

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 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

Because Christ humbled himself, God greatly exalted him.

Luke's Gospel emphasizes the need for disciples of Christ to follow in his footsteps, as Jesus tells the Apostles that he is among them as the one who serves. Like the servant of the Lord who is spoken of in the reading from the prophet Isaiah, Christ does not refuse his calling. He willingly submits to suffering for our sake. Following Christ's example, it is through humble service to one another that we will be exalted.

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.

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

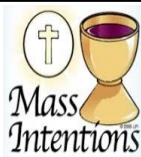


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Thomas Bostick

Requested by the Bostick 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 13, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, April 20, 2025

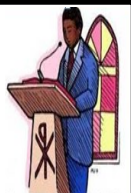
Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



Offerings for April 6, 2025

Offerings: \$1,524

Attendance: 76

Online Giving: \$340

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

April

Sun. April 13 Palm Sunday Mass—9:00 am

*Thur. April 17 Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf—7:00 pm*

*Fri. April 18 Good Friday Service—12:00 Noon
Office Closed*

*Sat. April 19 Easter Vigil—St. Monica Church
7:01 pm*

Sun. April 20 Easter Sunday Mass—9:00 am

Mon. April 21 Office Closed

Fri. April 25 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.



Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parish—Goal \$12,000

As of this date, 31 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 114.42% (\$13,730).

Once again, thank you.



The church office will be closed on Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21.

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).

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, invites the faithful of the Diocese to **The Solemn Mass of Chrism**, Tuesday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park.

Living Faith

The Lord's Passion

Rather, he emptied himself... Philippians 2:7

We sometimes throw around the word “passion” when referring to our work, our coffee or our favorite team. But true passion refers to something that is closest to the heart.

As Jesus ate for the last time with his disciples, as he agonized in Gethsemane, as he suffered the mockery and blows of the soldiers, with each painful step on the way to Calvary...what was his passion? What—or who—was closest to his heart?

The answer is you. You are his passion. It was your face held close to his heart in these moments that would redeem you, Jesus is, even now, inviting you to participate in that walk, to bring your own heart close to his. He emptied himself to break the chains of sin and heal your hurts. He is assuring you that the way will not be too difficult as you journey by his side. And the Lord is asking you to share his passion—for those others who have yet to hear or believe the hope and joy that come with Easter.

Steve Pable

CALLED TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIFE



Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

Holy Week 2025

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

Palm Sunday Mass: April 13	9:00 am - Immaculate Conception 11:00 am - St. Monica Church & Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 17	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration
Good Friday Service: April 18	Noon - Immaculate Conception 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Easter Vigil: April 19	7:01 pm St. Monica Church

Easter Sunday Mass: April 20—9:00 am
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's

Join the Easter Vigil Choir!

Are you interested in joining the music for the Easter Vigil? We warmly invite you to be a part of the Easter Vigil music ministry as we prepare for this special celebration. The Easter Vigil Choir will rehearse at St. Monica's over the next three Tuesdays leading up to Easter: April 15 from 5:30—6:30 pm. Come share in this beautiful tradition as we celebrate Easter with our three parishes. We look forward to celebrating this joyful with you? For more information, please see Angela Nkugwa or email her at angela.nkugwa@dor.org.

Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at quarter after eleven in the morning at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park. All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition. Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by registering at <https://forms.gle/UVdG2SUKbvJw81ok8> or emailing donald.smith@dor.org. Additionally, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email, or a letter with the following information: Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and a wedding photo (optional). Email: weddings@CatholicCourier.com Mail: Wedding Anniversaries Catholic Courier Submissions are due by April 30 PO Box 24379 Rochester, NY 14624-0379 Photographs must still be submitted by US Post or email.

St. Monica CITY OF ROCHESTER

JUNGLE JOURNEY

ST. MONICA 2025
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 18-22
8:45 am - noon Grades preK4-12

Online registration at
stmonicaofrochester.org

Free + lunch included

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