

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.

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

The lengthy exchange in today's Gospel between the formerly blind man and the Pharisees serves as a reminder that we are all born blind and are given our sight at baptism, when we are first able to see through the eyes of faith. As our Lenten journey continues, let us pray that God will continue to open our eyes to his truth.

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.

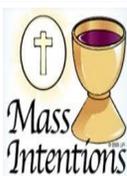
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, March 15, 2026

Paul Warren Doucette

Requested by the Doucette Family



Offerings for March 8, 2026

Offerings: \$1,924

Attendance: 78

Online Giving: \$250

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.



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 Degan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, Harold Moore, David Powe, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

MARCH

Fri. Mar. 20 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

Fri. Mar. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 15, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

Sunday, March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)

No Readers (Mass at St. Monica at 10:00 am)

Friday, April 3, 2026 (Good Friday)

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Saturday, April 4, 2026 (Easter Vigil)

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore/Norma Thom

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Reader I & II—Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

March Christian Action



Be generous with your time:

- Brush the snow off someone else's car.
- Shovel someone's walkway.
- Visit someone who is a shut-in.
- Grocery shop for someone.
- Spend time with a child.



Feeding Dreams in Timor-Leste

By participating in CRS Rice Bowl, we're helping young people in Timor-Leste find opportunities and support to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in their communities. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read about Adriana's dream of becoming a doctor in this week's Story of Hope.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent in the church. Please use the Edinburgh Street side entrance doors to the church.



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.



Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$12,384). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.



Lenten Soup Supper
Saturday, March 21,
after the 4 pm Mass at St. Monica

The Welcome and Social Justice Committees of St. Monica's would like to invite everyone to a simple soup supper in the Narthex. Our speaker for the evening will be William Camp the Program Coordinator at St. Joseph's Northside. Bill will be sharing the many services that they offer for their guests. Look for the signup sheets and sign up to attend, or help with set up, take down, or bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a salad. Please plan on coming to share this simple meal during our time of reflecting on the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Any questions call JoAnn DeMott at 313-2614.



Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's
Religious Education Food & Sock Drive



PLEASE donate nonperishable food items, Socks (children and adult sizes). There will be bins in the gathering space.

Diocese of Rochester Permanent Diaconate: The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at Edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate. The Diocese anticipates that the next formation class will begin in Fall 2027, with the application process beginning in early 2027.



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

Palm Sunday Mass: March 29	10:00 am @ St. Monica Church 831 Genesee St. Youth presentaion of the passion
Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 2	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration
Good Friday Service: April 3	Noon - Immaculate Conception 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Easter Vigil: April 4	7:01 pm Immaculate Conception Church



Easter Sunday Mass: April 5

10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

All are welcome, especially you!

Today we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



Needed: Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt



Help us reach 1,000 eggs for our joint Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and St. Monica Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5! We need small, individually-wrapped candies that can fit into small eggs. **PLEASE, NO PEANUTS.** Candy can be donated anytime before March 18 to the office. Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org with questions. Thank you for helping make Easter special!

Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p><i>FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU; BE NOT AFRAID; FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, AND HELP YOU, I WILL HOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ISAIAH 41:10</i></p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>Jack & Elvira Powell</i></p> <p><i>Always Loved Never Forgotten Forever Missed</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM & RAPHAEL NGUTI</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 RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</p> <p><i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER</p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST</p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>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></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES</p> <p><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS</p>	<p><i>Linda Nash</i> <i>Two Years, Too Long Missing You Still Always</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE</p> <p><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES</p> <p><i>Gone, but Never Forgotten Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY</p> <p><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</p> <p><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR.</p> <p><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGEE FAMILY</p> <p><i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
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