

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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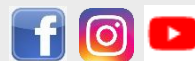
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Walk with us on:



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.



*The rain only added to our fun at the
Tri-Parish Picnic last Sunday! Story on page 2.*

"Thus, the last will be first,
and the first will be last."
- Matthew 20

September 20, 2026
25th 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. Sept. 19 Finucane Family - Dey Family
 Sun. Sept. 20 Barb & Frank Weingartner – Bob & Karen Engle
 Joseph Augustine – Family
 Tues. Sept. 22 No Mass or Communion Service
 Wed. Sept. 23 No Mass or Communion Service
 Thur. Sept. 24 No Mass or Communion Service
 Fri. Sept. 25 No Mass or Communion Service
 Sat. Sept. 26 Theresa Higgins – Barbara Higgins
 John Donoghue – Linda Bauer
 Sun. Sept. 27 Thanksgiving for Siblings – Dan Lill

Let Us Pray



**Our Sick
Fr. Ray Fleming**

**Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism and 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 September



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Mary & Joseph LoCastro

Linda LoCastro



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

For students returning to school

Tri-Parish End-of-Summer Picnic Thank-You

We had a great time last Sunday at the tri-parish picnic! It was wonderful having all three parishes together. Yes, we got a little wet from the thunderstorms, but it didn't dampen our spirits. The Hospitality and Picnic Committees would like to thank all those who attended and all those who volunteered during the event to make this a great success. Thank you to all who entered the oatmeal cookie contest, and congratulations to the winners: JoAnn DeMott, the Gigliotti family, and Cheryl Basil!



IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

We'd like to let everyone know that on Monday 9/14, Fr. Ray fell and went to the hospital for pain in his back and left shoulder. He is in stable condition and awaiting diagnosis. Please keep him in your prayers! All weekday Masses and communion services are canceled for next week. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information. Thank you for your love!

This Week at St. Monica Church: September 20-27, 2026

Sunday, 9/20	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 9/21	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/22	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 9/23	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 11:00 am – Buildings & Grounds Meeting, Rectory 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 9/24	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 9/25	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 9/26	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 9/27	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

Registration for 2026-2027 Family Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and Youth Group is now open!

To register, visit stmonicaofrochester.org
or check your weekly email.

A registration form is required each year for youth
participants.

Our youth programs remain
free thanks to our generous,
amazing community. We can
always use donations of
snacks that are **PEANUT-
FREE AND TREE NUT-FREE!**



Our youth group went to Rochester Hope on September 12 to help
with the lunch program and the food pantry! Our teens prepared
food, handed out sweets, helped people shop in the pantry, and
restocked the shelves. What a beautiful encounter with Christ. May
we be in awe of what people have to carry in life instead of judging
how they carry it. Let us pray for all who are struggling in any way
and may our hearts be opened with compassion and moved to help.



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.

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for
Human Development. CCHD funds programs that empower low-
income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These
grants support organizations across the country. Over the past
decade, six organizations in our own diocese have received major
national CCHD grants. By supporting this collection, you are
standing with people on the margins and making positive social
change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in
the memo or give at our parish web site, under "Second
Collections". Thank you!

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org



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St. Monica Church - Mass

Let's invite friends to experience God's generous love at St. Monica's!

Attendance September 5/6	176
Attendance August 29/30	194
Attendance August 22/23	176
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

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.



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

**I am the Difference
Between Dignity
and Disease**

Bible verse: Psalm 51:2- Wash
away all my iniquity and cleanse
me from my sin.

Water Speaks: I want to talk about something people don't usually discuss in church. About toilets, and handwashing and what happens to a girl's education when there is no clean toilet at her school. About the weight – the physical weight – that women carry when I am not where I should be. I am not just a spiritual symbol. I am water and when I am absent, or when I am dirty, I am the most practical problem in the world.

Reflection: Access to safe drinking water and a decent toilet is still out of reach for billions of people. In many communities, it is women and girls who face safety risks and miss school to walk to collect water and carry it back home. Not only is the water needed for drinking; it is necessary for cleanliness. Medical personnel tell us handwashing is necessary to avoid transmitting disease. And how many times have we heard our mothers say, "Wash your hands!"? It is not only in developing countries where access to water is lacking. At least one charity in the US focuses on providing running water to the homes of people living in New Mexico and West Virginia.

Invitation: We need to educate ourselves about communities which don't have access to clean (unpolluted) water and advocate that steps be taken so they gain that access. Homeless shelters frequently need hygiene products for their guests. Remember, real faith does not stop at prayer and good intentions but requires that we serve others.

Save the date: Sunday, October 4, 2-3pm: "Prayers for All Creation" An ecumenical service hosted by St. Monica, alongside the Genesee River, behind the Staybridge Suites at the corner of Brooks Ave and Genesee Street.



St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Bringing the light of Christ's presence to St. Monica's neighborhood are many non-profits that welcome our support.

SewGreen teaches people of all ages to make and repair clothing using recycled materials and donated sewing machines. It offers basic sewing, knitting, quilting, crocheting, embroidery, fiber arts, mittens, blankets, t-shirts, bags, dresses, pillowcases – as well as advanced classes.

SewGreen celebrated 10 years of service in January by moving to a much larger space at 560 West Main St., a half-block from the Susan B. Anthony home.

SewGreen's first Sustainability Faire is coming to Susan B. Anthony Park on Sunday, September 27th from 10am - 2pm. See lots of demonstrations!

SewGreen welcomes students and volunteers, as well as donations of sewing machines and fabrics. It is open Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm,. Call 328-2642 or visit www.sewgreenrochester.org.



Social Justice News

Prayer of St. Francis: Where there is darkness, light. Putting it another way: "There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter." - Rachel Carson. Applying it to our very recent past, remember the storm at the picnic last week? Shortly after that darkness, those who persevered were blessed with beautiful sunshine. Where there's darkness, light.

Social Justice Quote of the Week: "Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with a sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained." - Helen Keller

Want to be part of the Social Justice team here at St. Monica or be informed and updated on events? Contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or at 313-6027.

Dining Out with Your Faith Family

Friday, October 9, 2026, 5:00 pm

Bella Pasta: 2500 Ridgeway Ave. Rochester, NY 14626
\$35 per person. Tickets are on sale beginning this weekend.

We have a limited number of Vacation Bible School shirts available for a small donation! Designed by one of our teen counselors, this shirt shares the message that Christ empowers us to be the light of the world. What a great way to show your love for our community!



Sizes available: M, XL, 2XL

Please email jessica.tette@dor.org if interested.

Thank you!



SEW GREEN ROCHESTER



SewGreen Sustainability Faire

SUSAN B ANTHONY PARK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
10 AM - 2 PM

FAMILY EVENT

EXPLORE: UPCYCLING, CROCHET,
WEAVING, EMBROIDERY,
KNITTING & SEWING

OPEN TO ALL
NEIGHBORS &
FRIENDS



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