

# 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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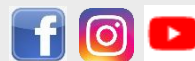
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



*Family Faith Formation started last Sunday! Not pictured: our awesome parents who acted out the bible story for us. Faith starts in the family and reaches to other communities, including our parish community. What a blessing!*

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
- Psalm 95

October 5, 2025  
27<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. Oct. 4  | Special Intention for People of St. Monica Parish<br>Janet Rodriguez-Lopez – Dorca Rodriguez |
| Sun. Oct. 5  | Richard Robinson – Mary Robinson                                                             |
| Tues. Oct. 7 | Special Intention – Pat Fox Zahn                                                             |
| Wed. Oct. 8  | All Parishioners                                                                             |
| Thur. Oct. 9 | Special Intention for Volunteers of the Westside Farmers Market                              |
| Fri. Oct. 10 | Special Intention for St. Monica's Staff                                                     |
| Sat. Oct. 11 | Carolyn Chilson – Jean Button                                                                |
| Sun. Oct. 12 | Charlie Arnell – Ed & JoAnn McDonnell                                                        |



### 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.

**Last chance: Oct. 7!**

Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org)  
to sign up and help grow our  
parish!



*Let Us Pray*



**Our Deceased  
John Donoghue**

**Ann Dasch**

**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 October**

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**



**Daniel Tasciotti**

*Jane Tasciotti*

**Gregory Fox**

*Pat Fox Zahn*



### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

**Norah June Mastrandea**

*John Delibert*

**Robert & Jean Vane**

*Children/Family*

### **WE NEED WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS!**

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions during the week.  
Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

## WESTSIDE FARMERS MARKET HEALTHY HARVEST FEST

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 400 PM - 700 PM**



**LIVE MUSIC**

*Debbie Kendrick Experience // Scott Tremolo*

**COOKING DEMOS**

*Presented By Nourish Rochester*



**PRODUCE GIVEAWAYS**

*Local Apples, Pumpkins, & Fresh Cider*

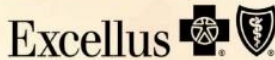
**VENDOR SAMPLES**



**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

*Decorate a festive fall gourd to take home!*

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### **This Week at St. Monica Church: October 5-12, 2025**

|                        |                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 10/5</b>    | <b>10:15 am – Mass, Church<br/>11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room<br/>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>                                        |
| <b>Monday, 10/6</b>    | <b>4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)</b> |
| <b>Tuesday, 10/7</b>   | <b>12:10 pm – Mass, Church<br/>4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot<br/>7:00 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting, Dining Room</b>              |
| <b>Wed., 10/8</b>      | <b>8:00 am – Mass, Chapel<br/>5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church<br/>6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room</b>                                               |
| <b>Thurs., 10/9</b>    | <b>12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Restaurant on Buffalo Rd.<br/>12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel</b>                                              |
| <b>Friday, 10/10</b>   | <b>8:00 am – Mass, Chapel</b>                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Saturday, 10/11</b> | <b>4:00 pm – Mass, Church</b>                                                                                                                            |
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## Upcoming Retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House

Notre Dame Retreat House will offer retreats this October. The theme is "Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope." The women's retreat is October 10-12, and the men's retreat is October 24-26. In November, the House will offer a semi-silent retreat for men & women on November 14-16. Take some time to reflect, pray and be close to Jesus in the quiet beauty of Canandaigua Lake. For more information, contact Deacon Brian at [Brian.McNulty@dor.org](mailto:Brian.McNulty@dor.org).

Jesus has many faces.

Jesus' is the face of the marginalized.

Jesus' is the face of those without a home.

Jesus' is the face of those in war-torn areas.

Jesus' is the face of those who are persecuted.

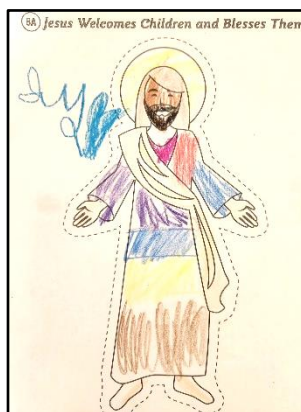
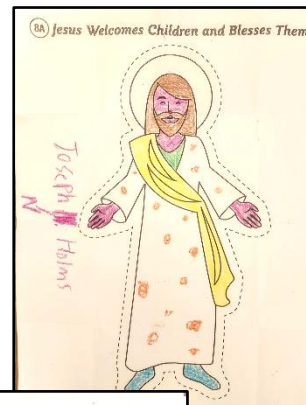
Jesus' is the face of those who are differently-abled.

Jesus' is the face of the person right next to you.

How would you treat Jesus?

And in the mirror, there is Jesus' face, reminding you that the only eyes, ears, voice, hands, and feet he has in the world are yours. How will you live in his image today? How will you demonstrate his love?

Jesus depicted by St. Monica youth, 2025.



## 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.

## Follow Jesus with us:

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



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St. Monica Church - Mass

## Our Collection: Week of Sept. 21, 2025

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Physical collection:            | \$2,306          |
| Online giving:                  | \$368            |
| Total collection this week:     | \$2,674          |
| Weekly expenses:                | \$10,516         |
| Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit:</b> | <b>(\$7,842)</b> |

## 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).

## Creation Corner

If you've been thinking about taking advantage of federal tax credits for heat pumps, weatherizing your home or installing solar panels, there is no time to waste.

The credits, which were part of the Inflation Reduction Act passed in 2022, expire on Dec. 31, 2025, per the "Big Beautiful Bill" passed by Congress and signed by Trump on July 4. The credits had two main goals: to help people afford cleaner alternatives like heat pumps and electric vehicles that save them money and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are the largest driver of climate change, according to an article by the Associated Press.

Home upgrades that qualify include home energy audits, heat pumps, solar panels, water heaters, appliances, battery storage, car chargers and improvements to windows, doors, skylights, insulation and electric panels.

According to the Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, the elimination of these federal incentives represents a step backward for regional climate goals, but there are still local and state incentives available. You can book a call with an energy advisor, talk about your home or business electrification plans and take advantage of these incentives before they disappear. Visit AMPED: Go All Electric - Building & Fleet Electrification for information.

While on the AMPED website, you can take a short quiz to learn the incentives for which you might qualify. While some incentives are available to everyone, others are based on your income level and where you reside.

The website of AMPED (which is associated with the Climate Solutions Accelerator) is chockful of information about how to "go electric" at home and work. Check it out for information on various options.

The Season of Creation is celebrated by a wide range of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox churches around the globe. This was our third year celebrating the Season of Creation co-hosting "Prayers for All Creation" with Community Christian Church. How perfect to be under the wide blue sky sharing the riverside with a pair of egrets! We were especially privileged to hear the Haudenosaunee Address, "Words Before All Others" delivered in the Mohawk language. A big thank-you to all who made this prayer service so special.



## Social Justice News

**No Kings Event:** On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-3PM, there will be a peaceful demonstration in pursuit of justice for all in our country. We are called to be advocates for all our neighbors not just those in our neighborhood but rather all those throughout the country and even the world. This demonstration is a nationwide attempt to show that our democracy is sacred and that we will not allow it to be trampled upon. It is a peaceful demonstration and is more than just a slogan—it's the foundation our nation was built upon. Born in the streets, carried by millions in chants and on posters, it echoes from city blocks to rural town squares, uniting people across this country to fight dictatorship together. Join us. For details, use this link:

<https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/839481/>

**Give Us Hearts:** God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence; in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables; in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families; in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world. Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us. Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need; Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat. Give us voices that fail to remain silent, but which decide instead to advocate prophetically. Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure. - *Father Daniel Hartnett, S.J*

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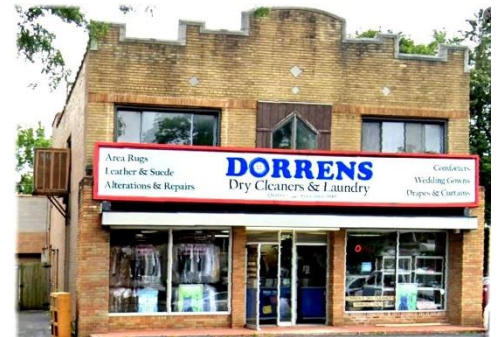
## St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

St. Monica's neighborhood still has actual "mom & pop" businesses offering quality service. They welcome our patronage!

**Dorrens Dry Cleaners & Laundry** has operated at 937 Chili Ave. since 1940! That's 85 years! Current owners Ismail and Rehana clean everything from shirts, coats and gowns to curtains and area rugs, including suede and leather. They do alterations and repairs as well.

All work is done on-site with modern environmentally-safe perc-free and green-clean methods. And Dorrens hires employees who live in the neighborhood.



Dorrens is one of the very few remaining full-service cleaning and laundry businesses in Rochester. It's open Mon. – Fri., 7-6 & Sat. 8-4. Call 436-0100 or see [www.dorrendrycleaners.com](http://www.dorrendrycleaners.com).