

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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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.



*"La Sagrada Familia" (The Holy Family)
by Kelly Latimore Icons. "Jesus was a refugee."*

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
- Psalm 68

August 31, 2025
22nd 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. Aug. 30	Joseph Siracusa – Family
Sun. Aug. 31	James Romson – John & JoAnn DeMott
	Carol Olsen – Paul Olsen
Tues. Sept. 2	Marge Vonglis – Jean Button
Wed. Sept. 3	All Parishioners
Thur. Sept. 4	Carl Zahn – Pat Fox Zahn
Fri. Sept. 5	All Souls
Sat. Sept. 6	Donna Whitehair – Bill & Cathy Ripperger
Sun. Sept.	Paige Livingston – Sandy Chamberlain



Let Us Pray



Zy'Jae St. Pierre

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 August

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Norman Fox

Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

People & families



**with traumatic brain injuries
and special needs**

Special Intention for JoAnn Hoffman

Pat Fox Zahn

ST. MONICA'S NEEDS YOU!

We need you at our St. Monica booth. It's easy! Be friendly and welcome our neighbors to a positive experience at St. Monica. **The future of St. Monica depends on YOU!** Can you give your time on 1, 2, or 3 Tuesdays?



Open dates: Sept. 9, 23, 30 / Oct. 7

**Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up
and help grow our parish!**

More VBS smiles!



WE NEED WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions during the week.

Please call or stop by the office to schedule.

Thank you!

This Week at St. Monica Church: August 31-September 7, 2025

Sunday, 8/31	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 9/1 Labor Day	Office Closed 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/2	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 9/3	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church
Thurs., 9/4	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Friday, 9/5	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 9/6	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 9/7	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Registration for Family Faith Formation, Youth Group, and Sacramental Preparation (First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation) for the 2025-2026 year is now open!

Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org or visit our website to fill out the registration form.

Family Faith Formation
Grades prek4-5th & parent/guardian
11:15-12:15, Dining Room

Middle & High School Youth Group, Grades 6-12
6:30-8:30 PM, Youth Room
Dinner included

During the Jubilee Year we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider during the week.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about humility and a need to avoid placing ourselves as a more important than others. During pilgrimage, we often find that the journey itself humbles us and shifts our perspective of what is important.

Ponder Point: When have you put yourself above others only to realize no one is above another?



September 1 is the deadline to order your "Growing in the Spirit" shirt to support our six pilgrims traveling to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November! Sport our St. Monica mission statement during the conference, when our pilgrims will also be wearing the shirts and saying a special prayer for our parish. Shirts are \$18. Thank you for supporting our youth on their faith journey, and we love you! **Order here:** <https://forms.office.com/r/vNdQqe55NQ>

Other ways to help our NCYC pilgrims:

1. 🌱 Bring your cans and bottles to the office, church, or donation center at 2374 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 and tell them it is for St. Monica's.
2. 🙏 Pray for our pilgrims!



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/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

Our Collection: Week of Aug. 24, 2025

Physical collection:	\$2,675
Online giving:	\$858
Total collection this week:	\$3,533
Weekly expenses:	TBA
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit:	TBA

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.

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.

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!

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 come 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 House
 585-328-3228, ext. 1555
 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Excerpts from the message of Pope Leo XIV for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 1, 2025

"The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In Isaiah's words, 'a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace. (Is. 32:15-18).'

"These words of the prophet will accompany the Season of Creation to be celebrated Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, 2025.

"The prophet contrasts justice and law with the desolation of the desert. His message is extraordinarily timely, given the evidence in various parts of the world that our earth is being ravaged. On all sides, injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity. Extreme natural phenomena caused by climate changes provoked by human activity are growing in intensity and frequency, to say nothing of the medium- and long-term effects of the human and ecological devastation being wrought by armed conflicts.

"When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalized and the excluded.

"Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain.

"Environmental justice... can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice- social, economic, human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.

"The encyclical *Laudato Si'* has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us. By the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ In his name, I offer all of you my blessing."

Social Justice News

Monica Marketplace: One of our newest new parishioners, Robby, is still in need of a vehicle to purchase and a place to live for him and his wife. If you have either, please contact him at 85- 370-8623

World Day of Migrants and Refugees (October 4th & 5th):

"In a special way, Catholic migrants and refugees can become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values. With their spiritual enthusiasm and vitality, they can help revitalize ecclesial communities that have become rigid and weighed down, where spiritual desertification is advancing at an alarming rate. Their presence, then, should be recognized and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church: 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Heb. 13:2).'

At the same time, the communities that welcome them can also be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognized. In this way, migrants and refugees are recognized as brothers and sisters, part of a family in which they can express their talents and participate fully in community life." - Pope Leo XIV

Let us know you are coming to the picnic! Only two weeks until the St. Monica Parish Picnic



**Genesee Valley Park
(Riverbend Shelter)
Sunday, September 14, 2025
1:00 – 5:00 pm**

RAIN OR SHINE... You don't want to miss the fun.

We provide hotdogs, rolls and condiments. You bring chairs (if you don't want to sit on picnic benches), place settings and drinks for your family, plus your favorite picnic dish to share (don't forget serving utensils):

- Last names beginning with A-L bring a salad or favorite picnic dish.
- Last names beginning with M-Z bring a dessert or something sweet.



Games, Food, Fellowship

Got a favorite cupcake you like to bake? Think it can win a competition? What makes your cupcake stand out from all the rest? Make it and submit it to the *Cupcake Challenge*. You can use a boxed mix, and what do you add to that to make your cupcakes special? No store or bakery purchased cupcakes can be submitted. Cupcakes will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, and creativity.

Sign up after Masses this weekend!

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Here is a super-cool and easy way to bring the light to our neighborhood, and it won't cost a dime! Rochester Academy Charter Middle School at 841 Genesee St. invited us to help welcome their new students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Principal Robyn Roberts-Grant announced that about sixty city 5th-graders will be attending the Genesee Street campus for the first time on **Thursday, September 4.**



St. Monica parishioners are welcome to stand side-by-side with Rochester police, Genesee Street firefighters, other neighbors, and school staff to cheer arriving students on their 1st day of school. Buses will arrive continuously between 7 and 8 am. Stay for a few minutes, or an hour. What a show of support for our city youth!