

# 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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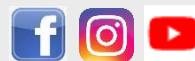
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility.  
— Zephaniah 2

February 1, 2026  
4<sup>th</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. Jan. 31 Henry McGinnis – Jean Button  
 Sun. Feb. 1 Lawrence Walsh – Sandy Chamberlain  
 Tues. Feb. 3 Linda Nash – Nash & Fulmore Families  
 Wed. Feb. 4 Leonard Huether – Family  
 Thur. Feb. 5 Sheila Brayford Mason – Barbara Higgins  
 Fri. Feb. 6 All Parishioners  
 Sat. Feb. 7 Yok-Tin Chen – Connie Chau  
 Diane Salamone – Jean Button  
 Sun. Feb. 8 Special Intention for Dick & Rita Kane – Your Loving Family  
 Donald & Patricia Brown – Kane Family



*Let Us Pray*



**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 February**

### SANCTUARY LIGHT



### CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



**Chris C. Wightman &  
 Carol L. Wightman**

*John Delibert*

## 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.

## 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!

## This Week at St. Monica Church: Feb. 1-8, 2026

<b>Sunday, 2/1</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:00-4:00 pm – Board Game Day, Dining Room
<b>Monday, 2/2</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, 2/3</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 6:00 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting, Rectory
<b>Wed., 2/4</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
<b>Thurs., 2/5</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
<b>Friday, 2/6</b>	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
<b>Saturday, 2/7</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 2/8</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

## + Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**Offerings for St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,  
 and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**

**Mass + Ashes 8:00 am St. Monica Church**

**Drive-through 11-11:15 am St. Monica parking lot**  
**Ashes + Confession 12-12:15 pm 831 Genesee St. 14619**

**Drive-through Ashes 5:15-5:30 pm St. Monica parking lot**

**Mass + Ashes 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception  
 /St. Bridget's Church  
 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608**



**CMA Goal:**  
**\$25,000**  
**80 Donors**  
**\$19,604 pledged**  
**78% of goal**



As of this date,  
 80 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!

### About the Scholarship Ministry by Barbara Higgins

Catholic education challenges students to strive for excellence, to make choices based on the Gospels, to honor diversity, and to serve others. To encourage families to enroll a child in Catholic school, our parish grants awards to registered parishioners:

**o \$1000 each year to students in Grades K - 4**

**o \$500 each year to students in Grades 5 - 8**

The scholarship fund is a separate investment fund overseen by the St. Monica Finance Committee. Over 40 students have received scholarships since 2006. The scholarship has changed over the years — originally, it was dedicated to Catholic high school students, but now scholarships encourage enrollment of our youngest parishioners. There is no financial requirement or limit.

I chose to work in this ministry because I am a grateful graduate of Catholic education from Grade 1 through college. I observed the sacrifices of not only parents, but teachers and elders who valued the experience of Catholic education. Going forward, I would like to encourage familiarity with events at our Catholic schools. Schools have concerts, plays, and sporting events that are both entertaining and encouraging for students. For all students, regardless of where they are enrolled, I'd like to have a September and/or June Mass to celebrate the school year.

Would you like to help? Email Barbara Higgins at [higgins@alum.rpi.edu](mailto:higgins@alum.rpi.edu) Nazareth Elementary School, which several of our students attend, has an open house February 7, 10AM - 12PM.

### Help Our Kids Grow Closer to God!

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 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) to answer the Holy Spirit's call!



### Follow Jesus with us:

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

[@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

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

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

**The collection for January 25, 2026 will be published in next week's bulletin.**

CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$19,604 • 78%

### 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.

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



## Creation Corner

### "Gardening with Native Plants" Workshop

**Tuesday, February 17, at Olmsted Lodge, Highland Park.  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.**

**Free and open to the public.**

This workshop features Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener John Nelson discussing how native plants support local ecosystems, with suggestions for various light/moisture conditions, and offering ASL interpretation.



Registration opens February 3 and is hosted by the Highland Park Conservancy. Register here:

<https://www.highlandparkconservancy.org/all-events>



WWW.NOTREDAMERETREAT.ORG 585-394-5700

### CORE Retreat Weekend

**2026 Theme: "Holy and Beloved"**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - COUPLES** Special Valentines Dinner

with Fr. Jim Dahlinger, SJ; Deb & Keith Northridge and Jodie Scordo,

### Fill Your Soul Days

**February 11<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm**

*"The Spirit of Giving"*

with Fr. Aaron Kelly and Anna Schlia

**March 17<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm**

*"Visio Divina"*

with Sr. Melissa Gernon, SSJ

Check out upcoming offerings at Notre Dame retreat house featuring St. Monica parishioners Sr. Melissa Gernon and Sr. Carol Cimino!

### Special Events - LENT

**February 28th - Lenten Retreat Men & Women**

*"You Have Given All to Me . . . Now I Return It"*

with Marie Mozzi

**March 7th - Women's Lenten Retreat**

*"Who Cooked the Last Supper"*

with Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ

**March 24<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Retreat Day**

*"Do Not Judge Anyone: Desert Wisdom for a Polarized World"*

Lead by Fr. Isaac Slater, OCSO (author)

**March 31st - Sacred Day of Silence 9am-3pm**

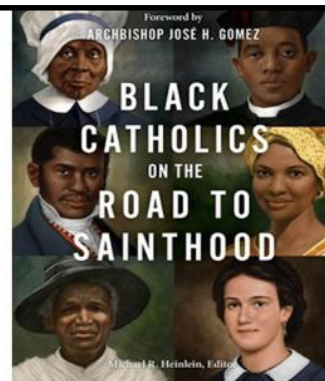
## Social Justice News

Social justice is not a 20<sup>th</sup>- or 21<sup>st</sup>-century phenomena but rather it is at the heart of what it has meant since the time of Jesus and even before. Individuals have always given us examples of what it means to be a good Christian, and we'll be highlighting some of them in the coming weeks. Our first will be St. Martin De Porres, who worked among the marginalized in Lima, Peru during the 17th century. He himself was discriminated against for a variety of reasons but he never responded with violence or anger. Rather, he responded with kindness and in so doing, won over many of his detractors. He turned dehumanizing into rehumanizing. Maybe that's a good goal for us in these troubling days, especially in our own country.

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](mailto:danlill126@gmail.com) or 585-313-6027.

## 28 Days of Black History

Visit <https://www.28daysofblackhistory.com/> and subscribe to receive Black history information daily during Black History Month. The theme for 2026 is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." We'll trace the moments throughout history we've honored the Black American experience, from cultural moments of boundary breaking to major individual and group achievements.



### 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](mailto: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)**

## Upcoming Events

## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses • Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Need expert help with income taxes? Don't want the overpriced franchises and their predatory advance refund loans? Here are two experienced neighborhood income tax services.



St. Monica Facilitation Team member **Best Batchateu** has served repeat customers and referrals with tax preparation and financial services for over 25 years. Email [tax@btierfs.com](mailto:tax@btierfs.com) or call 802-3353.



**Opira Tax & Financial Services** office at 484 Brooks Ave. has also served the 19th Ward for over 25 years. owner George Opira holds an MBA in Accounting and Finance. Call 328-9650.

**CASH free tax preparation** is available at the Thurston YMCA this year for the first time on Saturdays. Search or call (585) 900-1004 for an appointment.