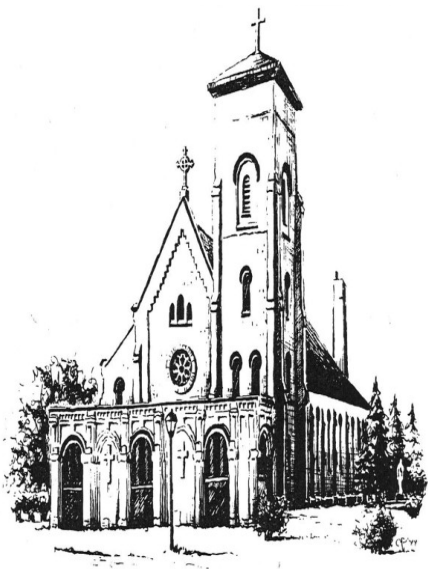


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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 21, 2025

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

No servant can serve two masters.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our relationship with money and wealth in light of our faith in God. Mindful that the pursuit of wealth can lead us into dishonesty, the Lord invites us to be prudent in our affairs and mindful that ultimately it is our relationship with God that must be our top priority.

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.

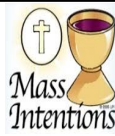


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Tallam Nguti

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Buccan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Intention book has arrived. You can now schedule Mass Intentions for 2026. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

In Loving Memory

If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial in the bulletin please call the Office.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send bulletin submissions to Tracy by 4pm on Mondays: tracy.jordan@dor.org with photos.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

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.

Offerings for September 14, 2025

Offerings: \$1,153

Attendance: 83

Online Giving: \$80

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER

- Sun. Sept. 21 Religious Education Registration
Second Collection-Catholic Campaign
for Human Development
- Fri. Sept. 26 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
- Sun. Sept. 28 Religious Education Registration
Annual Parish Finance Meeting
following Mass

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!

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo. Please be generous.



Registration for Religious Education Classes will be today, September 21 and Sunday, September 28.

Please see Mrs. Fontenette for forms.



Annual Parish Finance Meeting
Sunday, September 28
Following Mass
Please Plan To Attend

Living Faith

'Children of Light'

For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

Luke 16:8

Many of Jesus' parables are intended to catch us off guard. Today's parable is certainly one of them. How to make sense of a manager of his boss' property, down on his luck, who bilks his boss and, alas, ends up receiving the boss' praise?

It's called prudence. The manager is admired for sizing up his situation correctly and acting decisively to save the day—or, in this instance, to save his own skin. This is how the children of this world—or at least the most clever of them—make their way through life.

How much more, Jesus says, should be the children of light guard their eternal possessions? It may not top the list in our own examination of conscience, but how enterprising are we in the deployment of the gifts we have received?

Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A.

Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Citizen Preparedness Corps

SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE: Immaculate Conception
St. Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglas Street
Rochester, NY 14608

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
12:00PM

REGISTER:
Registration is required to attend the event.
To register visit www.prepare.ny.gov or scan the QR code

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY GOVERNOR HOCHUL IN CONJUNCTION WITH: And Immaculate Conception St. Bridget's Church



Thank you to all who helped us reach our team goal of \$2,000 for the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 4th. If you would still like to make a donation please do so by donating here:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/KOPCLA>

If you have any questions please reach out to any of the Ladies Auxiliary members:

Lynn Fulmore	Gail Whitcraft	Myrna Barthelemy
Pat Nguti	Rose Stokes	Michelle Horman
Yvette Reaves	Shelly Smith	Joanne Gordon
Jackie Bryant	Verma Brown	Maurini Strub

Frederick Douglass HBCU Football Classic

Central State University vs. Lane College
September 27, 2025 ~ 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Rochester Community Sports Complex
460 Oak Street, Rochester, NY

Tickets ~ \$25

FDHBCUCLASSIC.COM



Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<i>I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.</i> <i>PHILIPPIANS 4:13</i>	
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>A grand love that still lives beyond earthly life.</i> Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Loved, Cherished & Missed</i> Lynn Fulmore
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE
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>Mom ~ Linda Nash</i> <i>Our Cheerleader in Life, Spirit Team in Heaven.</i> <i>Missed is your guidance, always.</i> <i>Lynn & Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	<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. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE