

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.

May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter



*Pope Leo XIV was elected on May 8, 2025.
May God bless his ministry and guide him in love!*

Photo from People.com

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.

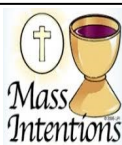
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Alice Walters

Requested by the Fontenette 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, Jacquelyn Dobson, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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

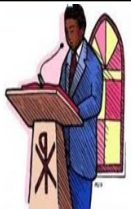
Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom



Offerings for May 11, 2025

Offerings: \$2,070

Attendance: 105

Online Giving: \$80

Online Givers: 2

Thank you for your generous support.

May

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

May Christian Action

*Appreciate your mother, grandmother, sister,
daughter, female colleague, neighbor, etc.*

Show them your love in a special way.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

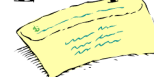
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parish—Goal \$12,000

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.

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.

Today is **Diocesan Missions Sunday**, a day to honor the missionary efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy working and serving the needs of our brothers and sisters in Brazil and Chile.

We are called to take part in the missionary work of the Church. We may not all have to move to the missionary territories to do so, but impelled by the Holy Spirit, each one of us is to move beyond our daily concerns, important as they are, to help others live in the faith that sustains us.

We are reminded that our missionary activity is a living sign of our faith. The support of our Diocesan Missionaries by the Church of Rochester is a great piece of our history.

May we share the gift of faith today by helping our missionary friends with our prayers and a generous gift.

Congratulations to Jaylan Ferdinand-Poyotte, Joshua Bukuru, Erica Nsabimana, Chanty Nsabimana and Junior Nsabimina who received the sacrament of Penance on Saturday, May 10th and the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 11th.



AKOMA
AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GOSPEL CHOIR

**AKOMA
PEARLESSENCE**

30 YEARS OF PRAISE

Pastor C. Sherie Hill, Musical Director
Dr. Arlette Miller Smith, Founder-Artistic Director

AKOMA Scholarship Concert

30th Anniversary
Saturday, June 14, 2025
6:30 pm
Robin & Tim Wentworth Arts Theater
Monroe Community College
1000 W. Henrietta Road
Rochester, NY 14623

"And with my song... will I praise Him" - Psalm 28:7

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AKOMA.ORG


The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester
Mass of Thanksgiving for His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV
Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, cordially invites the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Rochester to the Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV.

This Mass is a privileged opportunity for us to unite as a Diocesan Family, to thank God for our newly elected Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the 266th successor to Saint Peter and the 267th vicar of Christ on earth and, at the same time, to express our filial devotion to and prayerful support of His Holiness as he begins his pontificate.


JUNE 8, 2025 • PENTECOST
11:00 am Mass
Join us for a special multicultural liturgy
and coffee hour to celebrate the coming of
the Holy Spirit.

Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, and St. Monica's Church will be having a combined international celebration on Pentecost, Sunday, June 8th at 11:00 AM at St Monica's which will showcase all three parishes. At that Sunday's Eucharist parishioners are invited to wear ethnic clothing that recognizes their heritage or if you would rather, wear red to commemorate Pentecost. There will be a special coffee hour that will feature food from around the world. Signup boards will be available in the churches requesting finger foods for the coffee hour and seeking volunteers to set up, serve and clean up.


ST. MONICA SUMMER CONCERT
Sunday, June 29, 2025
4-6 PM
Join us for our third annual showcase of the talented
musicians from our parish and community.
Refreshment reception to follow. Free will offerings accepted.

Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626 Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions and Orville's Appliances.	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org	Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870 <i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i>	<i>Together on Earth ~ Together in Eternity</i> <i>Together Missed, Evermore</i> Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i>	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896
In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i>	Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</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 DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN, 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	Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</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>
Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i>	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941