

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.

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus is the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

In today's readings, we hear of the many ways Jesus reaches out to us and saves us, tending to us as a shepherd. He is, indeed, as Peter says the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls. If we pray and listen attentively for his voice in our heart, we will hear the call of the Good Shepherd, who is our strength and our salvation.

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, April 26, 2026

Special Intention for Magavia Dexter Herman

Requested by Julietta Herman



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, April 26, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

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



Offerings for April 19, 2026

Offerings: \$2,015

Attendance: 70

Online Giving: \$105

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.

May

- Sat. May 2 Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am
- Sun. May 3 Blood Pressure Screening following Mass
Mahalia Sings Concert—4:00 pm
- Sun. May 10 Mother's Day
- Sun. May 17 The Empowered Caregivers Series following
Mass—10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Fri. May 29 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
- Mon. May 25 Memorial Day—Office Closed

April Christian Action

Be joyous!

- Greet people with "Alleluia He is risen!"
- Appreciate all the new birth going on around you.
- Surprise someone with flowers.
- Do some kindness for another that you wouldn't normally do.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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.



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ECHOES FROM THE PAST

MAHALIA Sings

WITH THOMAS DORSEY

MAHALIA JACKSON

MAY 3, 2026
4:00PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH
445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.
ROCHESTER, NY 14608



MAGGIE MOORE



MARVIN RODGERS



EUNICE WHITE



ICSB LITURGICAL DANCERS

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, May 3rd in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



**Congratulations,
Fr. Ray and Deacon Pat!**

44 Years Ordained
April 24

We love you and are grateful for your wonderful ministry!




"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries"

1 Corinthians 4:1-2



St.  onica
CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026

AUGUST 10-14

8:45am-noon * Grades preK4-7
Free + lunch included

Online registration form: stmonicaofrochester.org

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Corn Hill Arts Festival

July 11 - 12, 2026

ST. PETER'S KITCHEN COOKING CLASS

Sponsored by RCIPA Community and Health Foundation

Join St. Peter's Kitchen for a free hands-on cooking and nutrition workshop designed to help families prepare healthy, affordable meals using everyday pantry ingredients.

Class: Wednesday May 20, 2026, from 2pm -4pm

Only 10 slots available

In Each Session You Will:

- ✔ Learn to build balanced meals using MyPlate
- ✔ Practice budget-friendly cooking strategies
- ✔ Prepare fresh, seasonal dishes
- ✔ Sit down and enjoy meal after class
- ✔ Take home groceries to recreate the meal



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Welcome Visitors!
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.

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| <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 style="text-align: center;">BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PSALM 46:10</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></p> <p><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</p> <p><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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