

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 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Go, and from now on do not sin any more.

In this Lenten season, our readings reflect on mercy and repentance. Indeed, repentance is at the foundation of our Lenten calling. May we truly examine our hearts for ways we can seek God's abundant mercy and grow in our relationship with him. Like the woman caught in adultery, we must be willing to allow Jesus to see our shortcomings if we wish to receive the forgiveness he offers.

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.

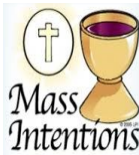


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Special Intentions for IC/SB Faith Formation Teachers & Students

Requested by Lynn Fulmore



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 6, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

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



Offerings for March 30, 2025

Offerings: \$1,616

Attendance: 76

Online Giving: \$80

Online Givers: 2

Catholic Relief Services: \$488

Thank you for your generous support.

April

Sun. April 6 Blood Pressure Screening
Sat. April 12 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am
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.


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, 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.

Lenten Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- 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.
- 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).

Living Faith

For the Love of God: Repent!

Go, and from now on do not sin any more. John 8:1-11

God loves us. This is a foundational truth of the Christian faith. God created us to be loved by him and to return that love back to him. Unfortunately, we regularly reject God's love and sin against him and our neighbors.

But God loves us too much to let us stay as we are. This is the message Jesus came to preach: *Repent, turn back to the Father who loves you and follow him in holiness.*

To often we want to focus on God's love without also heeding his invitation to repentance. We think that because God loves us we don't need to change—"God loves me just the way I am!" We reject the need for a Savior along with the love and mercy Jesus won for us on the Cross.

Take time today to examine the ways you have rejected God. Repent of your sins, make amends to those you have hurt and accept God's loving mercy.

Jonathan F. Sullivan

The Surprising Gift of a No-Buy Lent

The practice of a no-buy Lent can turn out to be a re-mind-er that *the best things in life are free:*

- First sight of snowdrops and crocus valiantly proclaiming spring even when it doesn't feel like spring
- Waking up to an utterly blue sky
- Exchanging smiles with the baby ahead of you in a store checkout line
- That coincidence that had to be more than a coincidence
- Knowing the presence and action of God is happening within you and all around

What else is on your list? What gifts have you grown to appreciate?

UNITED IN GENEROSITY AS ONE GLOBAL FAMILY



Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit crisricebowl.org/week-5 to learn more.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered today in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



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 1, 8, 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.

You Are Cordially Invited



to a
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 • Rochester, NY 14615

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/UVdG25UKbvJw83ok8> 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: wedding@CatholicCourier.com Mail: Wedding Anniversaries
Catholic Courier
PO Box 24379
Rochester, NY 14624-0379

Submissions are due by **April 30**

Photographs must still be submitted by US Post or email.

<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>