

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

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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.

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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Black History Month



One of our smallest parishioners pulled her grandmother over to look at the African Americans on the Path to Sainthood display after Communion on February 11.

"I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

– Psalm 116


February 18, 2024

1st Sunday
of Lent

Did you know? Our website, 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.

Confessions Saturdays during lent from 2:30-3:30 or by appointment – call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 17	Lily May Wray - Bill & Kathy Ripperger	
Sun, Feb 18	David Divers - Ed & JoAnn McDonnell	
Tues, Feb 20	All Parishioners	
Wed, Feb 21		
Thurs, Feb 22	Special Intentions Fr. Ray Fleming - Linda Pugliese	
Fri, Feb 23	All Souls	
Sat, Feb 24	Erna & Bill Gall - Peggy Reigelsperger	
Sun, Feb 25	Joan Giblin - Patty & Ed Giblin	
	Special Intention for Foster Nichols - Robert & Kristin Boyd	

Let Us Pray

**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 February



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Vivian Rightmeyer

John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Robert, Doris, & Peter Will

Doris Will Meadows

Carol Wightman

John Delibert

Holy Week 2024

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

Palm Sunday Mass: March 24	9:00 am - Immaculate Conception 10:00 am - St. Monica Church & Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: March 28	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration
Good Friday Service: March 29	Noon - Immaculate Conception 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Easter Vigil: March 30	7:01 pm St. Monica Church

Mass intentions are needed for weekday and weekend Masses. Please call Tracy at the office to schedule a Mass said for a loved one or special intention. A Mass intention is \$10. Call (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

Online Stations of the Cross:

<https://bit.ly/49fh9xc>

This Week at St. Monica Church: February 18-25, 2024

Sunday, 2/18	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 2/19	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 2/20	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 2/21	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 2/22	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 2/23	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 2/24	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/25	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Easter Sunday Mass: March 31

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church
10:15 am - St. Monica Church + Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am - Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
All are welcome, especially you!

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL: \$26,000

As of this date, 90 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 diocese and our parish minister to others. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and think how the Church has brought goodness into your life. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work! Visit www.dor.org to view the video and make your gift.



Go Forth With Christ





Our youth helped Fr. Ray demonstrate inclusion in his homily about God's love on February 11.

On Sunday, February 11, we blessed Dick & Rita Kane on 65 years of marriage! 65 years ago, they had a double wedding right here at St. Monica with her late sister Patricia and brother-in-law Donald. May God bless them and their families and bless the world through them!



This Lent, give to those in need right here in our own community!
All you need to bring is your time and chef skills to help feed the teens in our youth group.
St. Monica will pay for ingredients.
Can you give one Wednesday to help our youth?

CHEFS NEEDED
YOUTH GROUP DINNER


-  → **Wednesdays 6:30 pm**
-  → **Cook and serve dinner to teens**
-  → **Feed physical and spiritual hunger!**
-  → **Donate ingredients or let St. Monica's buy them**

CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO SIGN UP!

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

 [@st.monicachurch](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 with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Emergency Food: If you are in need of emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

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!

Our Collection: Week of February 11, 2024

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/11/2024	2,875	3,567	692
Year-to-Date	115,600	108,766	(6,834)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$222	
CMA	\$26,000	\$19,295	74%

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 online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.



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.

African-Americans Who are on the Path to Sainthood

<https://josephitepastoralcenter.org/>



Pierre Toussaint
(1766-1853)

Pierre Toussaint was born in Haiti and brought to New York City as a slave. He died a free man, a renowned hairdresser, and one of New York City's most well-known Catholics, credited by many with being the father of Catholic Charities in New York.

After the death of his master, Pierre supported his master's widow and other house slaves. He was freed shortly before the widow's death. He generously assisted blacks and whites in need. He and his wife opened their home to orphans and educated them. When urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Pierre responded, "I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others."



Mother Mary Lange
(1787-1882)

Mother Mary Lange was born Elizabeth Clarisse Lange in a French speaking community in Santido de Cuba. By 1813 Elizabeth arrived in Baltimore, Maryland where there were no schools for black children. For many years she offered education for those children in her home.

She is the founder and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first successful religious community for women of African descent. The community educated the youth and slaves who had been purchased and freed, provided a home for orphans & elderly and nursed the terminally ill. During times of poverty and racial injustice, Mother Mary never lost faith in providence. Her perseverance and endurance are signs of her close union with God which she boldly asserted, "Our sole wish is to do the will of God." until she went home to be with Him on February 3, 1882.

Creation Corner

This week and next, we will offer some choices of Lenten practices grounded in our care for the world God gave us. First, you might opt to...

Take the Pledge

In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis calls us in the United States to make personal changes to our consumerist lifestyles, reduce our use of fossil fuels, and advocate for actions addressing the climate crisis. The pledge asks questions about actions you are able to take to care for our common home. Find it at bit.ly/LDActionPledge.

Other invitations:

Lenten Ecological Journeys: This series offers three choices to "deepen your commitment to caring for creation."

Lenten Food-Waste Fast: Receive updates and pointers for living a food-waste free life.

No-Buy Lent: Give up buying non-essential items to make space for the sacred.

Laudato Si' Lent: Journey toward total sustainability by exploring the seven goals of the Laudato Si' Action Platform

Find these at ignatiansolidarity.net.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

How can we bring 'the Light of Christ's presence to a family-operated St. Monica neighborhood business during Lent?

How about bringing home a nice fish dinner this Friday?

Thurston Seafood Takeout

at 419 Thurston Rd. has the neighborhood's best fish fry. Choose haddock, catfish or whiting. Or try breaded jumbo shrimp or scallop dinners, crab sticks or chicken tenders. Sides include coleslaw, fries, mac salad, crab salad, fried okra & onion rings.



Hosts Peter Han & Michelle Kim moved their no-frills business to the 19th Ward a couple years ago, but they have many years of experience preparing seafood.

The shop is super clean and bright. They are open Mon - Sat 10 am to 6:30pm, and 7:30 pm on Fridays. Order for pickup at 448-0049.