

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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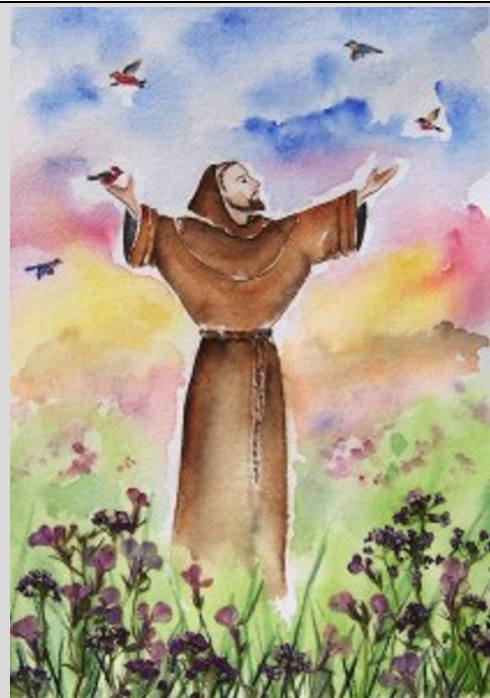


St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

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.



On October 4, we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

- Psalm 19

October 4, 2026
27th 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. Oct. 3	Betty Bunce – Peggy Reigelsperger
Sun. Oct. 4	Richard Robinson – Mary Robinson
Tues. Oct. 6	No Mass or Communion Service
Wed. Oct. 7	No Mass or Communion Service
Thur. Oct. 8	No Mass or Communion Service
Fri. Oct. 9	No Mass or Communion Service
Sat. Oct. 10	Living & Deceased Members of St. Monica Parish – Pat Battisti Patti Grant-Zollo - Family
Sun. Oct. 11	Carol DiFiore – John & JoAnn DeMott

FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray continues in rehab for his broken shoulder. While he is in a lot of pain, he is encouraged by all the love, support, and prayer of our community.

Fr. Ray is receiving visitors on a limited basis – if you would like to visit him, please contact Mary Ellen to schedule a visit time.

All weekday Masses (Tuesday-Friday) 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 new RTS bus stop was added across from the church on Genesee Street. The bus shelter at #1494 RTS bus stop forms a central link between Sawyer Street and Brooks Avenue that was unaddressed during the past forty years of projects at Brooks Landing. Now, RTS patrons have a protective place to wait for the bus. Thank you to all the Regional Transit Service and City of Rochester personnel who made this three-year bus shelter installation process a reality!



Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity) Reflection Group: Join Finger Lakes Catholic Creation Care Coalition (FLCCCC) for a study of Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity). This will be a 4-week journey where we will learn and engage with the text and our lived experience. Discussion questions will be provided ahead of time so that you will have time to pray and reflect on that week's readings. The program will be led by Dr. Nancy Rourke, Assistant Professor of Catholic Ethics at St. John Fisher University. We will be meeting on Thursdays starting Oct. 29th through Nov. 19th. We are considering the interest in either doing this in person or virtually. We also want your input as to what time of day works best. Please RSVP by Oct. 26th via email: fingerlakescccc@gmail.com.

Let Us Pray



**Our Sick
Fr. Ray Fleming**

Jean Rate

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 October

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Reilly Family

Barbara Higgins

Daniel Tasciotti

Jane Tasciotti

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Norah June Mastrandea

John Delibert

Robert & Jean Vane

Children/Family



Christmas is coming (already!?), which means we are looking for a baby to play the starring role of baby Jesus in our Nativity play on Christmas Eve! Do you know any babies who will be between 1-9 months old who could play the part? Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org if so! Thank you for helping make our play special!

This Week at St. Monica Church: October 4- 11, 2026

Sunday, 10/4	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 10/5	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 10/6	4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot 7:00 pm – Parish Life Committee Meeting, Dining Room
Wed., 10/7	6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 10/8	12:00 – Rusty Halos Luncheon, Ezzy's on Buffalo Road 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 10/9	
Saturday, 10/10	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 10/11	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, 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!**



**HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE,
NO MATTER THE RACE, AGE OR GENDER**

**Fighting human trafficking is a great moral calling
of our day!**

The Angels of Mercy's presentation will help
prevent human trafficking through education.

**THE PRESENTATION IS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS
12 & OLDER, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

We will learn:

- Who is vulnerable?
- What IS Human Trafficking?
- How do traffickers recruit and groom victims?
- Where does this happen? Is this a city
problem? Are the suburbs safe?
- When do I start to watch for traffickers? How
do I keep people safe?

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
10:45 am (after 9:30 am Mass)
St Pius X Parish Center
3010 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624**

Sponsored by St Pius X Social Ministry & Youth Ministry
www.angelsOfMercyNewYork.org

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.

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

[@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

[@stmonicachurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmonicachurch)

[St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/StMonicaChurch)

Bulletin

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you allow emails from
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check your junk/spam folder. If the
problem persists, email
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Our links in the bulletin are live! If you
are viewing this bulletin electronically,
hold down Ctrl and click links in the
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

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

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

Attendance September 25/26	167
Attendance September 19/21	182
Attendance September 12/13	161
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!

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.

**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..



**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

Isaiah 58:6-7: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every

yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

Water Speaks: You have read about me for the past five weeks. You have heard my story: the ancient one, and the broken one, and the one that is still being written. Now I want to ask you something that I don't ask very often, because I am usually the one being asked for things: What will you do? Not because you have to. Because you have heard, and hearing changes things, if you let it."

Reflection: After all those demands about justice and generosity, Isaiah Chapter 58 ends with the image of a well-watered garden — "... you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail." It is not the beginning of the passage; it is the consequence: flourishing comes after faithfulness. The Season of Creation asks us to step into the river not to observe it from the bank, not merely to study it. We are invited to step in and keep walking until the water is deep enough that we can no longer rely on ourselves. The deep water is ahead, and it is the place where the most remarkable things happen.

Invitation: Think about one concrete change that you will commit to making. Examples include decreasing your water usage or contacting elected officials regarding protection of clean water. Then pray to God and ask Him to deepen your love for Him; strengthen your care for neighbors; guide you in wise stewardship of creation; and give you courage to act justly.

Prayers for All Creation



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

Blue Bags! After a one-month hiatus, Blue Bags have returned for October. We will be collecting for SWEM. Needs include all kinds of **non-perishable** foods, and they can also use regular brown paper bags, so start collecting those when you shop and send them along. Collection dates are October 17 and 18. As always thanks in advance for your generosity.

Prayer of St Francis: The feast of St. Francis is October 4th, and we conclude our look at this beautiful prayer as it concludes: "O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen."

Social Justice Quote of the Week "The death penalty is not about whether people deserve to die for the crimes they commit. The real question of capital punishment in this country is, do we deserve to kill?" — Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy*

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?

St. Monica's most visible connection to our neighborhood takes place in our parking lot 4-7pm every Tuesday afternoon from June to October.

The Westside Farmers Market offers fresh foods produced within 100 miles; educational, cultural, crafts, and youth activities; bicycle repairs; live music; and special events. Just as important, every week the market creates a gathering space for hundreds of people of every age and corner of a diverse urban community - vendors, neighbors, students, and visitors. This is the market's 19th season!

Amazingly, the market operates largely thanks to the efforts of dozens of volunteers, including several of our parishioners. Hours of set-up and take-down are required each week.

Tuesday, October 6, from 4-7, is this season's last and most exciting day, designated as HarvestFest. Come and enjoy the best our neighborhood has to offer!

