

# *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.

*May 10, 2026*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

HAPPY  
*Mother's  
Day*

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

As Christians we are called to share the Good News. Saint Peter challenges us to be ready to give an account of the hope that we have in Christ, but to do so with gentleness. As the old saying goes, we attract others more easily with honey than with vinegar. But it isn't always easy to evangelize, and we have no guarantee of how we will be received. We need God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit, the promised Advocate, to fulfill this task.

**Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Days:** Consult bulletin or call the office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

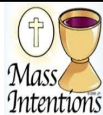
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

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

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

Sunday, May 10, 2026

For All Mothers, Living & Deceased



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, Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, Harold Moore, David Powe, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**



**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Teyana Pappin

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions are available for the deceased, special intentions, birthdays or anniversaries. Please call or stop by the office if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions.

**Offerings for May 3, 2026**

Offerings: \$3,272

Attendance: 82

Online Giving: \$240

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

*May*

- Sun. May 10 Mother's Day
- Sun. May 17 The Empowered Caregivers Series following Mass—10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Mon. May 25 Memorial Day—Office Closed
- Fri. May 29 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

**May Christian Action**

Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.



**Diocesan Missions Sunday**

The Church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died and is risen: through him God bestows "new life" that is divine and eternal. This is the "Good News" which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear.

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who don't know Christ and the love of God yet. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" says Jesus in John 13:34.

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail.

**Westside Farmers Market Coming Soon!**

Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM  
June 2-October 6  
St. Monica's Parking Lot

# Thank You

Greetings! Just a few words of thanks to those of you who came out to support the "Echoes of the Past...Mahalia Sings" concert.

Everyone on the program, Ramona Moore, Nicolette Ferguson and the ICSB Liturgical Dancers, Marvin Rogers, Eunice White and Rev. Maggie Moore, and our own drummer Joe Starks, did an outstanding job. Special thanks to you, the audience, for being so engaged in the program. Thanks to Harold Moore, Vincent Stroud, George Fontenette, and Don Toyer for helping with the technical set up. Isabella Walters and the Hospitality team for the reception after the concert, BCCR and Evelyn Powe for providing the refreshments, and our Arts & Environment Team of Mary Wingo, Rose Stokes and Penny Parris for the beautiful decor. Thanks to Tracy Jordan for putting the programs together. Last but not least, thank you to Fr. Ray and our friends at Robotek. It is so important for us to support these types of efforts in our parish community.

Blessings,  
Joanne

## Happy Mother's Day

*The most Important Person on earth is a mother...Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...*

~ ~ Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

 Church office closed

The church office will be closed on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**. Normal business hours will resume on **Thursday, May 14, 2026**.

### The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord which is a holy day of obligation. There will be a Mass at St. Monica Church at 12:10 pm.

## THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®

**Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**  
**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am–12:00 pm**  
**Following Mass**

A person living with dementia often wants to stay independent for as long as possible. Caregivers will learn how to balance safety and manage expectations to support independence at every stage of the disease.

#### Topics in the program include:

- How dementia affects independence.
- Four steps to help with daily activities.
- Tips to make activities meaningful.
- Providing the right amount of support.

Visit [alz.org/CRF](http://alz.org/CRF) to explore additional caregiver education programs in your area.



## MAY 24, 2026 · PENTECOST

St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

### 10:00 am Mass

@ St. Monica Church  
831 Genesee St.

Join us for a special multicultural liturgy and coffee hour to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Wear clothing from your culture or red to join in the fun!



### PRE-K TO GRADE 6: ENROLLING FOR 2026-27



## NAZARETH OPEN HOUSE

FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026**  
**9AM - 11AM OR 4PM TO 6PM**

- ✓ **Guided Tours:** Discover Nazareth... Where faith, love, and learning thrive!
- ✓ **Our Mission:** Quality, Catholic, faith-based education. Pre-K to Grade 6
- ✓ **Enrichment to Curriculum:** Spark creativity, build problem-solving skills, encourage healthy habits, and teach financial literacy



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### SAVE THE DATES

**Corn Hill Arts Festival**  
**Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 12**

**Red Wings Game—Tuesday, July 28**

**St. Monica—Vacation Bible School**  
**August 10—14**

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community  402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607  585-232-3262</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUKE 1:37</b></p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b></p> <p>133 S. Fitzhugh Street  Rochester, NY 14608  www.cornill.org</p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b></p> <p>640 West Ridge Road  Rochester, NY 14615  585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i></p> <p><i>Always Loved  Never Forgotten  Forever Missed</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the  <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b></p> <p><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>TALLAM &amp; RAPHAEL NGUTI</b></p> <p><i>Love Your Family</i></p>	<p>Caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementia is no easy task. Call our free 24/7 Helpline at 800.872.3900. Rochester Alzheimer's Association.</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b></p> <p><i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JOE HAUSER</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA</p> <p><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</p> <p><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JAMES STOKES</b></p> <p><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b></p>	<p><i>Linda Nash</i></p> <p><i>Happy Mother's Day  Your Proud Legacy  Lynn, Vincent, Joseph, Vanessa, Sixtt  Shonda, Terrance, Sterlin and Donovan</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>BILL CASTLE</b></p> <p><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b></p> <p><i>Gone, but Never Forgotten  Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon,  Shannel &amp; Brandon</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player  <b>Tim Sullivan</b></p> <p><i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf  of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b></p> <p><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b></p> <p><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGEE FAMILY</b></p> <p><i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
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