

# 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](http://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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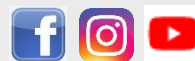
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



*Our undergrad and grad student parishioners were recognized at Mass last weekend with a blessing and social gathering. We are blessed to have these students as part of our St. Monica family!*

Thus says the LORD:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;  
clothe the naked when you see them.

— Isaiah 58

February 8, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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

## Weekly Mass Intentions

- Sat. Feb. 7 Yok-Tin Chen – Connie Chau  
Diane Salamone – Jean Button
- Sun. Feb. 8 Special Intention for Dick & Rita Kane – Your Loving Family  
Donald & Patricia Brown – Kane Family
- Tues. Feb. 10 Rita Pugliese – Family
- Wed. Feb. 11 Quinton Flynn – Jean Button
- Thur. Feb. 12 Special Intention for St. Monica Youth Group
- Fri. Feb. 13 All Parishioners
- Sat. Feb. 14 Rita Pugliese – Family  
Lydia Livingston – Sandy Chamberlain
- Sun. Feb. 15 Henry A. McGinnis – John & JoAnn DeMott



## 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](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up.

*Let Us Pray*



**Our Sick**  
Charlene Lepel

**Our Deceased**  
Patti Grant

Those who are housing vulnerable

An end to racism

An end to war

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 February

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**



Rita Pugliese

Family

Special Intention

Pat Fox Zahn

### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

Chris C. Wightman &

Carol L. Wightman

John Delibert



Russell Pappert

Pat Fox Zahn

**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: Feb. 8-15, 2026

Sunday, 2/8	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 2/9	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 2/10	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 2/11	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 2/12	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 2/13	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 2/14	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/15	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

**† Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Offerings for St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Mass + Ashes 8:00 am St. Monica Church

Drive-through 11-11:15 am St. Monica parking lot  
Ashes + Confession 12-12:15 pm 831 Genesee St. 14619

Drive-through Ashes 5:15-5:30 pm St. Monica parking lot

Mass + Ashes 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church  
445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



St. Monica  
CHURCH

**CMA Goal:**  
**\$25,000**  
**81 Donors**  
**\$19,854 pledged**  
**79% of goal**



As of this date, 81 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!

### Can We Borrow Your Shovel?

Do you have a shovel we can borrow on Ash Wednesday? Our teens in youth group will be doing a service project of shoveling neighbors' driveways. We need more shovels to borrow for the day. Please email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) if you can lend a shovel! Thank you!



We had a great time at our second Board Game Day on February 1st! What a great time to learn new games and play old favorites with friends new and old. Pizza, cupcakes, fun, friends, and smiles make for a great day! Thank you to all who attended, and thanks especially to Chris Holmes and his team for hosting such a great event. Stay tuned for our next Board Game Day and join us!



### Follow Jesus with us:

[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://www.stmonicaofrochester.org)

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

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

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

### Our Collection: Week of Jan 25, 2026 and Feb 1, 2026

Jan 25, 2026:	\$1,861
February 1, 2026:	\$4,206
Year-to-date:	\$114,143
Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> :	<b>(\$211,853)</b>
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$19,854 • 79%	

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org). Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

### 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.



### 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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

## Sister Dorothy Stang, Modern-Day Martyr

On February 12, 2005, Dorothy Stang, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, was killed by gunmen hired to assassinate the 73-year-old religious for her work protecting the Amazon forest and the people living there.

Sister Dorothy spent decades struggling against deforestation and its effects on both animals and humans, especially people made poor. Defending local farmers and the Indigenous population would often involve going against ranchers and loggers who would resort to illegal tactics to pressure residents off their land. Sister Dorothy and her fellow sisters working in Brazil were well aware of the dangers they faced; she knew she "had a price on her head." Her murder was meant to quiet anyone preventing the ranchers from stealing land, but it only emboldened residents angered by the nun's assassination to fight even harder. Sister Dorothy continues to stand as a symbol of justice and hope for the people.

A relic containing blood-soaked soil from the site of her murder is enshrined at the Basilica of St. Bartholomew in Rome, a shrine to the "new martyrs" of the 20th century. The inclusion of Sister Dorothy's relics at the shrine made her the first American woman to be honored among the modern-day martyrs.

"I don't want to flee, nor do I want to abandon the battle of these farmers who live without any protection in the forest. They have the sacrosanct right to aspire to a better life on land where they can live and work with dignity while respecting the environment."



## Social Justice News

**Social Justice Saint of the Week:** Oscar Romero. Archbishop Oscar Romero is a modern-day saint who served the poor in Latin America during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Perhaps he is best known for his opposition to El Salvador's use of violence against those who did not fully support government activities which violently persecuted the poor and their universal human rights. He was a strong advocate for the church's Catholic Social Teaching tenet preferential option for the poor, and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, but was assassinated while celebrating Mass before he could receive the award.

**Lenten soup suppers** will be returning to our schedule after Ash Wednesday. Watch here for details. They will include both a Lenten meal and a guest speaker each week.

**Pure Water for Africa:** As its name says, this effort is trying to enhance the lives of the poor in Africa by providing them with an improved fresh water supply. The organization provides much more than that, and we will be exploring this group and their work in coming weeks.

<https://www.purewaterforafrica.org/projects/#otolaryngology-surgical-care>

If you would like to be part of the Social Justice team at St. Monica or if you would like to be informed/updated on events, contact Dan Lill at [danlill126@gmail.com](mailto:danlill126@gmail.com) or 585-313-6027.

## 28 Days of Black History

Visit <https://www.28daysofblackhistory.com/> and subscribe to receive Black history information daily during Black History Month. The theme for 2026 is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." We'll trace the moments throughout history we've honored the Black American experience, from cultural moments of boundary-breaking to major individual and group achievements.

## Party Registration Deadline: February 14th

**Reminder:** Make sure your party registration is up to date by February 14th. You can also visit [voterreg.dmv.ny.gov](http://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov) to register to vote or change your party designation online.

- The 2026 primary election is **Tuesday, March 3, 2026.**
- Polling places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Any voter in line at their assigned polling place at 7:30 p.m. will be able to vote.

**Don't wait—make your voice count.**



## Lenten Mass & Soup Supper at Mercy Spirituality Center

A Lenten gathering where Mass is celebrated and followed by a great meal and wonderful conversation.

**Presider for Mass:** Fr. Ray Fleming

**Date:** February 23

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:** Mercy Spirituality Center

**Fee:** donations accepted

**Register here:**

<https://www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org/offerings>

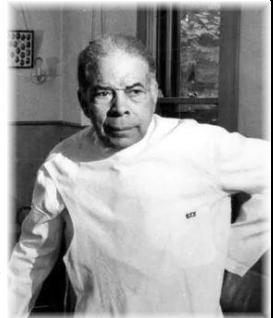


## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Rochester's Black History includes two medical giants who are honored in the naming of two vital neighborhood institutions located not far from St. Monica Church.

**Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No.19** at 465 Seward St, serves 278 students in grades prek-8. Its namesake, Dr. Charles Terrell Lunsford, was Rochester's first Black medical doctor, practicing from 1921 to 1978. A passionate voice for civil rights, he hosted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at his 90 Elmwood Ave. home in 1958. Dr. Lunsford successfully badgered the UR Medical school to admit Black students, guilting the Rochester YMCA into letting Black people use their facilities, targeted Kodak for not hiring Black employees, and chastised the Red Cross for discriminating against Black blood donors.



**Jordan Health Center** at 480 Genesee St. especially serves adolescents and refugees and offers medical care, dentistry, a pharmacy, and lab. It's named after Rochester's second Black MD, Dr. Anthony L. Jordan. Dr. Jordan opened his office on Adams Street in 1932. He is best remembered for treating the city's poor, regardless of ability to pay.

