

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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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 for shining your light on Fr. Ray as he heals!
Here is a shirt our youth made for Fr. Ray to encourage him.*

Shine like lights in the world!
- Philippians 2

October 18, 2026
29th 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. Oct. 17	Kathleen Gall – Peggy Reigelsperger Karl Marling – Cathy & Bill Ripperger
Sun. Oct. 18	Joseph LoCastro Jr. – Linda LoCastro
Tues. Oct. 20	No Mass or Communion Service
Wed. Oct. 21	No Mass or Communion Service
Thur. Oct. 22	No Mass or Communion Service
Fri. Oct. 23	No Mass or Communion Service
Sat. Oct. 24	Norman Reigelsperger – Peggy Reigelsperger Heidi Groh - Family
Sun. Oct. 25	Shirley Sayre – Jean Button Lynn Fender – Kathy & Gerry Murty



FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray continues to heal and appreciates all of your prayers! Cards can be sent to the rectory. Visitors can schedule with Mary Ellen at 412-3913 or call the office.

All weekday Masses (Tuesday-Friday) 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!



GENERAL ELECTION Reminders

October 19

- Last day to receive change-of-address forms for already registered voters

October 24

- First day of early voting
- Last day to receive early vote by mail or absentee applications to have a ballot mailed to you
- Last day for the board of elections to receive new voter registrations

November 1

- Last day of early voting

November 2

- Last day to request an absentee ballot (must pick up in person)

November 3

- General Election Day
- Last day to drop off or mail early vote by mail or absentee ballot (must be postmarked by election day in order to count)

*Voter registration forms will be available in the narthex.

Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Fr. Ray Fleming
Pope Leo XIV

Our Deceased
Trina Katherine Reeder
Pete Witkowicz's sister

Germaine Riesinger
Charlene Witkowicz's sister-in-law

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 October

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Reilly Family
Barbara Higgins

Daniel Tasciotti
Jane Tasciotti

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Norah June Mastrandea
John Delibert



Robert & Jean Vane
Children/Family

This Week at St. Monica Church: October 18-25, 2026

Sunday, 10/18	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 10/19	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 10/20	
Wed., 10/21	6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 10/22	1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 10/23	
Saturday, 10/24	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 10/25	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Trick-or-Treating, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

Register TODAY for 2026-2027 Family Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and Youth Group!

A registration form is required each year for youth participants. Register via your weekly email or at stmonicaofrochester.org.

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!**



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.

St. Monica CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

MASS & TRICK-OR-TREATING

Kids & families: join us for Mass and then bring your costume to put on after Mass for trick-or-treating in the dining room!

Contact jessica.tette@dor.org if you can help with a candy station or to donate Halloween candy!



ALL THINGS NEW

2026/2027 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

www.dor.org/cma

Christmas is coming (already!?)., which means we are looking for a baby to play the starring role of baby Jesus in our Nativity play on Christmas Eve! Do you know any babies who will be between 1-9 months old who could play the part? Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) if so! Thank you for helping make our play special!



Parishioners Kathy Garrant and John Curran, among other local leaders, participated last week on the third and final day of the Kaboom Playground installation. It is a welcoming new third space in the southwest quadrant on Arnett Boulevard. We love seeing our neighborhood grow and may all who helped create and who will use this space be blessed!



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org



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@st.monicachurch



St. Monica Church - Mass

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.

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

Attendance October 10/11	170
Attendance October 3/4	171
Attendance September 25/26	167
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189
CMA Goal: \$26,000	Pledged: \$2,355 9%

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.

Nature: So Good for Your Mental Health

Imagine a world where we thrive, not just co-exist, with nature, the more-than-human world. A push to get us seated by a window or outside can lead to meaningful and engaging experiences with nature. When we find our minds "stuck" and swirling, nature can help us slow down, find focus and confidence, and open up to new and clear thoughts and pathways.

We need a connection to nature, also known as forest bathing, now more than ever for our health and well-being. And researchers suggest in a new study that nature can make us happier and healthier by inspiring awe.

Psychologists say that there is a healing power in nature. Further, it can bolster our relationships and physical and emotional health and well-being. But what is the secret ingredient that brings these benefits? "A recent study, led by researcher Craig Anderson and his colleagues (including the Greater Good Science Center's faculty director, Dacher Keltner), suggests it could be awe—that sense of being in the presence of something greater than ourselves that fills us with wonder," see below). This may also create a sense of worries or anxiety being less significant.

Participants in the above study reported on their wellbeing before and after spending time with nature: feelings of peace, gratitude, amusement, awe, pride, joy, mood, stress levels, and satisfaction with life. Results showed wellbeing having dramatically increased with awe as the secret ingredient when adding more nature to our daily life.

So, slow down, go for a simple stroll and find wonder and inspiration while noticing feelings of awe, and sprinkles of gratitude for God's gift of nature. What do you see, hear, feel along the way?

<https://www.theforesttherapyschool.com/>

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/why_is_nature_so_goo

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Revival



GUEST REVIVALIST
Rev. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ

Renewing Our Hearts in Faith

LOCATION:

445 Frederick Douglass St,
Rochester, New York 14608

Come and Be Transformed!

DATE: November 6, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM | Freewill Offering

Social Justice News

Blue Bags will be distributed this weekend and will be for the benefit of SWEM, our neighborhood community helper whose current needs are any type of non-perishable foods, canned or boxed: soups, fruit, veggies, chili, pasta, and juices. In addition, they are looking for brown paper bags to be used by recipients when they shop. Blessings in advance.

Two Feet of Justice: Many years ago, this visual portrayal of social justice activities made the rounds. Seems that those same activities are still appropriate today. The first foot involves *direct service* to those in need: food drives, homeless shelters, youth programs, transportation for the elderly, and childcare. The second foot is *social change*: things like voting, educating, peaceful protesting, and advocating via media outlets. Just as we need two feet to walk, so too does social justice need two feet to be successful in eliminating poverty, promoting peace, and ensuring equal rights. Where might we be as individuals in our walk with social justice? How about our parish here at St Monica?

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.



Thank you to Debbie Diederich for coordinating the "Dining Out with Your Faith Community" event. The buffet was delicious and it was great talking to old friends and meeting new ones.



Welcome, Young Adults!

St. Monica's welcomes all undergraduate and graduate students and young adults living the neighborhood! Are you looking to connect with other young adults? Are you looking for social, service, or spiritual activities? If so, contact Stanley Ekiyor at (585) 478-9372 or wariebi2001@yahoo.com. Look for Stanley in the narthex at the back of church before and after 10:15 am Sunday Mass. We're glad you're here!

Save the Date! Saturday, December 12th, 9:00am:
Church cleaning for the Bishop's visit!

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The Light of Christ's presence shines brightly through the presence of neighborhood institutions that reach out to those most in need.

Trillium Health opened its 6th and newest location at 924 Jefferson Ave, just 3 blocks from St. Monica Church. This office brings much-needed family medicine services to the heart of our neighborhood.



Trillium traces its roots to the 1980s as a small HIV/AIDS clinic, serving patients not welcomed by mainstream medicine. Today, Trillium Health provides the same judgement-free, compassionate, and affordable primary care to all segments of the greater Rochester community.

Trillium Health's Jefferson Ave office is open Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. Its doctors are actively accepting new patients. Call 585-545-7200.