

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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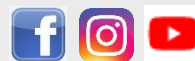
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Walk with us on:



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.



*Jesus the Good Shepherd with his sheep,
depicted by St. Monica youth in 2026.*


I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
- John 10

April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday
of Easter

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. Apr. 25	Bernard & Theresa Higgins – Barbara Higgins	
Sun. Apr. 26	Ruth Chadwick – Chuck & Ruth Petersdorf	
Tues. Apr. 28	Special Intention for Nellie Favata – Jean Button	
Wed. Apr. 29	All Parishioners	
Thur. Apr. 30	Donna Whitehair – Cathy Ripperger	
Fri. May 1	Sr. Loretta Poole, SSJ – Ed & JoAnn McDonnell	
Sat. May 2	Daniel Tasciotti – Jane Tasciotti	
Sun. May 3	Rev. Thomas Reddington – Bob & Karen Engle	



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Jo Ann McDonnell

Our Deceased
Carol Malovics

Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism
An end to war
Caregivers
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 April

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Karen Scherzi
Children/Family

Special Intention
Pat Fox Zahn



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Mary LoCastro
Linda LoCastro

The Westside Farmers Market starts in June!

We are once again looking for 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth each week. **Please sign up** by emailing Jessica.tette@dor.org – we want to make sure we evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday from June 2nd-October 6th.



Clean Sweep Genesee Street May 2



Parishioners are once again invited to work alongside neighbors on Mayor Evans' 20th annual street clean-up. It's a great witness to our neighbors!

The Clean Sweep is Saturday morning, May 2, from 8 am-noon. The mayor provides a t-shirt, beverages, pastries, tools, bags, and gloves, plus an optional free Red Wings game afterward.

Two St. Monica teams will focus on Genesee Street. Teams each walk about 1 mile. For more details, see John or JoAnn DeMott, call them at 585-313-2559, or email anj_demott@juno.com.



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: April 26-May 3, 2026

Sunday, 4/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Taco and Ice Cream Party, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 4/27	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 4/28	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 4/29	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 4/30	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 5/1	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 5/2	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/3	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church



ST. PETER'S KITCHEN COOKING CLASS

Sponsored by RCIPA Community and Health Foundation

Join St. Peter's Kitchen for a free hands-on cooking and nutrition workshop designed to help families prepare healthy, affordable meals using everyday pantry ingredients.

Class: Wednesday May 20, 2026, from 2pm -4pm

Only 10 slots available

In Each Session You Will:

- ✔ Learn to build balanced meals using MyPlate
- ✔ Practice budget-friendly cooking strategies
- ✔ Prepare fresh, seasonal dishes
- ✔ Sit down and enjoy meal after class
- ✔ Take home groceries to recreate the meal



**Email: amy@stpeterskitchen.org or
Call 585-235-6511**

www.stpeterskitchen.org

There are only 4 youth group Wednesdays that need coverage for this academic year. Can you help? Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org!

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 to sign up.

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

[@st.monicachurch](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.

Share the light of Christ's presence with a friend.

Attendance April 18/April 19	183
Attendance April 11/April 12	187
Attendance Easter Sunday	430
2026 YTD Average Attendance	190
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$25,000 • 100%	

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.

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 for training instructions..



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

Let us pray:



freepik.com

St. Monica
CHURCH

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026**

AUGUST 10-14

8:45am-noon * Grades preK4-7
Free + lunch included

Online registration form: stmonicaofrochester.org

**LIGHT OF THE
WORLD**

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

MAHALIA
Sings
WITH
MAHALIA JACKSON **THOMAS DORSEY**

MAY 3, 2026
4:00PM

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH**
445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.
ROCHESTER, NY 14608



MAGGIE MOORE



MARVIN RODGERS



EUNICE WHITE



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DANCERS

Social Justice News

April Blue Bags: Bags will be handed out this week and our collection will be for Monica Place located right next door to us. Lists of needed items will be included in the bags.

Social Justice Agencies: Our faith calls us to work for social justice, and we do a lot of social justice work at St. Monica. There are many organizations focused on social justice in our area. If you or someone you know would like to become involved in some way, here's a beginner's list of those agencies: Metro Justice, Urban League of Rochester, Center for Disability Rights, Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, Empire Justice Center, United Christian Leadership Ministry. More coming next week!

Pope Leo XIV Condemns War: "The Holy See firmly reiterates its condemnation of any form of involvement of civilians in military operations."

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 or 585-313-6027.



RETROUVAILLE®
A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend in need of counseling or not making any progress?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. Where there are hurts, it can take away the resentment which gets in the way of healing. It can be a helpful supplement to an addiction program though it is not a recovery program in itself. It is Catholic in nature but open to couples of all faiths or backgrounds.

This world-wide program is in 27 countries and has been in Rochester for over 40 years. It has even helped separated or divorced couples who want to try again.

Our next program starts May 22nd, please call 716-474-9371 with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

This week bring the light of Christ's presence to a totally new neighborhood business. Meet the owners and try their fare!

Caribbean Spice Cuisine is a family-owned take-out restaurant serving authentic Jamaican food at 360 Thurston Rd.

After years of cooking for family gatherings, Thomas Sinclair's family urged him to open a restaurant. Last Saturday, after gathering in prayer, Mayor Evans joined the family for their grand opening celebration.

Caribbean Spice is open for take-out from 7am to 11 pm every day except Sunday. And they love to cater events. Call ahead at 595-319-5490.

