

# 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](http://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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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.**



*Thank you, St. Monica's - we collected 92 backpacks for children in the community! Story on page 3.*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
- Romans 11

August 23, 2026  
21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

**Confessions by appointment –  
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

## Weekly Mass Intentions

|               |                                                                 |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. Aug. 22  | Joseph Robinson – Mary Robinson<br>Bernice Shevlin - Family     |
| Sun. Aug. 23  | Steve Moss – Kris Moss (40th Wedding Anniversary)               |
| Tues. Aug. 25 | Kevin Welling – Peggy Reigelsperger                             |
| Wed. Aug. 26  | Special Intention for Deacon Pat Graybill                       |
| Thur. Aug. 27 | Carol Brancato – Jean Button                                    |
| Fri. Aug. 28  | All Parishioners                                                |
| Sat. Aug. 29  | Lynah Family – Dey Family<br>Lillian Kase – Peggy Reigelsperger |
| Sun. Aug. 30  | Carol Olsen – Paul Olsen<br>Donald E. Lawrence - Family         |



*Let Us Pray*



**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 August

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT



**Patrick Bertram**

*Barbara Klein*

**Stillhard Family**

*Family*



#### CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

**VBS campers, counselors,  
chefs, and volunteers**

### 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!

### The Westside Farmers Market is on!

We need 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth each week. **Please sign up** by emailing [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) – so we can evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday until October 6<sup>th</sup>. For some neighbors, this is the first time they experience St. Monica's – help make it a positive one for them!



### This Week at St. Monica Church: August 23-30, 2026

|                       |                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 8/23</b>   | <b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b><br><b>11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church</b>                                                                              |
| <b>Monday, 8/24</b>   | 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519) |
| <b>Tuesday, 8/25</b>  | 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel<br>4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot<br>5:00 pm – Summer Youth Group, Dining Room                       |
| <b>Wed., 8/26</b>     | 8:00 am – Mass, Chapel                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Thurs., 8/27</b>   | 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel<br>1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room                                                                              |
| <b>Friday, 8/28</b>   | 8:00 am – Mass, Chapel                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Saturday, 8/29</b> | 4:00 pm – Mass, Church                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday, 8/30</b>   | <b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b><br><b>11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church</b>                                                                              |



# PATHWAYS TO HEALTH JUSTICE TRAINING

Participants will gain a basic understanding of the historical and contemporary dynamics of inequity and how they impact health outcomes in our communities.



**DATES**

**AUGUST  
26–27, 2026**  
WEDNESDAY &  
THURSDAY



**TIME**

**9:00 AM –  
4:00 PM**



**LOCATION**

Roswell Park  
Community Outreach  
and Engagement Center  
907 Michigan Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14203

### TRAINING WILL EXPLORE:



The roots of  
health inequities  
and systemic  
oppression



The power of  
community voice  
and storytelling



Strategies for  
advancing equity  
and justice



Building collective  
capacity for  
healthy communities

**TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD PATHWAYS TO A  
HEALTHIER, MORE JUST FUTURE.**

**HOSTED BY:** No Menthol Buffalo | The Center for Black Health & Equity

For more information, contact Stan Martin via email at  
[sm@stanmartinconsulting.com](mailto:sm@stanmartinconsulting.com)

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

To register, visit [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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!**



Thank you so much, St. Monica! We were able to provide 92 backpacks for the registered children at Saint Peter's Kitchen.

Your generosity was very much appreciated by the excitement and smiles shown by the young people and their families.

As a result, these children will be able to start school with the tools to help them have a successful school year.

Many blessings to everyone who helped with donating, collecting, packing, delivering, and distributing the school backpacks and supplies. This was an amazing effort by all, a great outreach to so many in need. May God bless you!



## 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](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up.



## Follow Jesus with us:

[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://www.stmonicaofrochester.org)



@stmonicaofrochester



@st.monicachurch



St. Monica Church - Mass

## Let's invite friends to experience God's generous love!

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Attendance August 15/16           | 231 |
| Attendance August 8/9             | 207 |
| Attendance August 1/2             | 168 |
| 2026 YTD Average Attendance       | 182 |
| 2025 Full Year Average Attendance | 189 |

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org). Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

**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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

## Creation Corner

Summer is a great time to learn more about plants, trees, and other species, and it's easy to do with free apps. You simply take a photo of whatever you want help identifying, and the app does the rest of the work. Here are two to check out.

**iNaturalist:** Over 1 million naturalists, biologists, and scientists help identify plants uploaded by users. When you want the name of a plant, animal, or fungus, simply upload the picture and other users on the app will give you their idea of what they think the plant is. The California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society launched the app, which is often considered one of the most extensive free plant identification apps available. This app is great if you want to participate in a worldwide community. Verified identifications are used for science and observation. To learn more, go to <https://www.inaturalist.org/>.

**Pl@ntnet:** This app identifies a species based on a photo of a leaf, flower, fruit, bark, bud, branch, seed, and more. It's quick and returns a species name (in English and Latin) usually with a confidence score. For example, the app will say it's 70 percent confident in its determination. The app will also show photos of similar species with lower confidence scores. You can create a profile and submit the photo to a worldwide community for input, too. Like social media apps, you can set the app for a region of the country, such as "Northeastern U.S.A." and peruse a feed of photos submitted by users in that region. For more information, go to <https://plantnet.org/en/>.

## ST. AUGUSTINE School Reunion

**SEPT 13, 2026**

*Twin Silo*

6758 BIG TREE RD  
LIVONIA, NY 14487  
1PM - 6PM

**\$35** CATERED LUNCH INCLUDED  
Cash Bar Available  
BRING OWN SODA / WATER, FOLDING CHAIRS

If any questions send to email:  
[staugustine\\_melody@yahoo.com](mailto:staugustine_melody@yahoo.com)

Send Payment To:

Kris Moss  
P.O. Box 24463  
Rochester, NY 14624

**STARTING TO COLLECT PAYMENTS NOW - SEPT 1**

ONLY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR.

NAME & YEAR GRADUATED \_\_\_\_\_

EACH PERSON ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list additional names on back if needed)

MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

## Social Justice News

One of the most beautiful, beloved, and well-known prayers is the prayer of St. Francis, which begins with "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." We will over the next few weeks analyze the text and see where social justice may fit in and how we as individuals and as a parish can become that instrument.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where in today's jaded society is there a need for love? Perhaps in the sharing of our own abundance with others less fortunate. Perhaps in visiting the elderly or shut-ins or tutoring in inner city schools which frequently lack adequate funding for needed services. Perhaps in volunteering at a local food cupboard. These are only some of the ways in which we will become that instrument of peace, showing love in place of hatred.

Our Social Justice Committee is always looking for new members so if you'd like to see what we do, contact Dan at 585-313-6027 or [danlill126@gmail.com](mailto:danlill126@gmail.com).



**Tri-Parish End-of-Summer Picnic**  
with Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, and St. Monica Parishes

**Sunday, September 13 1:00 to 4:00 pm**  
**Genesee Valley Park Roundhouse Shelter**

RAIN OR SHINE... You don't want to miss the fun!

We provide hot dogs, sausage, rolls, and condiments. You bring chairs (if you don't want to sit on picnic benches), place settings, and drinks for your family, plus your favorite picnic dish to share (don't forget serving utensils):



- Last names beginning with A-L bring a favorite picnic side dish.
- Last names beginning with M-Z bring a dessert or favorite sweet.

**Games, Food, Fellowship:** Got a favorite oatmeal cookie you like to bake? Think it can win a competition? What makes your cookie



stand out from all the rest? Make it and submit it to the Oatmeal Cookie Challenge. No store or bakery purchased cookies can be submitted. Cookies will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, and creativity.

**PLEASE NOTE: Because of allergies, no peanut butter or nuts can be used in your recipe.**

**SIGNUP BEGINS AUGUST 15TH AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!**

## St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Neighborhood entrepreneurs have unique offerings not found elsewhere in Rochester. This one is one block from St. Monica.

Reggae music and brilliant Caribbean colors greet visitors to **761 Accessories & Records** at

761 Genesee St. Owner "Damo D" Williams has Rochester's largest selection of music, flags, headwear, bandanas, bracelets, art, and videos from Caribbean islands and mainland coastal nations! It is one of a kind. Call 585 319-5504.

