

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.

October 5, 2025

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Faith is a gift that demands a response.

Faith is a gift that God gives freely, but this precious gift can be rejected by us and lost through our failure to nurture it and grow in it. Today's Scriptures encourage us to persevere in faith until the end, remembering that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. With the gift of faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do great things for God.

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.

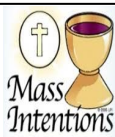


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Zachary Corral

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Buccan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Sr. Grace Miller, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reader I & II—Lynn Nash-Fulmore

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, November 16, 2025

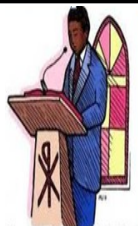
Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



Offerings for September 28, 2025

Offerings: \$1,494

Attendance: 80

Online Giving: \$155

Online Givers: 3

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$35

Thank you for your generous support.



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| Sun. Oct. 5 | Religious Education Classes Begin
Blood Pressure Screening following
Mass in the Sacristy |
| Mon. Oct. 13 | Indigenous Peoples' Day—Office Closed |
| Sun. Oct. 19 | World Mission Sunday Collection |
| Wed. Oct. 22 | Finance Council Mtg.—3:00 pm at St.
Monica |
| Fri. Oct. 31 | St. Joseph's House of Hospitality |

October Christian Action

Invite Someone to Sunday Mass

While talking with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, associates, etc., invite them to join you for Mass on Sunday.

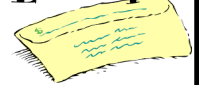


MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Intention book has arrived. You can now schedule Mass Intentions for 2026. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

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.



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



"Time to clean up the church gardens before winter. Can You Help? **Saturday, October 11th between 11am and 3pm.** Come when you can; give as much time as you can afford. Thank you



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

Living Faith

God's Dreams for Us

For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.
Habakkuk 2:3

God deposits visions into our dreams, I believe. Sometimes I doubt my dreams are from God: I struggle with ego and anxiety like many people. But I do desire to serve and share the Good News. For example, when I prayed with Living Faith as a teen, the idea crossed my mind that I could be a writer. Was it a vision? Did I write down the thought? I don't remember, but I know that I didn't pursue the idea at the time. Rather, I tried to stay faithful and surrender to God's will. I worked on staying open to what was right in front of me. Then, years later, the time came for me to be a writer. If a vision is truly God's dream, I don't need to force anything. By God's grace, the dream will come true—at the perfect time.

Sr. Julia Walsh, F.S.P.A.

NEW YORK STATE
Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Citizen Preparedness Corps

SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE: Immaculate Conception
St. Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglas Street
Rochester, NY 14608

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
12:00PM

REGISTER:
Registration is required to attend the event.
To register visit www.prepare.ny.gov or scan the QR code

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY GOVERNOR HOCHUL IN CONJUNCTION WITH: And Immaculate Conception St. Bridget's Church

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

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

In Loving Memory

If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial in the bulletin please call the Office.

Welcome Visitors!

**We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again.**



2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Together We Bring Hope
...and Hope does not disappoint*

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad – through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our Diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs. Starting next weekend, we will have more information to share with you about this year's appeal.

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<i>I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.</i> <i>PHILIPPIANS 4:13</i>	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	<i>A grand love that still lives beyond earthly life.</i> Jack & Elvira Powell <i>Loved, Cherished & Missed</i> Lynn Fulmore
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE
In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</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 My Guess Family, CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i> <i>Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the 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	<i>Mom ~ Linda Nash</i> <i>Our Cheerleader in Life, Spirit Team in Heaven.</i> <i>Missed is your guidance, always.</i> <i>Lynn & Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i> Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>
In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</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 ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</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>
SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	SPACE AVAILABLE