

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.

July 26, 2026

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

All things work for good for those who love God.

Saint Paul reminds us in his Letter that we are called by God to be images of his Son. But to be truly like him we need the gifts of wisdom and understanding, and an openness to allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in working for the kingdom of heaven. We find the kingdom in Jesus, who is the way.

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.

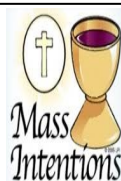
New members are welcome at
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church.

For more information on how to join the parish,
please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, July 26, 2026

**Special Birthday Intentions for
Julietta Herman & Kadisha Ferdinand**
Requested by Julietta Herman



Offerings for July 19, 2026

Offerings: \$1,448

Attendance: 68

Online Giving: \$105

Online Givers: 3

Thank you for your generous support.



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Jacquelyn Dobson, Marcia Fugate, Tom Fugate, Carolyn Walker, Fr. Robert Werth, Kathy Wheeler

July Christian Action

Be proud to be an American!

- Pray for our leaders and for peace in our country and our world.
- Thank a veteran/military person for their service and our freedom.
- Care for our earth: pick up litter, recycle, conserve water, and turn lights off when not in use.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Reader I & II—Teyana Pappin

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



How do I give my offering?

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to: Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, 34 Monica Street, Rochester, NY 14619
2. OSV Online Giving: Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/immaculateconceptionrochester/giving/funds>)
For secure one-time or recurring online giving

**We now have a QR Code to
access our online giving**



**Offering
Envelopes**



Reminder: If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's donation envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to us.



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
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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.



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
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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

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Only in true solitariness is true spirituality born, when the soul stands naked before its God.

**End of Summer Parish Picnic with Emmanuel
Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St.
Bridget's and St. Monica Churches**

Sunday, September 13 ~ 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Genesee Valley Park, Roundhouse Shelter

More details coming soon!

All are invited to be a part of the Picnic Planning committee. We will be meeting on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm in the rectory. If you would like to attend, please contact Picnic co-chairs Meg Lute (mlute@rochester.rr.com) or Debbie Diederich (dfdiederich270@gmail.com) to let us know you are coming.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make the church's annual Corn Hill fundraiser a success! There is always a lot of time and preparation that goes into this fundraiser. Your dedication and continued support is greatly appreciated. Don Toyer has organized this fundraiser for many years and is always a continued asset. We couldn't make it work without everyone's participation. Great team work!

**Living Faith
Buried Treasure**

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Matthew 13:44

As a teenager, I read this parable as a kind of real-life economics lesson. From that point of view, it only makes sense to buy the field if you are absolutely sure that the treasure is worth more than the field, right? But there's more to his story than meets the eye. It's not about real-estate investment. It's about making sure that the things we treasure have eternal—and not just fleeting—value.

So if we say we believe that God's Kingdom and the eternal presence of God are the things we most value and long for, then we must be prepared to ask ourselves. What am I willing to let go of to attain them? Today, review your schedule for the next few weeks. How much time are you giving to God and to others?

Steve Givens

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

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, August 2nd in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



Just a reminder: Coffee Hour is held once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Please feel free to bring in homemade items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!

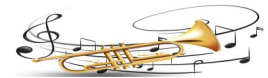
St. Monica CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026
AUGUST 10-14
8:45am-noon * Grades preK4-7
Free + lunch included
Online registration form: stmonicaofrochester.org
**LIGHT OF THE
WORLD**

**28th Annual Clarissa
Street Reunion 2026**

August 15, 2026

10:00am - 7:00pm

Please join the festivities as family, neighbors, and friends gather to enjoy the following: Presentations from 3 stages and a variety of vendors and exhibits.



Fr. Chester P. Smith
National Black Catholic Men's Conference
Birmingham, Alabama
October 15th - 18th 2026

THE ROCK



I STAND ON

MATTHEW 7:24-26

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard North
Birmingham, Alabama
October 15th - 18th 2026

Type in the passkey link below for hotel reservations
<https://book.passkey.com/e/509610024>

Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference Oct2026 - Start Your Reservation

To register, go to the Bowman-Francis Ministry website at:
www.bowmanfrancis.org

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. I SAY IT AGAIN REJOICE! PHILIPPIANS 4:4	
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>Jack & Elvira Powell</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM & RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Your Family</i>	Alzheimer's Association Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.
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>Linda Nash</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</i>	<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. The Gordon/Bell Families
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	Hart Cleaning Services LLC Professional Janitorial Contracting Services Certified NYS WMBE • Certified DBE • Veteran Jake Hart ~ 585-615-2110 hartcleaning@frontier.com • www.hartcleaningservices.com	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. The Nwokelo Family
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