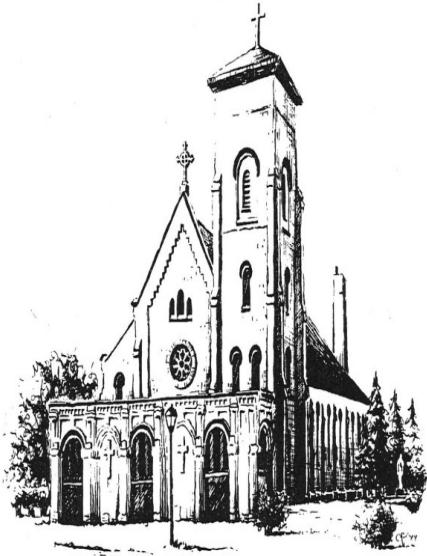


# ***Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church***

***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.

***January 11, 2026***  
***The Baptism of the Lord***



*Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power at his baptism.*

*The prophet Isaiah says that God's chosen one is called to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. When the Spirit descended upon Christ at his baptism, these promises were fulfilled. But these promises aren't only for Jesus; we, too, are called to be signs and instruments of God's presence in the world.*

***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, January 11, 2026**

**Special Intention for Julietta Herman & Family**



**Offerings for January 4, 2026**

**Offerings: \$1,583**

**Attendance: 64**

**Online Giving: \$340**

**Online Givers: 4**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



*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, Fr. Raymond Fleming, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler*  
*Deceased: Mariselle Colon (Emanuel Colon's sister)*

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris



#### **Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

#### **Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

#### **Sunday, February 1, 2026**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

#### **Sunday, February 8, 2026**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin

#### **Sunday, February 15, 2026**

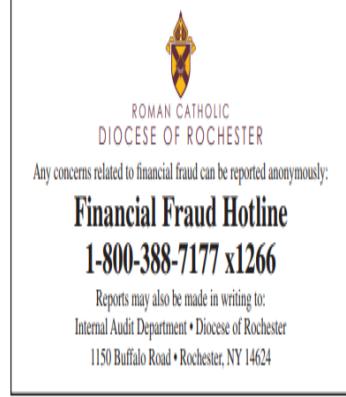
Reader I & II—Don Toyer

#### **Sunday, February 22, 2026**

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore



Mass Intentions can now be scheduled for 2026. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.



### **January Christian Action**

***Make a Difference:***



***Join a ministry.***

***Change a bad habit.***

***Help a stranger.***

***Do more than is expected.***

***Say God bless you!***

***Say please and thank you!***

***Listen instead of speak!***

***Pray for someone!***

***Hold the door open for someone!***

***Let someone go ahead of you!***

**Parish—Goal \$11,000**

**\$7,959 Pledged**

**72.35 % of Goal**



2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Go to [www.docr.org](http://www.docr.org) • View the video  
See how the funds are distributed  
and how they are used.

As of this date, 22 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!

### **2025 Contributions**

2025 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2026. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

## Living Faith Jesus' Baptism and Ours

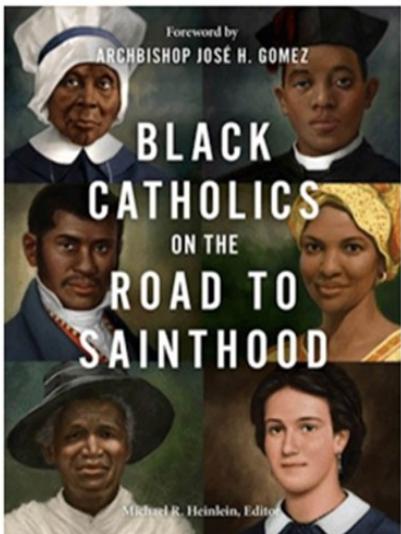
...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.  
*Acts 10:38*

In the mystery of the Incarnation, we discover the path of living faith.

Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist brings us full circle on the spiritual journey from Advent through the Christmas season. We might wonder why Jesus sought out Baptism, coming from Galilee to find John. If he was the Son of God, did Jesus really need Baptism? In Peter's bold homilies, we are offered an answer.

Jesus is no ordinary teacher, miracle worker or celebrity preacher. The Father anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to heal humanity from the debilitating effects of sin so each of us could live in true freedom as a child of God. Jesus' mission was confirmed for all to see and hear as he descended into the sanctifying waters of the Jordan. Our Baptism is a real participation in Jesus' mission to restore all to friendship with God.

Jem Sullivan, PH.D.



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION

In celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for an engaging Zoom book discussion of Michael R. Heinlein's book *Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood*.

This is the first book to explore the lives of the six Black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration by the Catholic Church for canonization.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful conversation.

Please contact the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) at [blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com](mailto:blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com) for additional information.

Mondays,  
February 2, 9, 23  
2026

Black  
Catholics on  
the Road to  
Sainthood

by  
Michael R.  
Heinlein

7:00 PM to 8:30  
PM

Zoom Book  
Discussion

Sponsored by  
Black Catholic  
Coalition of  
Rochester  
(BCCR)



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



IC/SB Youth are asking for your support for their 2026 Food and Socks Drive. Beginning on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, **PLEASE** donate nonperishable food items, Socks (children and adult sizes). There will be bins in the gathering space. Each time the bins have a substantial amount, the food will be donated to a food bank. The socks will be donated to a community center. This will be a continuous opportunity to support our Rochester community...through June 28<sup>th</sup>.



Please remember to sign up for Coffee Hour held once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

You may now bring in homemade items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!



## We need warm & clean coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for adults, teens, and children

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM

LAST DAY TO DONATE: JANUARY 14

Donations can be brought to the office:

34 Monica Street

Monday-Friday

10:00am-3:00pm

-ring the bell at the front office door-



or to Mass  
to the box in the narthex.

To arrange another drop-off time,  
contact [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org).

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!

Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b> A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p><b>REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS.</b> <b>I SAY IT AGAIN REJOICE!</b> <b>PHILIPPIANS 4:4</b></p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 138 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 <a href="http://www.cornill.org">www.cornill.org</a></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>	<p><i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of the</b> <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b> <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p><b>Alzheimers Association</b> Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.</p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp;</b> <b>THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b> <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY</b> FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>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></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp;</b> <b>ALICE WALTERS</b></p>	<p><i>Linda Nash</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>BILL CASTLE</b> <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b> <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon,</i> <i>Shannel &amp; Brandon</i></p>	<p>“In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band</i>”</p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp;</b> <b>HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE</b> <b>McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b> <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p><b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b></p>