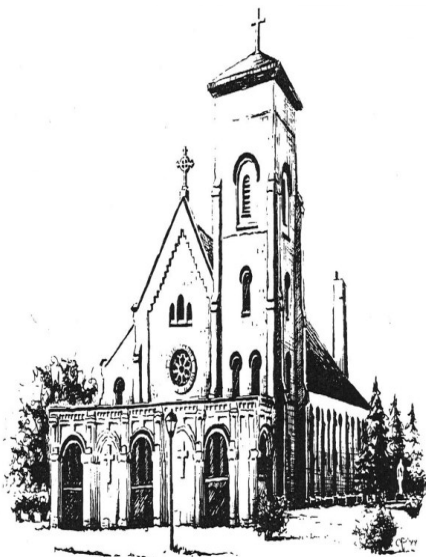


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

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.

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

Stand firm in faith.

This season of Lent prepares us to Easter, when we will celebrate the Lord's resurrection. In today's Gospel Peter, John, and James get a glimpse of Jesus' glorified body. This is the type of body that Paul tells the Philippians we will one day have, as long as we stand firm in our faith—not only in Christ's resurrection, but also in his cross.

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.

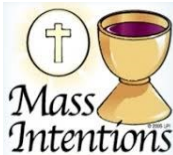
New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.



Sunday, March 16, 2025

Vernon Stinson

Requested by the Castle Family



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Fr. John Judie, Denise McGowan, Rose McKnight, Louise Miles, Harold Moore, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Reader I & II—Erin McBride

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate



Offerings for March 9, 2025

Offerings: \$1,193

Attendance: 68

Online Giving: \$130

Online Givers: 2

Black, Native American & Hispanic Collection

\$298

Thank you for your generous support.

MARCH

Fri. Mar. 21 Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

Fri. Mar. 28 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

Sat. Mar. 29 Preparing for Emergencies Training
Program—1:00 pm

March Christian Action



Be generous with your time:

- Brush the snow off someone else's car.
- Shovel someone's walkway.
- Visit someone who is a shut-in.
- Grocery shop for someone.
- Spend time with a child.



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, 30 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 110.25% (\$13,230).

Once again, thank you.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

The following dates are available for Mass Intentions, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14, 28. Please call or

stop by the office if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions for any of those dates. The cost is \$10.



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

Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent in the church. Please use the Edinburgh Street side entrance doors to the 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
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
All are welcome, especially you!

Living Faith Stay Awake!

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. Luke 9:29

The Transfiguration is an amazing event. There's Jesus shining like the sun, conversing with Moses and Elijah—while his three apostles are sleeping! Fortunately for us, they awake in time to hear God saying to them (and to us), "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (v.35).

I asked a good friend once, "What's the secret of a happy life?" He answered, "Stay awake!" This means to be present to the present moment—don't live in the past or fret about the future. Pay attention to the people who walk in and out of your life every day. Take time to engage with nature, with people and with Scripture (as you're doing now). Be sensitive to the movements of your own heart.

Mini-transfigurations are happening every day: the seasons changing, a child maturing, new insights emerging, love deepening, small deeds of goodness unfolding all around. Don't miss them!

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.



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

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, March 29, 2025
1:00PM

REGISTER:

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



Camp Stella Maris upcoming camps

April Break Camp

When: April 14 – 18
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Ages: K – 5th grade
Where: Camp Stella Maris 4395 E. Lake Rd, Livonia NY 14487
Cost: \$300 (+cc fee); financial assistance available
More info: <https://www.campstellamaris.org/year-round-kids/>

Teen Leadership Camp 2 (TLC)

When: April 25 – 27
Time: 7:00 pm Friday – Sunday 10:30 am
Ages: 14 – 16 years old
Where: Camp Stella Maris 4395 E. Lake Rd, Livonia NY 14487
Cost: \$25 registration fee and pay what you can
More info: <https://www.campstellamaris.org/teen-leadership-programs/>



PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA

In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

<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 style="text-align: center;">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p style="text-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.cornhill.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>Jack & Elvira Powell Lynn Fulmore</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN, CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS</p>	<p>Linda Nash Like Dust, Dreams, Air, the Sun & Hopes Eternal She Rose Your Daughters, Lynn & Shlonda</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>