

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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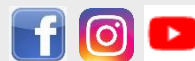
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Walk with us on:



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 baptism of the Lord.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;

I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the
dungeon, those who live in darkness.

— Isaiah 42

January 11, 2026

The Baptism
of the Lord

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. Jan. 10 Russell Pappert – Pat Fox Zahn
 Sun. Jan. 11 Keith Bowen – Jean Button
 Tues. Jan. 13 Russell Pappert – Pat Fox Zahn
 Wed. Jan. 14 Bryan Hepworth – Gerry & Kathy Murty
 Thur. Jan. 15 Parishioners of St. Monica
 Fri. Jan. 16 All Souls
 Sat. Jan. 17 Chazz El Nash-Randall – Lynn Fulmore
 Sun. Jan. 18 Helen Huether – Family



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Fr. Ray Fleming

Our Deceased
Lorraine Anderson
Jean Cosgriff's sister-in-law

Mariselle Colon
Emanuel Colon's Sister

David Ensman
Gerry & Kathy Murty's brother -in-law

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 January



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Mary Ann Donovan

John & JoAnn DeMott



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Three Police Officers

**injured in 19th Ward shooting
and all police officers**

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.

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!

St. Monica CHURCH



BOARD GAME DAY AT ST. MONICA'S



Sunday, February 1

1:00-4:00 pm in the rectory dining room

For all ages!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pizza lunch will be provided.



This Week at St. Monica Church: Jan. 11-18, 2026

Sunday, 1/11	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/12	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 1/13	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 1/14	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 1/15	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 1/16	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 1/17	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 1/18	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

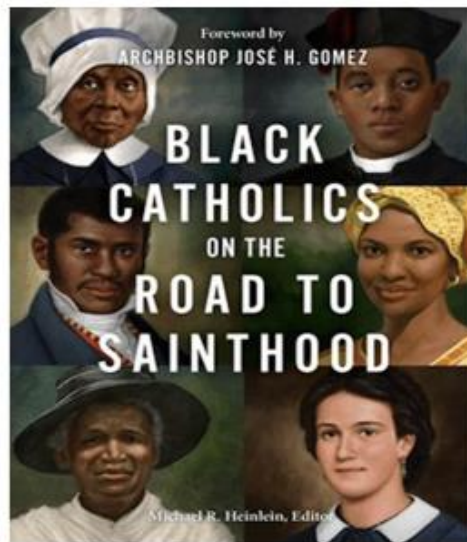
CMA Goal:
\$25,000
74 Donors
\$16,929 pledged
67% of goal



As of this date,
 74 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!

Seeking a Children's Liturgy Leader

Have you ever considered leading Children's Liturgy of the Word? This is the Holy Spirit calling YOU! Jessica is in search of a children's liturgy leader for one Sunday of the month (either 1st or 3rd Sundays). Lead by yourself or bring a friend to help you. Help our young children know the great love of God. CASE training is required! Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to answer the Holy Spirit's call!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION

In celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for an engaging Zoom book discussion of Michael R. Heinlein's book *Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood*.

This is the first book to explore the lives of the six Black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration by the Catholic Church for canonization.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful conversation.

Please contact the **Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR)** at blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com for additional information.

Mondays,
February 2, 9, 23
2026

Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood

by

Michael R. Heinlein

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Zoom Book Discussion

Sponsored by Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR)

Follow Jesus with us:

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[@stmonicachurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmonicachurch)

[St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/StMonicaChurchMass)

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.

The collections from 12/28/25, 1/4/26, and 1/11/26 will be published in the next bulletin. Thank you for supporting our ministries!

CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$16,929 • 67%

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

The year 2025 saw major changes in the way the federal government approached environmental issues compared to recent years. The Trump administration embraced fossil fuels and nuclear energy, while stifling renewable energy projects and downplaying climate change.

If reading news stories about these efforts greatly upset you, you may be suffering from eco-anxiety. The American Psychological Association (APA) describes eco-anxiety as “the chronic fear of environmental cataclysm that comes from observing the seemingly irrevocable impact of climate change and the associated concern for one’s future and that of next generations.”

In November, Rochester Area Interfaith Climate Action (RAICA) sponsored a summit where Elizabeth Brooks, Rochester eco-therapist and licensed clinical social worker, led a breakout session on “Addressing Eco-anxiety Together.”

In the session, Brooks emphasized that eco-anxiety is a normal response to an environmental threat, and not a disorder, but a sign of awareness and care. Brooks said that eco-anxiety doesn’t look the same in everyone. Common experiences include worry; feelings of being overwhelmed or sad; fear about the future; and guilt about “not doing enough.” Physical symptoms can include trouble sleeping and feeling tense. You might also feel paralyzed about what to do or believe you are the only one who cares.

Brooks shared ways that participants can support each other during these times, such as listening to others and thanking them for sharing; validating others’ feelings (saying “that makes sense”) and not giving advice or correcting or trying to solve the issue. The bottom line is that people feeling eco-anxiety can explore ways to stay engaged with others without feeling overwhelmed or pressured. Building an emotional connection with others can lead to climate resilience, feeling less alone and safer.

Next week: How climate change can affect children’s mental health and what adults can do to help them manage their feelings.

Thanks for Supporting Our Neighbors!

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

St. Monica neighborhood has a new business in the new year.

Moe’s Halal is a unique take-out restaurant that just opened at 973 Genesee St. Reviews already praise their flavorful food and generous portions. Moe’s chicken “Rice Platter” is popular, along with sandwiches, gyros, burgers and fries.



Owner Amer and his staff are proud of their new store and invite us to try their menu.



Moe’s Halal is open daily from 11am until midnight. Use online ordering for pick up or delivery or call 730-4275.

Social Justice News

The Work of Christmas Begins by Michael Daugherty

“When the carols have been stilled, when the star rope has been taken down, when family and friends have gone home, when we are back to our schedules, the work of Christmas begins: to welcome the refugee, to heal a broken planet, to feed the hungry, to build bridges of trust not walls of fear, to share our gifts, to seek justice and peace for all the world, to bring Christ’s light to the world.”

Parents of young children: We ABSOLUTELY love the sounds and sights of young children at Mass. Here’s a few suggestions to ease your mind.

- Relax and don’t try to suppress the wiggles. God put them there for us to enjoy.
- Sit up close so the “littles” can see and hear what’s happening.
- If you/they need to wander a bit, feel free to do so. Remember, Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.”
- Know that you are welcome as individuals and more importantly as a family here at St. Monica!

MLK Day is fast approaching. See the notice below about our Annual MLK Day Coat Giveaway, which serves as our Blue Bag collection for January.

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 at danlill126@gmail.com or 585-313-6027.



We need warm & clean coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for adults, teens, and children

**ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM**

LAST DAY TO DONATE: JANUARY 14

Donations can be brought to the office:

34 Monica Street

Monday-Friday

10:00am-3:00pm

-ring the bell at the front office door-

or to Mass

to the box in the narthex.

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

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help with welcoming guests, shopping, bagging, sorting/organizing, s’mores-making, and more!

CASE training required. Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.