

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:15am + Livestream

Emmanuel Church

of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11:30 AM



Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00am-3:00 pm



Join us Online!

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Visit our website to get connected to all our online resources, including Mass, faith activities and reflections, online giving, and ways to get involved.

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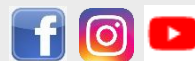
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Walk with us on:



St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

We are a Resurrection people rooted in our rich Catholic heritage. We are growing in the *SPIRIT*, as individuals and as a faith community. We answer the CALL to LIVE

OUT our Baptismal VOCATION in our daily lives, bringing the LIGHT of Christ's presence to our families, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the WORLD.

We dare to LIVE the LIFE of Jesus Christ, transforming discouragement into HOPE, fear into LOVE, isolation into COMMUNITY.



Catechists for Children's Liturgy of the Word break open the Gospel for children in a way they can understand.

Story on page 3.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important than
yourselves, each looking out not for their own interests,
but also for those of others.

- Philippians 2

September 27, 2026
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Visit our website and follow us on social media for even more ways to stay connected to our community. For help or to join the parish email list and receive our weekly news, email monicabulletin@dor.org. If you were receiving the weekly parish email and are no longer receiving it, please check your email settings and make sure you allow emails from monicabulletin@dor.org.

**Confessions by appointment –
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

Weekly Mass Intentions



Sat. Sept. 26 Theresa Higgins – Barbara Higgins
John Donoghue – Linda Bauer
Sun. Sept. 27 Thanksgiving for Siblings – Dan Lill
Tues. Sept. 29 No Mass or Communion Service
Wed. Sept. 30 No Mass or Communion Service
Thur. Oct. 1 No Mass or Communion Service
Fri. Oct. 2 No Mass or Communion Service
Sat. Oct. 3 Betty Bunce – Peggy Reigelsperger
Sun. Oct. 4 Richard Robinson – Mary Robinson

FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray is in good spirits after reading all your wonderful messages on the cards! He sent this message:

“I am overwhelmed with gratitude! Thank you, thank you, thank you!”

He continues to be in the hospital and will go to rehab soon for his broken shoulder. Please note: **NO VISITORS** at this time. Prayers welcome! Cards for Fr. Ray can be sent to the rectory, and we will take them to him. All weekday Masses and communion services are canceled for next week. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information.

Thank you for your love!



A Blessing for Catechists

Let us pray for our amazing catechists who are journeying with our youth this year as leaders in our youth programs:

Youth Group: Charles Arnell, Alexandra Arnell, Amy Taylor, Tiera Divers

Children's Liturgy: Karen Taylor, Rose Dunning

Family Faith Formation: All parents of FFF families

God, thank you for calling forward the gifts of these wonderful people! Holy Spirit, be with them as they guide our youth this year. Please bless them as they are blessings to our community. Amen!

Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Fr. Ray Fleming

Jim Gunter
Betty Gunter's husband

John Cottrell

Our Deceased
Karal Marling

Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism and war
Caregivers
God's creation



THOSE IN THE MILITARY

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Andrea Christ, Terry Redfield, Jr.

Lamp Intentions for September

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Mary & Joseph LoCastro
Linda LoCastro

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



For students returning to school

We Need Weekly and Weekend Mass Intentions!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a birthday, anniversary, etc. Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

This Week at St. Monica Church: September 27-October 4, 2026

Sunday, 9/27	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 9/28	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/29	4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 9/30	5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 10/1	1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 10/2	
Saturday, 10/3	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 10/4	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Registration for 2026-2027 Family Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and Youth Group is now open!

To register, visit stmonicaofrochester.org
or check your weekly email.

A registration form is required each year for youth
participants.

Our youth programs remain
free thanks to our generous,
amazing community. We can
always use donations of
snacks that are **PEANUT-
FREE AND TREE NUT-FREE!**



Spotted! Tim Agne
and his family
working on his
garden, which was a
gift to St.
Monica's/Emmanuel
Church of the Deaf
for his Eagle Scout
project this past
April. It's a gift that
keeps on giving!
Thank you, Tim &
family!



HELP FEED OUR TEENS YOUTH GROUP DINNER PROGRAM



Wednesdays during the
school year, 6:30-7pm



- Cook and serve,
- send a meal,
- or give a \$ gift



Feed physical and
spiritual hunger



Studies show that **food** is
an important factor in
youth group attendance!

Let's support our teens on their faith journey!

Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.

Children's Liturgy started up for the year last Sunday! What an
awesome group. We are grateful to have two amazing catechists
leading our kids this year so they can break open the readings in a
way they understand. May God bless the kids, catechists, and
parents who make children's liturgy special. We love you!



Follow Jesus with us:

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St. Monica Church - Mass

Let's invite friends to experience God's generous love at St. Monica's!

Attendance September 19/21	182
Attendance September 12/13	161
Attendance September 5/6	176
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

How do I give my offering?

1. Weekly offering envelopes,
cash, or checks can be brought
to Mass or mailed to

St. Monica Church
34 Monica St.
Rochester, NY 14619



2. OSV Online Giving: Visit our website
(<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>)
for secure one-time or recurring online giving.

3. Text 2 Give: Text your donation amount to 226-7514.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

You are welcome at St. Monica Catholic
Church! Do you want to know more
about how to join the parish?
Call the parish office today at 235-3340.
It's that easy!

VOLUNTEERS:

All volunteers who encounter youth and
vulnerable adults need to complete online
Creating a Safe Environment training,
background check and sign a Code of
Conduct every three years. To complete the
online course, email jessica.tette@dor.org
for training instructions..

Bulletin

Did you sign up to receive the bulletin by
email but are no longer receiving it?
Please check your email settings to ensure
you allow emails from
monicabulletin@dor.org. Be sure to
check your junk/spam folder. If the
problem persists, email
monicabulletin@dor.org.

Our links in the bulletin are live! If you
are viewing this bulletin electronically,
hold down Ctrl and click links in the
bulletin to visit those sites.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send submissions by 4pm on
Sundays: monicabulletin@dor.org
with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Emergency Food: If you need emergency food, you
can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or go
to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays, Thursdays, and
Saturdays 9 AM to 11 AM.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always
report to the civil authorities.
To receive help and guidance from the
Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester,
contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel

585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555

or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Joel 1:17-20: *How the cattle moan! The herds mill about because they have no pasture. ... To you, Lord, I call, for fire has devoured the pastures in the wilderness. ... Even the wild animals pant for you; the streams of water have dried up."*

Water Speaks: "The aquifers — the underground lakes it took thousands of years to fill — are being emptied in decades. I am not gone yet. But I am running thin. And I need you to know that."

Reflection: Water is connected to many things we use every day, including food, clothing and energy. For example, growing food or making a T-shirt can require large amounts of water, even when that water comes from far away. Our lives are connected to people and places we may never see. Following Jesus includes learning to use God's gifts wisely and for the good of others, rather than consuming without regard for our neighbor.

Invitation: Think about how much water you and your household use on a daily basis. Your direct use may include drinking, cooking, washing, bathing, cleaning. Your indirect use involves water used to produce food, clothing, electricity and other everyday items. According to the Sphere Association, the minimum amount of water needed for basic survival and hygiene needs is approximately 15 liters per day, yet the average daily household water use in high-income countries is about 140 liters.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers many tips on how to save on water usage both indoors and outdoors. These include selecting WaterSense-labeled products such as faucets and toilets, fixing leaks and creating a water-smart landscape that doesn't require more water than normal rainfall. For many more tips, go to: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/start-saving>.

Prayers for All Creation



Next Sunday, October 4th, 2:00-3:00 pm

An ecumenical service hosted by St. Monica, alongside the Genesee River, behind the Staybridge Suites at the corner of Brooks Ave and Genesee Street.

Parking at Brooks Landing across the street.

Social Justice News

Prayer of St. Francis: As we near the feast of St. Francis, we continue to look at his prayer: "Where there is sadness, joy." As we begin to journey into the fall season, we can be assured that the sadness in losing the summer will be followed by the JOY of Christmas.

Death Penalty: Recently, we learned about the capital murder case of Jeffery Lee and the controversy surrounding it. He had been found guilty of murder by a full jury of his peers and a sentence of life without parole was set but that had been overturned by a single judge. After some delay, the judge's single recommendation was carried out this week, and Jeffery was killed by lethal injection. Romans 12:19 tells us that we should not get personal revenge, but rather let God administer true judgement: "The Lord said, 'Vengeance is mine I shall repay.'"

Want to be part of the Social Justice team here at St. Monica or be informed and updated on events? Contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or at 313-6027.

Dining Out with Your Faith Family

Friday, October 9, 2026, 5:00 pm

Bella Pasta: 2500 Ridgeway Ave. Rochester, NY 14626

\$35 per person. Tickets are on sale this weekend.

We have a limited number of Vacation Bible School shirts available for a small donation! Designed by one of our teen counselors, this shirt shares the message that Christ empowers us to be the light of the world. What a great way to show your love for our community!



Sizes available: M, XL, 2XL

Please email jessica.tette@dor.org if interested.

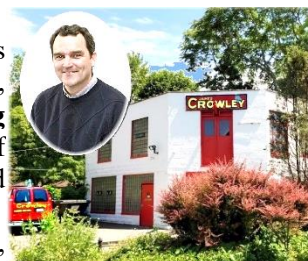
Thank you!

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

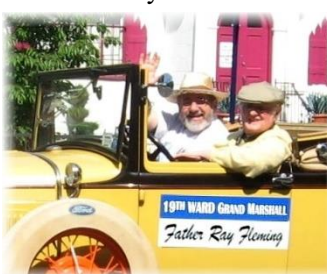
Some neighborhood family-owned businesses have adapted to all the changes in our community to continue serving through generations. This one holds the record in the 19th Ward: 98 years!

In 1928, the first James Crowley, an Irish immigrant, started **James Crowley Plumbing** to meet the needs of the hundreds of newly-built 19th Ward homes and businesses.



His son, James J. Crowley, chose to keep the business at 334 Thurston Rd. through the "white flight" of the 1960s and 70s, while many others left the city. James J. Crowley died in 2011.

Today, 3rd generation master plumber "Jimmy" Crowley leads the company his grandfather started. Crowley's provides our diverse neighborhood residents and businesses with quality service. And it specializes in handling inevitable plumbing emergencies. Call 328-3100 day or night.



Fr. Ray and Jim Crowley