

# *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 1, 2026*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

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**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.

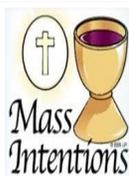
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, March 1, 2026

Mercedes Guess

Requested by the Fugate Family



Offerings for February 22, 2026

Offerings: \$1,076

Attendance: 77

Online Giving: \$235

Online Givers: 6

Black, Native American & Hispanic: \$645

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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

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)

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin



MARCH

- Sun. Mar. 1 Blood Pressure Screening
Fri. Mar. 6 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
Sat. Mar. 7 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am
Sun. Mar. 8 Daylight Saving Time
Fri. Mar. 13 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm
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

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.



Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

We have exceeded our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal (\$12,284). Thank you to all who made their pledge and for supporting our mission.

Lenten Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- a) Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
b) Everyone between 18 and 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast (one full meal a day and nothing between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).



Empowering Growth in Ghana

By supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means, young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read 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.





Daylight Savings Time is next  
Sunday, March 8

Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour at 2 am. We "Lose" an hour of sleep as we "Spring Forward."



Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Deacon Jeff will lead an adult study after Mass today on the Church's liturgy during Lent.



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!



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.



**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.



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

**Palm Sunday Mass:** 10:00 am @ St. Monica Church  
March 29 831 Genesee St.

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**Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration:** April 2 7:00 pm  
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf  
8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

**Good Friday Service:** Noon - Immaculate Conception  
April 3 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

**Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:** 6:00 pm  
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

**Easter Vigil:** 7:01 pm  
April 4 Immaculate Conception Church



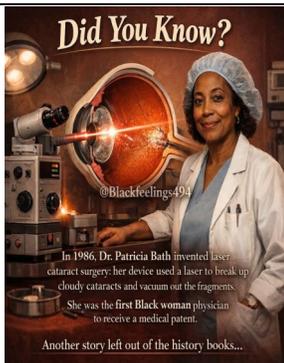
**Easter Sunday Mass: April 5**

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

All are welcome, especially you!

### Did You Know That....??

Dr. Patricia Bath didn't just change medicine — she changed how the world sees. In 1986, she invented the Laserphaco device, a breakthrough that used laser precision to safely remove cataracts and restore vision for millions. She went on to become the first Black woman physician to receive a medical patent, proving once again that our history is filled with brilliance they never taught us. Black history is world history.



Follow @Blackfeelings494 for more stories like this.  
#BlackHistory ~ #PatriciaBath ~ #BlackInventors  
#HiddenHistory ~ #Blackhistorymonth

Source: Blackfeelings494 (Instagram)

### 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](mailto: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><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><i>WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE— IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY—THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.</i></p> <p><i>PHILIPPIANS 4:8</i></p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 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><b>Alzheimers Association</b></p> <p>Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.</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>Two Years, Too Long Missing You Still Always</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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