

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 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter



Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today?

Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today? Or are we like those who, recognizing God's intention to gather the whole world into his fold, were filled with jealousy and deaf to the Good News? We may have moments where we can hear, and moments where distractions deafen us to our shepherd's voice. Let us pray for new hearts and open ears to follow Christ.

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.

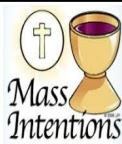
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Linda Nash & Gladys Gaines

Requested by the Fulmore & Nash Families



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, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral & Elvira Martin

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Reader I & II—Erin McBride

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver & Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate & Teyana Pappin

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom



Offerings for May 4, 2025

Offerings: \$3,313

Attendance: 78

Online Giving: \$340

Online Givers: 4

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$55

Thank you for your generous support.

May

Sat. May 24 *First Aid, CPR/AED Training
10:00 am-2:00 pm*

Mon. May 26 *Memorial Day—Office Closed*

Fri. May 30 *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.

Isaiah 66:13. "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." The Good News: God's love and a mother's love are similar and comforting.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parish—Goal \$12,000

As of this date, 32 families have contributed to the CMA. Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. We have exceeded our goal by 122.75% (\$14,730).

Once again, thank you.



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 Department • Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624



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.

Living Faith

The Voice

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." *John 10:27*

You don't need to be a sheep in a field to know the power of the human voice. If it's someone you love—a parent, spouse, friend—just hearing them can leave you feeling comforted or uplifted. A phone call, a whisper, a word of love or support can change everything.

It's the same way with the Good Shepherd. His is a voice like no other—promising eternal life, mercy, consolation, hope. Christ the Good Shepherd leads his flock, as Revelation puts it, to "springs of life-giving water" (v. 17).

The question for us is very simple: are we listening? Jesus calls out to us in our thirst, in our wandering and wondering. He knows us—not only what we need but also where we need to go.

In a noisy world where so many voices compete for our attention, there is only one voice that matters.

Stop, listen and hear. What is he saying?

Dcn. Greg Kandra



Please remember to sign up for Coffee Hour held once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

You may now bring in homemade items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!

1ST AID, CPR/AED TRAINING



Sponsored by EPIC Trainings

Participants will learn the following:

- How to handle Breathing/Choking and Cardiac Emergencies
 - Current standards for Adult/Pediatric CPR
- Prevention of Airborne/Bloodborne Pathogen Dangers
 - Concussion Awareness/Prevention/Treatment
- Identify and Care for Bleeding, Sudden illness and injuries
 - Treatment for: Shock, Burns, Seizures and Poisoning
 - Respond in Cold and Heat related Emergencies

- 2 Year Certification Card issued upon successful completion

Saturday, May 24th, 2025 ~ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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~FREE~

To Register: Call (585) 615-4379 or email mail@epictrainings.com

Registration Deadline: May 22nd

Join us in celebrating
 **Knights**
of PETER CLAVER

REINSTALLATION

Saturday 17th May, 2025
3pm

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglass St.,
Rochester, NY 14608

We warmly invite our parish family and community to a spirit-filled reinstallation of Council and Court #106.

Come pray, reflect, and stand with us in faith and fellowship.



For questions, please contact
Lynn Fulmore: mail@epictrainings.com

22nd Annual Fr. Chester P. Smith

National Black Catholic Men's Conference—New Orleans, LA

Registration is now open!

September 4-7, 2025

Theme: The Forge (Matthew 28:18-20)

Registration Fee: \$175 Adult; \$100 Youth age 10-17

Hilton Riverside Hotel, 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA

For more information check the Bowman Francis Ministry Website:



Proverbs 31:26:

*"She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."*

Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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 align="center">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p align="center">Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p>Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p><i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity Together Missed, Evermore</i></p> <p align="center">Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center">Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN, CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS</p>	<p align="center">Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>