

# *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.

**June 21, 2026**

**12th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Happy Father's Day!**

**The Gospel calls us to acknowledge Christ without fear.**

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**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, June 21, 2026

For All Living & Deceased Fathers



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Fr. Robert Werth, Kathy Wheeler

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

Reader I—Mia Brown  
Responsorial Psalm—Christasia McCarthy-Devine  
Reader II—Sherkylee Claude



**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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.

New members are welcome at

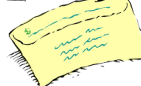


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For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

**REMINDER**

**Offering Envelopes**



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.



**Please Note:** The Church's Emergency Phone Number has been temporarily changed. Please dial 585-412-3913 if you are in need of emergency assistance.

**Offerings for June 14, 2026**

**Offerings: \$2,026**

**Attendance: 82**

**Online Giving: \$150**

**Online Givers: 3**

**Catholic Communications Campaign: \$491**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

**June**

**Sun. June 21**

**Youth Sunday**

**Father's Day**

**Fri. June 26**

**St. Joseph's House of Hospitality**

**June Christian Action**

Appreciate your father, grandfather, brother, son, male colleague, neighbor, etc.

Show them your love in a special way.



**Living Faith**

**You Are Special!**

*You are worth more than many sparrows.*

*Matthew 10:31*

Our self-worth, at times, can be lacking. Things people have said to us or events that have taken place can affect what we think about ourselves. It's easy to replay those negative voices in our head. We can doubt ourselves because we failed at something or didn't meet our own expectations.

If the above scenarios fill your mental space today, then those words from the Gospel are meant for you. You are worth more than sparrows. God provides for the birds of the air, giving them food to eat. If God cares about the animals of Creation, know how much he cares for and loves you.

You are worth more because Jesus redeemed and forgives you. You are worth more because you can know the Lord and worship him with your entire being. If there are days you doubt your worth, look up at a crucifix, and see the one who looks down at you and hear him say, "You are enough."

**Lord, help me to know my worth as your beloved child.**

Fr. Edward Looney



### Father's Day Prayer

*A Father's Heart is Full of Love*  
*God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian Fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their families, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Remembering...Rev. Robert Bradler



**Celebrated Mass on Sundays for over 10 years at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's**

### Graduation

I am sure that all of us want to congratulate all the children, teens and young adults in our parish who will be graduating this year. Some are marking the end of formal education. Some will be going on to further education. Even though formal schooling may end, we can never come to the point of thinking that education can end. Education is a life-long process as we learn each and every day about life and how to live that life to the fullest. As a human person we are always either improving or deteriorating, growing or stagnating. There is no such things as a plateau in human life. The graph moves either up or down, it never levels off.

The same holds true for our Christian life, it too is always moving. We can never come to the point where we can say, "I do not need to learn any more." Just as human life is always learning, Christian life is always learning, too. Hopefully, we can say, "I love better today, than I did yesterday. I will love better tomorrow, than I am loving today." That is the seed of human and Christian greatness—to be always growing.

Congratulations—but keep improving.

### Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Religious Education Food & Sock Drive



Thank YOU for supporting our Food & Socks Giveaway! YOUR support made it a great success!

IC/SB Religious Education Students

The next Blood Pressure Screening will be offered on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



### CORN HILL ARTS FESTIVAL

**Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 12**

Volunteers are needed for the Corn Hill Arts Festival. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please see Don Toyer.

### 4TH ANNUAL ST MONICA'S SUMMER CONCERT



**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 / 4-6:30PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH - 831 GENESEE ST,  
ROCHESTER, NY 14611**



Save the date

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

**AUGUST 10-14**

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

Registration to come at [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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

<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>DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, MAKE YOUR REQUESTS KNOWN TO GOD. THEN THE PEACE OF GOD THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.</p> <p>PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b></p> <p>133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b></p> <p>640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i></p> <p><i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b></p> <p><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM &amp; RAPHAEL NGUTI</b></p> <p><i>Love Your Family</i></p>	<p><b>Alzheimer's Association</b></p> <p>Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b></p> <p><i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</p> <p><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA</p> <p><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 &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b></p> <p><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b></p>	<p><i>Happy Heavenly Birthday, Mom</i></p> <p><i>Linda Nash</i></p> <p><i>I Hope You'll Dance</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b></p> <p><i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b></p> <p><i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel &amp; Brandon</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b></p> <p><i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b></p> <p><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b></p> <p><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGEE FAMILY</b></p> <p><i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p><b>Hart Cleaning Services LLC</b></p> <p>Professional Janitorial Contracting Services Certified NYS WMBE • Certified DBE • Veteran <b>Jake Hart ~ 585-615-2110</b> hartcleaning@frontier.com • www.hartcleaningservices.com</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>