

# 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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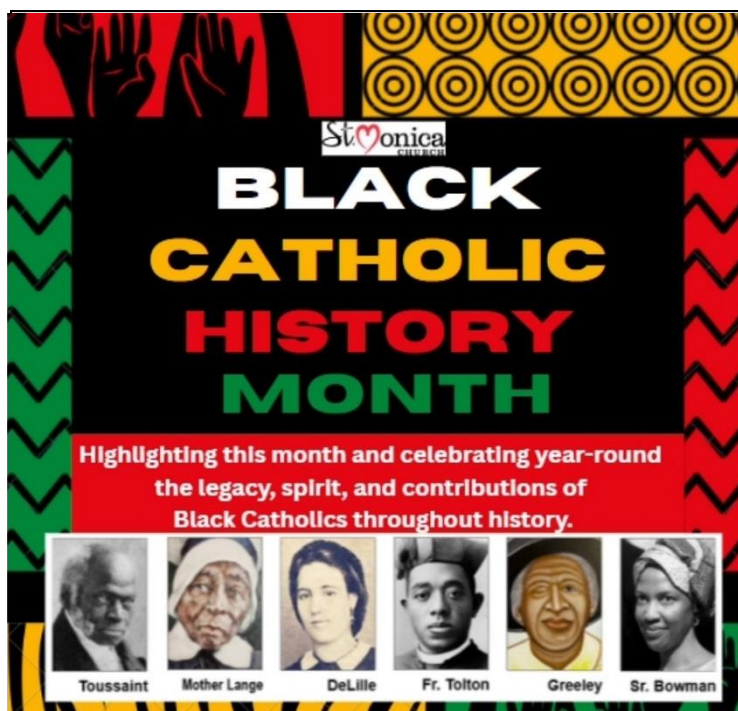


## St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

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 LORD comes to rule the earth,  
he will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity.  
- Psalm 98

November 16, 2025  
33<sup>rd</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. Nov. 15	Finucane Family – Dey Family Manuel Rodriguez Colon – Dorca Rodriguez
Sun. Nov. 16	Ann Moss – Kris Moss
Tues. Nov. 18	Special Intention – Pat Fox Zahn
Wed. Nov. 19	Riley, Sara & Norman Will – Doris Will Meadows
Thur. Nov. 20	All Parishioners
Fri. Nov. 21	Donna Whitehair – Gerry & Kathy Murty
Sat. Nov. 22	Chris C. Wightman – John Delibert Josephine Donoghue – Sara D'Onofrio
Sun. Nov. 23	Mary Walker – Chuck & Ruth Petersdorf



## Remembering Our Loved Ones

A remembrance Mass for all who died and whose funeral Masses were held at St. Monica's in 2025 will be held at our regularly scheduled Masses on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### WE NEED WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions during the week.  
Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

*Let Us Pray*



**Our Sick  
Bernard Fischer**

*Mary Ellen Fischer's brother*

**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 November**

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

**Reilly Family**

*Barbara Passalugo*

**Fox & Zahn Family**

*Pat Fox Zahn*



### CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

**Elnora & James F. Delibert**

*Family*



**Special Intention-Bob & Barbara Passalugo**

*John & JoAnn DeMott*

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD HOLIDAY MASSES

**ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH**

*All Masses ASL interpreted.*

**Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24:  
4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church**

**Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25:  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**

**New Year's Day Mass Thursday, January 1:  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**



**St. Monica  
Church**

ST. MONICA CHURCH  
EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
CORNER OF GENESEE & MONICA STREETS  
ROCHESTER, NY 14609



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/  
ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH  
445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST,  
ROCHESTER, NY 14608

**ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!**

### This Week at St. Monica Church: November 16-23 2025

<b>Sunday, 11/16</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>
<b>Monday, 11/17</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, 11/18</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
<b>Wed., 11/19</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church <b>National Catholic Youth Conference</b>
<b>Thurs., 11/20</b>	<b>National Catholic Youth Conference</b> 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
<b>Friday, 11/21</b>	<b>National Catholic Youth Conference</b> 8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
<b>Saturday, 11/22</b>	<b>National Catholic Youth Conference</b> 4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 11/23</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>

**CMA Goal:**  
**\$25,000**  
**42 Donors**  
**\$7,857 pledged**  
**31% of goal**



As of this date, 42 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!

### Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Peter's Kitchen will be serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings at 681 Brown St. on Thanksgiving Day from noon - 1 pm. Please come and stay for dinner and we'll save you a seat. Take-outs are also available.



Our 6 pilgrims will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference from November 19-23! Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this life-changing journey. Thank you to all who made this experience possible. Join us for a historic moment as we meet Pope Leo via Zoom at NCYC! Anyone is welcome to register and access the live stream. Register here: <https://nfcym.leadlms.com/questionnaires/81>

## Encounter Pope Leo XIV Live at NCYC!

THE ENCOUNTER WILL TAKE PLACE  
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025, AT 10:15 AM ET | 7:15 AM PT

A comprehensive digital experience is available to all in preparation for the encounter! Registration is free and open to all ages.

By registering for the Digital Experience, you'll receive:

- Invitation to a Pre-event gathering on Tuesday, November 11 at 9:00 pm ET | 6:00 pm PT
- Detailed instructions for accessing the livestream
- Post-event resources

The encounter will be broadcast by EWTN, the exclusive multi-cast provider.



Thank you to all who purchased a shirt to support our pilgrims at NCYC! Make sure to wear your shirt to Mass the weekend on November 22 and 23 to show your support for our pilgrims. We will be wearing our shirts during the live stream with Pope Leo XIV!



### 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)

### 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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

### Our Collection: Week of Nov. 9, 2025

Physical collection:	\$7,013
Online giving:	\$761
Total collection this week:	\$7,774
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> :	<b>(\$2,742)</b>
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$7,857 • 31%	

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



## Preparing for Christmas: Hectic or Holy? (Hints for Survival)

"I'll be so glad when Christmas is over! I'm so stressed—haven't finished getting gifts, or baking cookies, or decorating the house—I don't have enough hours in the day! I'm already exhausted". Bummer. Can you relate?

It's easy to get so busy preparing everything that you miss the peace and maybe the point of Advent. There are two major steps we can take beforehand that will help us:

1. Prioritize. What parts of your traditional celebrating are most meaningful to you? When I was a child, each evening my Mom would put beautiful Christmas carols on the phonograph and turn out all the lights except on the Christmas tree and the candles in the window. We'd all sit in the warm glow of the lights, the shimmer of the tinsel and the beautiful music. This is the image of Christmas I remember most (it was also unknowingly my first introduction to contemplative prayer). To this day, this tradition remains the center of my home celebration filling my spirit with peace.

What has the deepest meaning for you? Set aside the rest of your ideas of what Christmas should look like and focus on the grace of the season.

2. Budget for your three expenditures:

- Time—how much time do you have? What are the most important things to do with that time? What can you skip or delegate? Include quiet time for prayer and to savor the season.
- Energy—realistically, how much energy do you have? Where do you want to spend it? (If you're not sure of the answer, how much did you do last year before you were exhausted?)
- Money— Before the late 19th century, the only gifts in children's stockings were candy, nuts and maybe an orange (an exotic treat!). The ideal of piles of presents under the tree grew during the 20th century in step with commercial advertising. So perhaps it's time to step back a bit and focus on the real treat you could give; it may be something that costs no money at all!

-Marilyn Catherine

## Social Justice News

Our December Blue Bag collection will be in the form of Christmas meals provided to SWEM. The meals are meant for families of 3-4 people and include canned fruit, veggies and gravy, soup, fruit juice, instant potatoes, stuffing and a box dessert of Jell-o, pudding, or cake mix. If you can get all the items, please indicate as such with your container. A simple note attached would suffice. Feel free to include touches of your own, such as coffee, tea, candies, mints, or napkins.

Please bring your items in a reusable tote, bag, or laundry basket which could be reused by the recipient! Feel free to decorate your container for Christmas. The collection will happen on December 13 and 14 and can be dropped off BEFORE MASS at the garage behind church. Finally, if you are able, you can write a check made out to SWEM to cover perishable expenses for the Christmas meal.

"The notion of a self-supporting man or woman has become extinct as the man of the Stone Age. Without the help of thousands of others, any of us would die. {those helpers} work in sunlit fields, in dark mines, in the fierce heat of molten lava and among the looms and wheels in countless factories.... Our civilization cannot endure unless, as individuals, we realize our personal responsibility to and dependence upon the rest of the world."

- President Franklin Roosevelt

## Bull's Head Development Public Meeting

The City of Rochester will hold a public meeting to explore possibilities for redeveloping two key sites:

- 95 Ames St., a 14-acre vacant lot
- The area around the Susan B. Anthony House

The meeting is Thursday, November 20, 6pm to 8m, at St. Mary's Health Campus, 89 Genesee Street.

**From the Aquinas Institute:** The AQ Black Student Union (BSU) recently collected non-perishable food items to stock the Little Food Pantry. Each package was decorated with uplifting words and messages to brighten someone's day. Parishioner and senior Marley is the president of the BSU, who, along with the VP, delivered the items to the pantry. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference — thank you to our BSU members for spreading positivity and compassion throughout our community! Congratulations to Marley, who will receive the Hands of Christ award in 2026 along with 3 other St. Monica/ECD seniors!



## St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

19th Ward Convention Friday, November 21



The 19th Ward Community Association's annual convention is Friday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m., in School 16 on Post Ave. Find information tables, local food, a unique silent auction, plus awards for business and citizen of the year. It's a great chance to meet neighbors and represent St. Monica. It's free. Everyone is welcome.

Our parish has a long affiliation with the 19th Ward Community Association. As a social action initiative 60 years ago, we were among the area churches that paid the association's founding expenses in order to fight racist housing practices. Parishioners continue to support the association's efforts by serving as delegates and volunteers.