit. You need not believe, as we Catholics do, that Our Lord is really and truly present in the tabernacle. But just sit there for an hour, and within that hour you will experience a surpassing peace the life of which you never before enjoyed in your life. You will ask yourself as a sensationalist once asked me when we made an all-night vigil of adoration in the Basilica of Sacre Coeur in Paris: "What is it that is in that church?" Without voice or argument or thundering demands, you will have an awareness of something before which your spirit trembles—a sense of the Divine.**

### ***Offerings for October 11, 2026***

***Offerings: \$1,447***

***Attendance: 79***

***Online Giving: \$105***

***Online Givers: 3***

***Thank you for your generous support.***

### **OCTOBER**

Fri. Oct. 30

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

### **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.

#### **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**



**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's  
Parish—Goal \$10,000**

As of October 13: \$1,020 pledged  
10.20% of our goal



**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](mailto: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 Dept. Diocese of Rochester

### FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray continues to heal and appreciates all of your prayers! Cards can be sent to the rectory. Visitors can schedule with Mary Ellen at 412-3913 or call the office. All weekday Masses (Tuesday-Friday) and communion services are canceled for next week. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information.

**Thank you for your love!**

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

# Revival



GUEST REVIVALIST  
Rev. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ

## Renewing Our Hearts in Faith

**LOCATION:**  
445 Frederick Douglass St,  
Rochester, New York 14608

**Come and Be Transformed!**  
**DATE:** November 6, 2026  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM | Freewill Offering



### A Fun Day at Kelly's Farm 🍂

Everyone had an awesome time during our fun Sunday event! Starting the fiscal year off with thankfulness and fun!

IC/SB Religious Education



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

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



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.

### World Mission Sunday 2026

Today we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday. Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps People Leo care for the 1,130 missionary diocese and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization. We are all called to be apart of this missionary work, and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday.

The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity.

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| <b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b><br><br>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community<br>402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607<br>585-232-3262 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST<br/>WHO STRENGTHENS ME.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHILIPPIANS 4:13</b></p>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b><br>133 S. Fitzhugh Street<br>Rochester, NY 14608<br>www.cornhill.org                                     | <b>Skips on the Ridge</b><br><br>640 West Ridge Road<br>Rochester, NY 14615<br>585-865-3896                                                                                                                                              | <i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i><br><br><i>Always Loved<br/>Never Forgotten<br/>Forever Missed</i>                                                                             |
| In Loving Memory of the<br><b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b><br><br><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>                                     | In Loving Memory of<br><b>TALLAM &amp; RAPHAEL NGUTI</b><br><br><i>Love Your Family</i>                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Alzheimer's Association</b><br>Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for<br>support, crisis assistance and education on<br>issues families impacted by dementia face |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp;<br/>THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b><br><br><i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i>                                | In Prayerful Remembrance of the<br>Deceased Members of the<br>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY<br>FAMILIES<br><br><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>                                                                                                   | In Loving Memory of<br><b>JOE HAUSER</b><br><br><i>The Wingo Family</i>                                                                                                       |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b><br><br><i>The Wingo Family</i>                                                                   | In Loving Memory of My Guess Family,<br>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA<br><i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i><br><i>Marcia Fugate</i>                                                                                            | In Prayerful Remembrance of the<br>Deceased Members of the<br>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES<br><br><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>                                              |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>JAMES STOKES</b><br><br><i>The Stokes Family</i>                                                                         | In Loving Memory of<br><b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp;<br/>ALICE WALTERS</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Linda Nash</i><br><br><i>Always Loved<br/>Never Forgotten<br/>Forever Missed</i>                                                                                           |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>BILL CASTLE</b><br><br><i>The Castle Family</i>                                                                          | In Loving Memory of<br><b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b><br><br><i>Gone, but Never Forgotten<br/>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon,<br/>Shannel &amp; Brandon</i>                                                                                | <i>"In Memory of the great bass player<br/> <b>Tim Sullivan</b><br/> Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf<br/> of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>                               |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b><br><br><i>Joanne Gordon</i>                                                                           | In Loving Memory of<br><b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b><br><br><i>Roxana C. Weber</i>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>In Loving Memory of</b><br><b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b><br><br><b>The Gordon/Bell Families</b>                                                    |
| In Loving Memory of<br><b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE<br/>McGEE FAMILY</b><br><br><i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i>                             | <b>Hart Cleaning Services LLC</b><br><br>Professional Janitorial Contracting Services<br>Certified NYS WMBE • Certified DBE • Veteran<br><br><b>Jake Hart ~ 585-615-2110</b><br>hartcleaning@frontier.com • www.hartcleaningservices.com | <b>In Loving Memory of</b><br><b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b><br><br><b>The Nwokelo Family</b>                                                                       |
| <b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>                                                                                                                                                        |