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.

November 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord offers eternal life to those who hope in him.

With great faith, we are invited to place our hope in the Lord. Today's readings invite us to joyfully prepare for the coming of Jesus, the bridegroom. All who believe in Christ are offered the gift of eternal life, so we are reminded to stay awake, be ready, and prepare our hearts for this glorious day.

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.

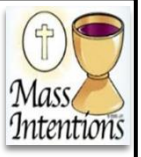
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office ~ 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, November 8, 2026

James Walker

Requested by the Fontenette Family





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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, December 6, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 13, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

The fact is: you want to be perfectly happy, but you are not. Your life has been a series of disappointments, shock, and disillusionments. How have you reacted to your disappointments? Either you become cynical or else you become religious.

AS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026

CMA GOAL: $10,000

PLEDGED: $3,275

32.75%





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

Offerings for November 1, 2026

Offerings: $1,850 ***Attendance: 84***

Online Giving: $340 ***Online Givers: 4***

All Saints: $185

Thank you for your generous support.

November Christian Action

Be Grateful!

- Thank someone who is sitting by you or lives with you or near you.
- Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
- Write a note to someone telling them why you are grateful for them.
- Pray: All that I am, and all that I have is because of you Lord!
- Remember there's always, always, always something to be thankful for!

November

Wed. Nov. 11	*Veterans Day – Office Closed*
Sat. Nov. 14	*Rosary Prayer Service*
Sun. Nov. 22	*Youth Sunday* *Christ the King*
Thurs. Nov. 26	*Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed*
Fri. Nov. 27	*Day after Thanksgiving – Office Closed* *St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*

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

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray continues to heal and appreciates all of your prayers. We need help with meals for him. Please schedule with Mary Ellen at 412-3913 or call the office. Thank you for helping us care for him!

All weekday Masses (Tuesday-Friday) and communion services are canceled until further notice. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information.

Thank you for your love!

SAVE THE DATE

Bishop John S. Bonnici will be visiting Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church on Sunday, December 20th for the 9am Mass.



BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Black Catholic history can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40) when St. Philip the Deacon converted the Ethiopian eunuch- one of the first moves the Apostles made to evangelize outside Jerusalem and thus sowed the seeds for the universal Church. Christianity spread throughout North Africa, and the region was featured prominently in the early Church as the birthplace of saints, popes and Western monasticism.

Between 1565 and 1899, Blacks, both slave and free, helped to found and build St. Augustine, Florida, one of the oldest towns in the United States. In 1693, the Spanish offered freedom to the slaves who converted to Catholicism. In the 1700's, Maryland's black Catholic population grew to over 3,000 as a result of Jesuit evangelization.

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as **Black Catholic History Month** to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month: Saint Augustine's Birthday (November 13) and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day (November 3).

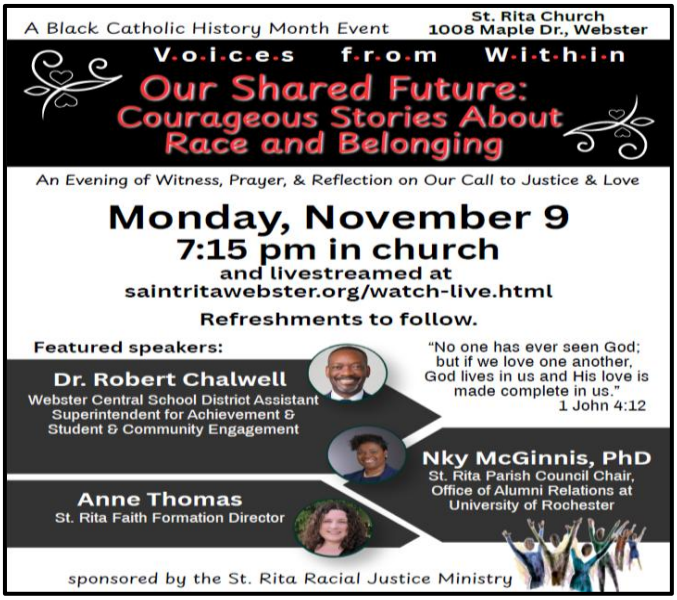


The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. Normal business hours will resume on Thursday, November 12th.

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.



Rosa Wims' Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

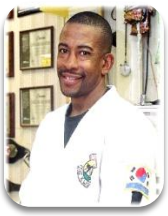
November 18, 2026 ~ 12-1:30 pm
St. Peter's Kitchen
681 Brown St., Rochester, NY



In memory of Rosa "Mother" Wims (1922-2023) who organized this meal for hundreds of her neighbors for more than 30 years.

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?



This local business brings unique skills, dedication, experience, and a strong desire to serve St. Monica's neighborhood. **Unified TaeKwon-Do** at 202 Scottsville Rd. is Rochester's longest-operating martial arts school. For the past 35 years, owner Dwayne McKinney's passion has been teaching physical and mental fitness.

Unified Taekwon-Do offers martial arts, self-defense, and cardio kickboxing programs for men, women, and children, from preschool on up. The school emphasizes good health, physical and mental condition, awareness, strength of character, self-confidence, and moral values.

McKinney especially enjoys teaching focus and goal-setting skills that transcend the physical aspects of martial arts to youth. Call 436-8330 for after-school and Saturday programs.



St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	***"IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION.*** ***BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."*** *JOHN 16:33*	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14608 585-262-3142	**Skips on the Ridge** 640 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	**Alzheimer's Association** Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for support, crisis assistance and education on issues families impacted by dementia face
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In Loving Memory of the **QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILES** *Love, Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard*	**In Loving Memory of** **TALLAM & RAPHAEL NGUTI** *Love, Your Family*	**Jack & Elvira Powell** *Always Loved, Never Forgotten* *Forever Missed*
In Loving Memory of **RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH** *Rick & Colleen Brade*	**In Prayerful Remembrance of the** **Deceased Members of the** **CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES** *Love, Ralph & Maureen*	**In Loving Memory of** **JOE HAUSER** *The Wingo Family*
In Loving Memory of ***JAMES STOKES*** The Stokes Family	**In Loving Memory of My Guess Family** **CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA** *Out of sight but never out of mind!* *Marcia Fugate*	**Linda Nash** *Always Loved, Never Forgotten* *Forever Missed*
In Loving Memory of **DR. NATHANIEL HURST** *The Wingo Family*	**In Loving Memory of** **TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK** **ALICE WALTERS**	**In Prayerful Remembrance of the** **Deceased Members of the** **CORRAL & DESTEPHANO FAMILIES** *Love, Ralph & Maureen*
In Loving Memory of **BILL CASTLE** *The Castle Family*	**In Loving Memory of** **DAVID & LOUISE MILES** *Gone, But Never Forgotten* *Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon*	**In Memory of the great bass player** **TIM SULLIVAN** *Doug & Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band"*
In Loving Memory of **JOANNE LESSLEY** *Joanne Gordon*	**In Loving Memory of** **JOSEPH RONALD WEBER** *Roxana C. Weber*	**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** *James & Melissa McGee*	**In Loving Memory of** **MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.** *The Nwokelo Family*	SPACE AVAILABLE