

# 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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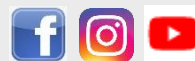
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



*Tuesday evenings at the Westside Farmers Market in the St. Monica parking lot are the perfect opportunity to connect with friends and our neighborhood community alike.*

*Can YOU help us be a positive presence? See page 2.*

The Lord is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

– Psalm 145

September 17, 2023

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

**Did you know?** Our website, [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org), is your one-stop shop for all our online offerings. On our homepage you will find links to Mass videos, social media, online giving, outreach opportunities, virtual gatherings, at-home faith tools, and more! 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).

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

### Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Sept 16 Siracusa Family - Family  
 Sun, Sept 17 David F. Booth - The Booth Family  
 Tues, Sept 19 All Souls  
 Wed, Sept 20  
 Thurs, Sept 21  
 Fri, Sept 22 All Parishioners  
 Sat, Sept 23 Pamela Smith Korman - Cheryl Bazil-Vasko  
 Sun, Sept 24 Margaret Hilsdorf - Denis & Charlene Lepel



**We have several weekday openings for Masses.**

**Please call Tracy Jordan at (585) 235-3340 to schedule a Mass.**

*Let Us Pray*

**Our Sick  
Kim Johnson**

*Anne & Glen Johnson's daughter-in-law*

**An end to racism  
All those affected by violence  
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**

All Parishioners



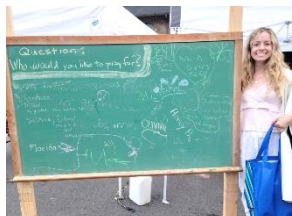
**CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

All Parishioners



**We Need YOU at the Westside Farmers Market!**

**Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM • till October 10**



**We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth! Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up for ONE day (only 5 left!)**

Our chalkboard offers a reflection question each week where people can write their response at the market.

This week's chalkboard question:

**What brings you peace?**

### St Monica Scholarships

Please bless our students as they return to school. The following students have been awarded the St Monica Scholarship for 2023-24 to continue their Catholic education:

- \* Gianna Glasgow, Aquinas Institute
- \* Micah Anderson, Aquinas Institute
- \* Emmanuel Torres, Aquinas Institute
- \* Marley Knapp, Aquinas Institute
- \* Bella Nkugwa, Nazareth Elementary



**The fall season of the St. Monica gardens needs some colorful mum and autumn plants. Please drop off spares at the narthex. Thank you! ☀**

**Emmanuel Church of the Deaf now has online giving!**

1. Visit the website:  
<https://www.stmonicaofrochester.org/emmanuel-church-of-the-deaf>

2. Click the link to give online.

*Thank you for supporting our community and ministry!*



### This Week at St. Monica Church: September 17-24, 2023

<b>Sunday, 9/17</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 10:00 am -1:00 pm – Faith Formation Kickoff Potluck, Dining Room</b>
<b>Monday, 9/18</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, 9/19</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking lot
<b>Wed., 9/20</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Thursday, 9/21</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 9/22</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 9/23</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 9/24</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>

**Faith Formation: Join us for faith and community!**  
**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation:** For ages 4-18.

Faith Formation, grades PreK4-5 <sup>th</sup>	Sundays after 10:15 Mass until 12:15 PM
First Reconciliation/First Communion, grades 2+	Contact <a href="mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org">jessica.tette@dor.org</a>
Middle School Youth Group, grades 6-7 High School Youth Group/Confirmation Prep, grades 8-12	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Dinner included

Register at [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

Be a part of our NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) team - buy your t-shirt to support our NCYC 2023 pilgrims! 🇺🇸❤️ This t-shirt was designed by our teen pilgrims. Our pilgrims will be wearing the same shirts at the conference November 16-18 and will say a special prayer for all who are wearing their shirts to support us from home. Thank you for helping us with the cost of our pilgrimage, which will be very meaningful and life-changing. Shirts are \$18 each, and the final day to order is October 22. Thank you, and we love you! How to order:

- 📄 Online at <https://forms.office.com/r/z27reEgyye>
- ☎️ Call the office at 585-235-3340
- 😊 Order in-person at Mass

## NCYC UPDATE

**THANK YOU** so much for your support of our pilgrims attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November! We are closer to our goal with \$800 left to raise. We are still collecting returnable cans and bottles, empty ink cartridges, monetary gifts, and prayers to raise funds for our pilgrimage. You can also order a t-shirt designed by our teens! We are SO grateful for our community! ♥



### Follow Jesus with us:

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

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

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

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

### 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 are in need of emergency food and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624, please contact the **SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491**. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

### 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, go to [dor.org](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) for a packet of information to help you.

### Our Collection: Week of September 10, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
9/10/2023	3,113	2,403	(710)
Year-to-Date	35,425	36,724	1,299
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$397	



### 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).





## Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

Prophet Isaiah proclaims: "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43: 19)

Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, while justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. As we join the river of justice and peace with others, hope is created instead of despair.

This week, let us pray:

*Creator of All,  
We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.*

*Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy.*



More Opportunities to Act on Behalf of All Creation:

Sept. 30: RIT EV Car Show, 10am-2pm

## September Men's Retreat

*Give yourself the gift of a weekend away with God to start fall in peace and hope*

Come to beautiful Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua for our **September Men's Retreat: Keep Hope Alive** with Fr. Anthony Michalek, CSsR, Fr. Daniel Ruiz, Deacon Brian McNulty, Nancy Lynch, and Jodie Scordo. The retreat begins **Friday, September 22 at 7 pm and ends Sunday, September 24 at Noon.**

To register, contact us at 585-394-5700.

## Beware of Scams

Several parishioners have contacted the office lately saying that they have received a text or email from someone claiming to be "Fr. Ray" and asking for money or gift cards. Please remember that this is a SCAM. **No matter what the message says, remember that Fr. Ray will never reach out personally to you to ask for money or gift cards.** The ways that Fr. Ray would ask for money are in an announcement to the whole church or via official letter (particularly in the case of the Catholic Ministries Appeal). **DO NOT** give money to someone asking through text or email – these scammers usually ask for a "favor." You can be certain that someone contacting you in this way is **NOT** Fr. Ray. Block the contact. If you are unsure, you can always call the office to ask.

## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Rochester Fire Department is not really a business, but they provide an important community service!

**Rochester Fire Department's "Engine 7" Firehouse** at 873 Genesee St. has served since 1925. Firefighters staff the station 24x7, ready to respond to neighborhood fires, accidents, rescues, HAZMAT, and medical emergencies.



Over the decades, many RFD firefighters came from St. Monica parish families, such as Bunce, Higgins, Mulcahy and Whitehair. Capt. Kevin Ryan and Lt. Tzar Parson currently command Engine 7.

During times between calls, Engine 7 firefighters may visit schools, community meetings, and festivals to promote fire prevention. They offer free smoke alarms for qualified residents who call 428-1360.



We pray for our firefighters' safety.