

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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Rochester, NY 14619

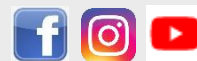
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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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Put on, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. - Colossians 3

December 31, 2023

Feast of the
Holy Family

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, Dec 30 John & Adelaide Freitas - Nidia Flores
 Sun, Dec 31 Linda Nash - Donna Whitehair
 Tues, Jan 2 Royal Chamberlain - Sandy Chamberlain
 Wed, Jan 3 All Souls
 Thurs, Jan 4 Lillian Kase - Peggy Reigelsperger
 Fri, Jan 5 All Parishioners
 Sat, Jan 6 Special Intentions Fr. Ray Fleming - Donna Whitehair
 Sun, Jan 7 Special Intentions Tiera Divers - Justine Alston Payne



Let Us Pray

Our Sick
Traceylynn Collins-Bell
Judy Collins' daughter

Henry McGinnis

Our Deceased
Douglas McBride
Judy Collins' brother

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.

Lamp Intentions for January

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Raymond Tette
John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



World Peace

CHEFS NEEDED
YOUTH GROUP DINNER

→ Wednesdays
6:30 pm

→ Cook and serve
dinner to teens

→ Feed physical and
spiritual hunger!

→ Donate ingredients
or let St. Monica's
buy them

CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO SIGN UP!

Happy New Year!

With love from your St. Monica
 and Emmanuel Church of the Deaf staff

This Week at St. Monica Church: December 31-Jan 7, 2023	
Sunday, 12/31	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/1	10:00 am –New Year's Day Mass, Immaculate Conception Church
Tuesday, 1/2	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Wed., 1/3	8:00 am –Mass, Church
Thurs., 1/4	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Friday, 1/5	8:00 am –First Friday Mass, Church
Saturday 1/6	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 1/7	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

Saturday, Dec 30: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Monica
Sunday, Dec 31: Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule
**Monday, January 1: 10:00 am Mass at Immaculate
 Conception/St. Bridget's**

ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

Hygiene Products for Refugees

We're asking St. Monica's parish to help us collect basic hygiene products for our families at Mary's Place Refugee Outreach, located in the former Holy Rosary Church on Lexington Avenue.

Mary's Place distributes basic hygiene goods to nearly 300 refugee families on the first Wednesday of every month. Here's the list of hygiene products needed:

1. Bar soap
2. Large shampoo (no conditioner)
3. Large toothpaste (full tubes, not travel tubes)
4. Deodorant (stick or roll-on)
5. Menstrual pads.

All donations are greatly appreciated. - Mary's Place Staff

Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex.



MARY'S PLACE
REFUGEE OUTREACH
BLOSSOM ON NEW GROUND

*A welcoming
community for
refugee
empowerment*

For local emergency shelter information please go to REACH News: <https://reachadvocacy.org/>

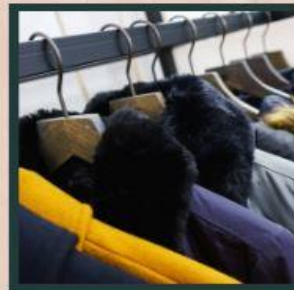
Can you help with the St. Monica's Annual MLK. Day Coat Giveaway?
Organize coats, assist shoppers, make s'mores, and more.
Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to make your mark!

WE NEED COATS

(AND WINTER ACCESSORIES)

WE ARE IN NEED OF WARM, CLEAN COATS, HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND CHILDREN.

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2:00-4:00 PM



Donations can be brought to the office at **34 Monica Street** Monday-Friday, **10:00am-2:30pm** -ring the bell at the front office door-

or to **Mass** to the box in the narthex until **January 10.**


To arrange another drop-off time, contact jessica.tette@dor.org.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!

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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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, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

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 December 24, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
12/24/2023	4,750	2,932	(1,818)
Christmas		2,362	
Year-to-Date	94,250	85,681	(8,569)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$604	
CMA	\$26,000	\$13,470	51%

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

Creation Corner

Laudate Deum (Praise God) Discussion and Reflection Scheduled

It has been eight years since Pope Francis published his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, where he initially shared his faith-inspired thoughts on the problems associated with human-caused climate change. In his recent apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis acknowledges that societies are not moving fast enough to effectively implement actions that are needed to slow and eventually halt the damage that is being done to our world.

In recent weeks, we have seen some promising steps taken by world leaders at the latest climate summit, COP28, held in Dubai. At these talks, world leaders finally committed to transition away from all fossil fuels. This will take great human effort, but it is a critical step in making progress to effectively address climate change.

A particular reflection in *Laudate Deum* that impressed me was the following: "Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture... let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society."

It is given that large cooperative political and socioeconomic efforts at the levels of world governments, cultures, and societies are definitely needed to address the most pressing requirements to alleviate global warming. However, individual efforts that we as Christians can perform in our daily lives are also important transformative influences that can impress political and business leaders to take action.

What "urgent actions" can we take as enlightened Catholics to either directly or indirectly affect the work needed to care for our environment?

You are cordially invited to learn more about Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation to "Praise God" in the care of His Creation. There will be a gathering after the 4 PM Mass on Saturday January 20 to share thoughts and questions raised in reading *Laudate Deum*. We will also reflect on what actions we can take as individuals

and as a community to help create a sustainable world for ourselves and future generations. Please join us then.

Sincerely, Don Cudzilo



ST. MONICA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL: \$26,000

As of this date, 76 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 think 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! Visit www.dor.org to view the video and make your gift.



Go Forth With Christ



Thank you to all who helped make Christmas special!



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Thanks for supporting our neighbors!



At New Year's, here are a few more of the nearby business owners who provide services and jobs, keeping wealth in the community. They represent the cultures of Africa, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Greece, Jamaica, and Korea. And for New Year's breakfast, it's good to know the Chili Diner is open 365 days a year!

