

# 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 27, 2025*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*



Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

- John 20

*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.*

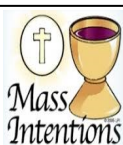
*Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.*

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

*Sunday, April 27, 2025*

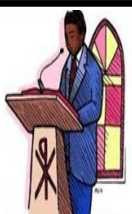
*Michael & Juliana Nwokelo Sr.*

*Requested by the Nwokelo Family*



*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, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**



**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**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



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.

***Offerings for April 20, 2025***

***Offerings: \$4,246***

***Attendance: 123***

***Online Giving: \$130***

***Online Givers: 2***

***Good Friday: \$440***

***Attendance: 61***

***Thank you for your generous support.***

***May***

*Sat. May 3 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am*

*Sun. May 4 Blood Pressure Screening following Mass*

*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*

**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.



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.*



### Keep in Prayer

Please keep Shannon Shaw and the Miles Family in your thoughts and prayers. Louise Miles, a long time parishioner of Immaculate Conception passed away on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

### Living Faith

#### Fear and Doubt Overcome

*Peace be with you. John 20:19*

It's no surprise that the Risen Jesus greets his disciples repeatedly saying, "Peace be with you." Fear must have gripped them in the sudden presence of Jesus, only recently crucified and now raised from the dead!

The Lord's Resurrection was unlike any other event in their experience and in human history. Jesus' encounter with Thomas moves the apostle from fear and doubt to peace and faith. It calls to mind the 17<sup>th</sup>-century masterpiece painting of this moment by Caravaggio. There Jesus, bathed in ethereal light, invites a doubting Thomas to "...bring your hand and put it into my side" (v. 27). The visceral image shows Thomas reaching into the open wounded side of Jesus. God draws close to our nagging anxieties and deepest doubts: By his Cross and Resurrection, Jesus conquers the old fears that plague the human heart. In divine mercy, all fear and doubt are definitively overcome.

Jem Sullivan, PH.D.

*Jem Sullivan, PhD., teaches at the Catholic University of America and is an author and catechist.*

### 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 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](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

This week, we mourn the passing of our beloved Pope Francis, who died April 21 at 88 years old. His example of peace and justice will live on in our hearts, our community, and our actions. Lord, guide his spirit home.



Photo from [rollinastone.com](http://rollinastone.com).

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



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!

### Easter Praise Concert

**Sunday, May 4, 2025  
2:00 pm**

**St. Rita Church, Webster**

Featuring: St. Rita Angel Choir, Count It All Joy, St. Rita Festival Choir, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, Soloists and Friends



### THANK YOU!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate).

Quote from Pope Francis:

*"Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God."*

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