

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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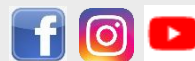
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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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The youth of St. Monica, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget, and Emmanuel Church of the Deaf tell the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in the Passion of Jesus Palm Sunday play.

Jesus took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,
"Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

"Drink from it, all of you,
for this is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed on behalf of many
for the forgiveness of sins."

- Matthew 26

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

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. Mar. 28 Gladys Gaines – Nash & Fulmore Families
Donna Whitehair – Bill & Cathy Ripperger
- Sun. Mar. 29 All Parishioners of Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, & St.
Monica Church
- Tues. Mar. 31 Norman & Helen Fox – Pat Fox Zahn
- Wed. Apr. 1 Aonica Chamberlain – Sandy Chamberlain
- Thur. Apr. 2 Holy Thursday
- Fri. Apr. 3 Good Friday
- Sat. Apr. 4 Easter Vigil
- Sun. Apr. 5 All Parishioners of Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church & St.
Monica Church



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!

Palm Sunday Coffee Gathering: Please join us for a Palm Sunday coffee and sweets celebration after the 10 am Mass at St. Monica's. All are welcome, especially you!

Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Larry Hayes
Richard Lourette

Our Deceased
Bob Mulcahy

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 office will be closed Good Friday
and Easter Monday.**

Holy Week 2026

St. Monica Church,
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, &
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Palm Sunday Mass: 10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
March 29 831 Genesee St.

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**Holy Thursday Mass &
Adoration: April 2** 7:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

Good Friday Service: Noon - Immaculate Conception
April 3 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

**Stations of the Cross
in ASL with interpreter:** 6:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Easter Vigil: 7:01 pm
April 4 Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Sunday Mass: April 5

10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

All are welcome, especially you!



This Week at St. Monica Church: March 29-April 5, 2026

Sunday, 3/29 Palm Sunday	10:00 am – Palm Sunday Mass, Church 11:00 am – Coffee Hour, Narthex
Monday, 3/30	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 3/31	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 4/1	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 4/2	7:00 pm – Holy Thursday Mass, St. Monica Church 8:00 pm – Adoration, St. Monica Church
Friday, 4/3 Office Closed	12:00 pm – Good Friday Service, Immaculate Conception Church 6:00 pm – ECD Stations of the Cross, St. Monica Church
Saturday, 4/4	7:01 pm – Easter Vigil, Immaculate Conception Church
Sunday, 4/5	10:00 am – Easter Sunday Mass, St. Monica Church 11:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt, Lawn

CMA Goal:
\$25,000
87 Donors
\$23,788 pledged
95% of goal



As of this date, 87 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 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!

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Palm Sunday play special: parent and teen helpers, tech wizards, artists parents, and actors! We love you!



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org



@stmonicaofrochester



@st.monicachurch



St. Monica Church - Mass

Call out to someone you care about and invite them to join us on Palm and Easter Sunday – you are Christ to the world!

Attendance Mar 21/Mar 22	215
Attendance Mar 14/Mar 15	177
Attendance Mar 7/Mar 8	172
2026 YTD Average Attendance	160
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

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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..

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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send submissions by 4pm on Sundays: 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.

Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world. Visit csrcricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.



We are still collecting cans and bottles as an ongoing fundraiser for our youth programming!

Bring your cans and bottles to the office or church or bring them directly to the donation center at 2374 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 and tell them it is for St. Monica's.

Thank you for your generosity! We love you!

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and fellowship, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends and allies welcome as well).

First Thursdays Every Month - EXCEPT April!!

(due to Holy Thursday 😊)

Thursday April 9th

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm) Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm

Join others from around the diocese!

St. Rita Catholic Parish 1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

We can bring the Light of Christ's presence to our neighborhood by joining institutions that have served for nearly 100 years.

The Thurston Road YMCA Neighborhood Center at 597 Thurston Road has been reinvented to focus on needs for neighbors of all ages. More than just a fitness center, the Y provides education, health, dance, yoga, social, and total wellness programming. It's a safe place after school for kids, and a place to find connections for older adults.

The Thurston Y staff welcomes new members. YMCA Community Membership is free. Call 328-9330 or stop by Mondays through Fridays for a tour.



Social Justice News

Love Never Fails: This week and next, you will find in the pews "Love Never Fails" cards. You are invited to write a short and anonymous note to a person who is incarcerated in an upstate correctional facility. This is part of the mission of Prison Ministry of Upstate NY (PMUNY) and is a continuation of our Advent outreach from Christmas time. The note can be a very simple message to let the individual know that they are loved and are important and valued.

Grief Personified: We would like to gauge the interest and need for a grief group in the parish and beyond. A large percentage of our parish has experienced grief in one or more ways, including but not limited to loss of a spouse. We can also grieve the loss of a child or a parent or a job or even a parish. The thought is to gather a group of interested people and decide the format of the group, the frequency and times of meeting. There are formalized grief programs that we could choose to follow, and that would be decided by the membership of our group. Contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or at 585-313-6027 if interested.

SAINTLY WOMEN: Sister Dorothy Mae Stang (Dot) was an American-born citizen and also a naturalized Brazilian citizen of the 20th and 21st centuries. She established pastoral centers in rural communities and learned about the dangers faced by those communities, especially in relationship to the environment. She would eventually dedicate herself to helping to defend the rainforests of Brazil from deforestation. She lived by the motto of "The death of the forests is the end of our lives" and is known as "The Angel of the Amazon." Because of her efforts, she was murdered in 2005.

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.

Thank you to the members of the Social Justice and Welcome committees for hosting last weekend's Soup Supper. The meal was delicious, and there was great fellowship visiting with old and new friends and the talk by William Camp from St. Joseph Northside Ministries was enlightening.

Save the Date!

Sunday, April 26th

We're welcoming spring with a taco & ice cream party

Friends,

I know many of you have gone to Notre Dame Retreat House in the past. I am on the Board of Notre Dame Retreat House and would love if we could get a table of 6 with St. Monica's parishioners. Call me at 732-7921 or email me with any questions at eenglert@ssjrochester.org.

This is our second fundraising dinner. The chef was new a year ago and had been the chef in a fine restaurant in New York City. After a tragedy, he and his two young sons moved back to the Canandaigua area where he grew up and has family.

It will be an unforgettable event meeting new people and supporting the programs and experiences that the Retreat House offers. Please consider an "evening out" overlooking Canandaigua Lake! I would love to enjoy it with you!

Sr. Elaine Englert SSJ