

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

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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.

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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The Strawberry Festival at Westside Farmers Market on June 20.

“Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!”

– Jeremiah 20

June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Did you know? Our website, stmonicaofrochester.org, is your one-stop shop for all our online offerings. On our homepage you will find links to Mass videos, social media, online giving, outreach opportunities, virtual gatherings, at-home faith tools, and more! 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.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, June 24 All Parishioners
 Sun, June 25 Daphne Glasgow – Jean Button
 Tues, June 27 Linda Engle - Karen & Bob Engle
 Wed, June 28 Riley, Sara & Norman Will - Doris Will Meadows
 Thurs, June 29 Albert & Lucille Bradshaw - Larry & Janet Bradshaw
 Fri, June 30 Linda Nash - Lynn Fulmore
 Sat, July 1 Carol Wightman - John Delibert
 Sun, July 2 Miles & Myra McDonnell - JoAnn & Ed McDonnell



Let Us Pray

**An end to racism
All those affected by violence
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. and Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for June



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Bishop Matthew Clark

St. Monica Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

All Parishioners

Guaranteed Basic Income Program Launched in Rochester NY

What is Rochester's Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) program?

In 2023, the City of Rochester is trying out a year-long program called Guaranteed Basic Income, or GBI. The guaranteed income is a monthly payment of \$500 given directly to 351 individuals for 12 months. It is unconditional, which means there are no strings attached, no work requirements, and no restrictions on how the money can be used.

Why is the City offering the GBI program?

GBI is the City of Rochester's first guaranteed income initiative. It is meant to supplement, rather than replace, the existing social safety net and be a tool for racial and gender equity. The research component of the program will help determine the impacts of a guaranteed income and influence future policy decisions around broader poverty reduction programs.

How will the City fund its Guaranteed Basic Income pilot program?

Rochester's GBI program is being funded by the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The City was granted ARPA funding from the federal government, and has chosen to invest \$2.2 million of that funding in this GBI pilot program.

When will Rochester's GBI pilot program start?

Applications opened on Thursday, June 22 at 10 a.m. and will remain open for one week, through Thursday, June 29 at 11:59 p.m. Two random selections of qualified applicants will take place, for a total of 351 participants.

How do I apply?

Eligible residents (Household income must be at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Qualified incomes are as follows: Single person – \$26,973. 2 people – \$36,482) will be able to apply online. Applications available online and at City of Rochester Neighborhood Service Centers, City of Rochester Libraries, and other community-based organizations.

<https://rocgbi.com/>

We have some beautiful new signs for our butterfly/pollinator garden! A big thanks to Marilyn Catherine and her husband Larry for making them!



This Week at St. Monica Church: June 25-July 2, 2023

Sunday, 6/25	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 6/26	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 6/27	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 6/28	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thursday, 6/29	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 6:00 pm – Visioning Team meeting, Rectory
Friday, 6/30	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 7/1	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 7/2	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Emmanuel Church of the Deaf invites you

The Chosen Season 1
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
July 7 - August 10
at St. Monica Church

See the show millions are talking about.

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Jesus. Stay for refreshments and conversation sparked by each episode.

Accessible for both Deaf and hearing: captions and interpreters provided.

Meet Jesus in a whole different way:
 through the eyes of people who knew Him.

All are welcome!



Since 2010, St. Monica has awarded academic scholarships to students in Catholic high school. Later, the scholarship was extended to middle school grades. To encourage Catholic education in all grades, the parish is now granting awards to students in Grades K-8.

- Students in Grades K-4 can request a grant of \$1000 each year.
- Students in Grades 5-8 can request a grant of \$500 each year.
- Our current high school scholars will continue to receive awards of \$1000 each year.
- No new awards will be granted to high school students. We will support students who wish to attend Catholic high school in applying for financial aid.

To request a grant, contact Barbara Higgins by July 15 at 563-7447 or higgins@alum.rpi.edu. No financial information is needed, only the name of student, the grade, and the school. This information must be provided each school year.

As for the rest of us, please consider contributing to the scholarship fund. Envelopes are included in the September and February packets, but you can donate at any time.

Volunteers needed for Summer CYO
Basketball Clinic for food prep!
July 19-21, 9:00 am-1:00 pm



Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org or tamidivers@icloud.com and help build our parish through youth sports!

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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

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

Bulletin

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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 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 are in need of emergency food and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624, please contact the **SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491**. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

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!

Our Collection: Week of June 11 & June 18, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
6/11/2023	3,563	1,700	(1,863)
6/18/2023	3,563	2,349	(1,214)
Year-to-Date	181,438	168,000	(13,438)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$385	

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, go to dor.org online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.



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.

Creation Corner

Laudato Si' Chapter Six – Ecological Education and Spirituality

Pope Francis concludes his encyclical on the care of our common home by stressing the need to change our lifestyle through education and spiritual awareness. He reminds us of the need to turn away from the emphasis on consumerism and change our convictions and attitudes toward Mother Earth and our fellow “ecological citizens”. This conversion can come about through environmental education at global, community and individual levels. Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of this education within families as well as within discrete Christian communities. These efforts will work to “restore the various levels of ecological equilibrium, establishing harmony within ourselves, with others, with nature and other living creatures, and with God.” There is a “rich heritage of Christian spirituality” that contributes to the renewal of humanity and promotes a growing recognition that we need one another to attain the common good. Pope Francis tells us to remember that we can discover God in all things and that the sacraments are a “privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life”. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is “a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.” Finally, Pope Francis proposes that we offer prayers for ecological conversion.

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.
- Prayer from "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home" by Pope Francis

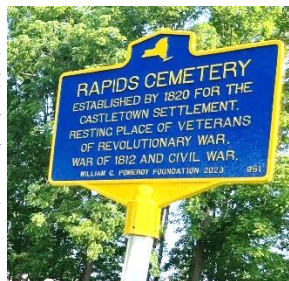
For the past several weeks, we have been reminded of God's command that we take care of our Common Home. Eight years ago, Pope Francis reiterated God's message through his encyclical *Laudato Si'* and Don Cudzillo has continued this tradition by sharing his insights into the encyclical. Thank you, Don, for your gift with all of us.

Rapids Cemetery Plaque Unveiling June 27th at 3:00pm

The Office of the City Historian, 19th Ward History & Archives Committee, local veterans groups, and neighbors will join together for the unveiling of a new commemorative plaque provided by the Pomeroy Foundation on Tuesday, June 27th at 3:00pm at 60 Congress Avenue off Genesee Street.

Restoration of the pioneer Rapids Cemetery continues the ongoing work initiated with the help of the St. Monica Blooming Optimists group since 2015.

Join parishioners and neighbors on upcoming Sunday afternoons during July from 12:30-3:00pm to pick cultivated raspberries from the food forest at the cemetery. Saint Peter's Kitchen uses the fresh berries to make fruit smoothies for their guests.



Join St. Monica's at the Westside Farmers Market

**Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM
June 6-October 10**

We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth, new this year! Contact Jessica Tette at Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up for one or two days.

Volunteers also needed for setting up from 11:30am-4:00pm and helping with baked goods & produce sales at the Co-Op tent. Participate according to your interest and time availability. See Bob Boyd, John Curran, or Bob Passalugo.

YOU'RE RIGHT TO VOTE

Primary Election Tuesday, June 27

Log on to Vote411.org for info on your ballot

Early Voting Saturday, June 17-Sunday, June 18

Check Board of Elections for location of Early Voting poll sites.

Voter Registration Deadline

- Address change: June 12
- Mail, In-person or online request received by: June 17, 2023

Absentee Request Deadline

- Postmarked or online: June 12, 2023
- In-person request by: June 26, 2023

Completed Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

- Postmarked or in-person received: June 27, 2023

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Here's another way to bring the Light of Christ's presence to St. Monica's neighborhood. Patronizing local businesses helps keep wealth in community, providing jobs, income, and services.



Better Stop Diner opened just this month in the plaza at 626 West Main Street. Owner Sam spent months remodeling the dining area and kitchen. Everything is new, from floor to ceiling.

Better Stop Diner offers the usual breakfast and lunch items, plus Southern specialties like shrimp & grits and fried green tomatoes. Sam, chef Crystal, and waitress Debbie would be delighted to serve us. The diner is open Tuesday-Sunday, 7 am to 3 pm. Call 585-434-0136.

