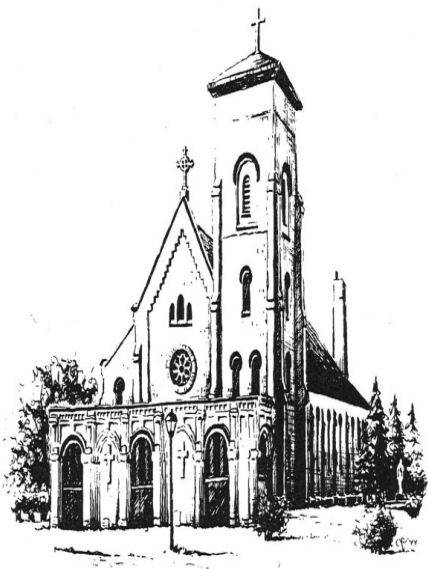


# *Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church*

*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.

## *November 30, 2025*



## *First Sunday of Advent*

*Stay awake, for you do not know when the Lord will come.*

*The four weeks of Advent are meant for us to prepare our hearts for three comings of Christ: his birth in Bethlehem (which we celebrate on Christmas); his return at the end of time; and his coming to us here and now. Our preparations include prayer, reception of the sacraments, good works, and sacrifices. Although everyone's preparations will look different, they are all meant to cleanse us from sin and teach us to welcome Christ with love.*

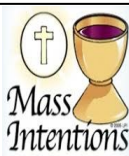
*Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.*

*Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the office.*

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

**Louise Miles**

**Requested by Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parishioners**



*Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Bucchann, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler*

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore



**Offerings for November 23, 2025**

**Offerings: \$2,447**

**Attendance: 76**

**Online Giving: \$265**

**Online Givers: 6**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



Sat. Dec. 6	Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am Corn Hill Holiday House Tour
Sun. Dec. 7	Blood Pressure Screening following Mass
Mon. Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass—6:00 pm
Sat. Dec. 13	Soup Supper—St. Monica after 4:00 pm Mass
Wed. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve—Office Closed Christmas Eve Mass—St. Monica-4:00 pm
Thur. Dec. 25	Christmas Day—Office Closed Christmas Day Mass—10:00 am
Fri. Dec. 26	Day after Christmas —Office Closed St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
Wed. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve—Office Closed

### **December Christian Action**

**BE THE GIFT:**



- Visit someone who is lonely.
- Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays.
- Help someone with a task.
- Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter.
- Surprise someone with a kind note.
- Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time.
- Give someone a hug.
- Tell someone you love/appreciate them.
- Tell someone you're sorry.
- Send a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.



Parish—Goal \$11,000  
\$4,199 Pledged  
38.17 % of Goal

As of this date, 11 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given

generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

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

### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**

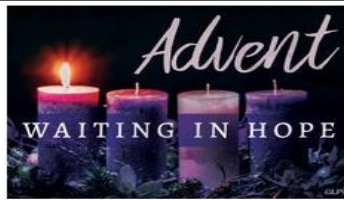
Please send bulletin submissions to Tracy by 4pm on Mondays:  
tracy.jordan@dor.org with photos.



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Just a reminder: The 2026 Mass Intention book is available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church's new liturgical year and symbolizes hope and preparation for the coming of Christ. It is a time to light the first candle, often purple, which represents the hope found in the prophecies of the Messiah and the anticipation of both Christ's birth and his second coming. The day also encourages spiritual reflection on things that weigh people down and calls them to be vigilant and ready for Christ's arrival.



Blood Pressure Screening will be offered on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the sacristy following Mass. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.

## Living Faith

### Listen, Learn and Follow

*Many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."*  
Isaiah 2:3

The Old Testament prophets speak of the Lord's Day, when the enemies of God will be brought low and the Kingdom will be established for all who follow God. We look forward to Christ's return when he will reign, but fortunately, we don't have to wait to learn from him and walk in his ways!

As we enter into this Advent season, we have many opportunities to listen at Jesus' feet: through the prayers of the Mass, by reading Sacred Scripture and by engaging in the works of mercy, just to name a few.

**Lord, make us attentive to the signs of your Kingdom in our midst, and help us listen more closely to the words of your Son.**

Jonathan F. Sullivan

### Advent Soup Supper, Saturday, December 13 St. Monica



After the 4 pm Mass on December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Welcome Committee would like to invite everyone to a simple soup supper in the narthex. Sister Carol Cimino will be our guest speaker reflecting on Advent: "A Time of Watching and Waiting." Look for the sign-up sheets to attend and sign up if you would like to help with a pot of soup, bread, salad, or a dessert. Please come and share this simple meal as we await the coming of the baby Jesus. Any questions call JoAnn DeMott at 313-2614.

MIREMBE'S PRESENTS:

# THE PEPPERMINT CABARET

A cozy evening of live music, holiday pours, savory bites, and signature style all wrapped in peppermint twist.

Featuring: Angela Nkugwa (vocals & piano), Alison Rouse Monte (vocals), and Deanna Dudley (vocals). Live ensemble includes drums and bass.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025  
6:00 PM  
RITZ INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
HENRIETTA, NY

Tickets: \$75 per guest  
Includes dinner, dessert, libations, live music, a chance to win in our holiday raffle, and access to a curated selection of local vendor tables.  
VIP seating available.  
Dress Code: Peppermint energy.  
Proceeds benefit Nkugwa Team Impact, expanding access to youth sports across Greater Rochester.

Scan to RSVP or visit:  
[www.angelankugwa.com/thepeppermintcabaret](http://www.angelankugwa.com/thepeppermintcabaret)  
Limited VIP & General Admission Available

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

# HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

All Masses ASL interpreted.

**Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24:**  
4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church

**Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25:**  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

**New Year's Day Mass Thursday, January 1:**  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

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ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

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



<b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b>  A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<p align="center"><b>FEAR NOT! STAND YOUR GROUND, AND YOU WILL SEE THE VICTORY</b>  <b>THE LORD WILL WIN FOR YOU TODAY.</b></p> <p align="center"><i>EXODUS 14:13</i></p>	
<b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b>  640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	Jack & Elvira Powell  <i>Thankful For Two Lives Well Lived</i> <i>Endearing Legacies and,</i> <i>A Love Everlasting</i>
In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b>  <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>
In Loving Memory of <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b>  <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of My Guess Family,  <b>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA</b>  <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i> <i>Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b>  <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b>	<b>Linda Nash</b>  <i>As You Feast in Heaven</i> <i>We'll Place An Empty Chair</i> <i>In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks</i>  <i>Lynn &amp; Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b>  <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b>  <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel &amp; Brandon</i>	" In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b>  <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b>  <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b>  <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b>  <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b>  <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
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