

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 27, 2026

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God is just and rewards the humble and repentant heart.

One must be a disciple of Christ to enter the Lord's kingdom. A disciple is one who has turned away from sin, repented, and through God's grace, eagerly strives to follow his ways. No matter one's past, anyone can enter the kingdom of God by turning to the Lord and offering his or her sincere "yes" to God in word and in deed.

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.

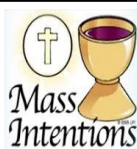
New members are welcome at
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.

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



Sunday, September 27, 2026

All Parishioners



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, September 27, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

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

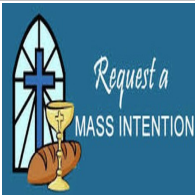
Sunday, November 15, 2026

Reader I & II—Violet Booker



The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

To love what is below the human is degradation; to love what is human for the sake of the human is mediocrity; to love the human for the sake of the Divine is enriching; to love the Divine for its own sake is sanctity.



2027 Mass Intentions

The 2027 Mass book is available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

Offerings for September 20, 2026

Offerings: \$1,455

Attendance: 78

Online Giving: \$285

Online Givers: 7

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$445

Thank you for your generous support.

OCTOBER

Sat. Oct. 3	Walk to End Alzheimer—9:00 am
Sun. Oct. 4	Religious Education Classes begin/Teachers Meeting
Mon. Oct. 12	Indigenous People's Day—Office Closed
Tues. Oct. 13	Pastoral Council Mtg.—6:00 pm at ICSB Rectory
Sun. Oct. 18	World Mission Sunday Collection
Fri. Oct. 30	St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

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!

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



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

FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray is in good spirits after reading all your wonderful messages on the cards! He sent this message:

***"I am overwhelmed with gratitude!
Thank you, thank you, thank you!"***

Fr. Ray continues to be in the hospital and will go to rehab soon for his broken shoulder. Please note: **NO VISITORS** at this time. Prayers welcome! Cards for Fr. Ray can be sent to the rectory, and we will take them to him. All weekday Masses 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!



The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary have again signed up to do the Walk to End Alzheimer's on **Saturday, October 3, 2026** at the ESL Ballpark, One Morrie Silver Way, Rochester, NY. Gates open at 9:00 am. We're dedicated to making a difference in the fight to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia. **I hope you will support Joanne Gordon, Jackie Bryant or Verma Brown with a donation today.** It would mean a lot to us and those facing this relentless disease.

Our page: <http://act.alz.org/goto/KoPCLA26>

Thank you for your generosity. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

Rochester to host third-annual Baldwin Richardson Foods HBCU Classic Football Game

The 3rd Annual Baldwin Richardson Foods Frederick Douglass HBCU Football Classic takes place at the Rochester Community Sports Complex, 460 Oak St., Rochester, NY, featuring a matchup between the Lincoln University Lions and the Virginia State University Trojans on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Kickoff is at 1:00 pm. Gates open at 12:00 pm. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased through the Frederick Douglass HBCU Classic website.

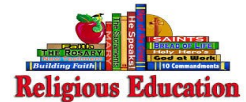
Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

The Finance Committee's Annual Parish Operating Results for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026 meeting will be held today following Mass.

**Religious Education Classes start on
Sunday, October 4.**



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.

Prayers for All Creation

Next Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00 pm

An ecumenical service hosted by St. Monica, alongside the Genesee River, behind the Staybridge Suites at the corner of Brooks Ave and Genesee Street. Parking at Brooks Landing across the street.



Magnificat Rochester invites all **women** to a **Day of Reflection** on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at **St. Marianne Cope Parish** (2661 East Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY) on **Saturday, October 10, 2026**; the day begins at 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Please join us for a morning featuring praise and worship, Mass and a reflection by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Ed Palumbos, titled "We are Called by Baptism" The event will also include small group discussions, prayer teams, time for confessions and light refreshments. We hope you can join us for this inspiring morning. Cost: **Registration is free**, (a Free Will donation will be accepted).

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2026

How to Register:

Send email to: RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com
with the subject line "Day of Reflection" +

For more information: call Cece Crawford at 585-259-9838.



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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.



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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

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ROMANS 15:13	
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 Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for support, crisis assistance and education on issues families impacted by dementia face every day.
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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