

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.

MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY

AND WINTER ACCESSORIES



COME BROWSE
OUR STORE FOR
FREE WINTER COATS
AND ACCESSORIES
FOR ALL AGES!

Monday, January 19, 2:00-4:00 pm

· St. Monica Church ·

831 Genesee St. Rochester, NY 14619

Questions? Contact jessica.tette@dor.org

St. Monica
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Volunteers needed for the coat giveaway! Contact Jessica to help.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

– Psalm 40

January 18, 2026

2nd 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. Jan. 17 Chazz El Nash-Randall – Lynn Fulmore
 Sun. Jan. 18 Helen Huether – Family
 Tues. Jan. 20 Special Intention – Pat Fox Zahn
 Wed. Jan. 21 Special Intention for St. Monica Staff – Jean Button
 Thur. Jan. 22 Frances Uttaro – Sisters at Mulberry Street
 Fri. Jan. 23 All Parishioners
 Sat. Jan. 24 Michael Higgins – Barbara Higgins
 Sun. Jan. 25 People & Families that have special needs



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.

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BOARD GAME DAY AT ST. MONICA'S

Sunday, February 1

1:00-4:00 pm in the rectory dining room
For all ages!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pizza lunch will be provided.



Let Us Pray



Our Deceased
Robert Collins
Judy Collins' husband

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 January



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Mary Ann Donovan
John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Three Police Officers
injured in 19th Ward shooting
and all police officers

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:

Jan. 18-25, 2026

Sunday, 1/18	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/19	MLK Day – Office Closed 2:00-4:00 pm - MLK Day Coat Giveaway, Narthex 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 1/20	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 1/21	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 12:00 pm – Building & Grounds Meeting, Rectory 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 1/22	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 1/23	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 1/24	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 1/25	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

CMA Goal:
\$25,000
77 Donors
\$19,094 pledged
76% of goal



*Together
We Bring
Hope*
...and Hope does
not disappoint

2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Go to www.dor.org • View the video
See how the funds are distributed
Make your gift

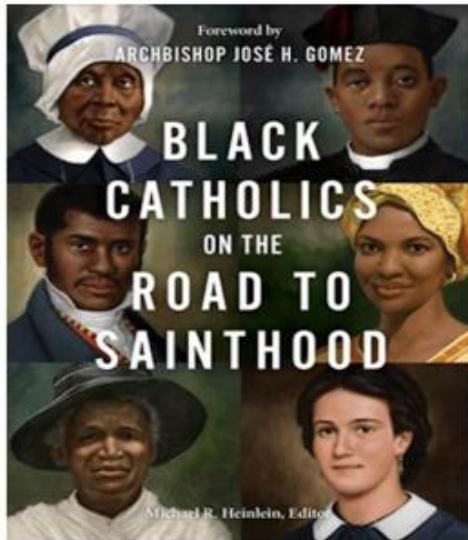
As of this date,
77 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank
those who have given generously and ask all who
have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.
The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many
ways. Please consider all the ways that God has
blessed you and your family, and how 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!

Seeking a Children's Liturgy Leader

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 1st or 3rd 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 to answer the Holy Spirit's call!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



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 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)**

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

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

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send submissions by 4pm on Sundays: monicabulletin@dor.org with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Our Collection: Last 3 weeks

12/28/25	\$3,002
1/4/26	\$6,156
1/11/26	\$3,222
Year-to-date expenses:	\$294,448
Year-to-date Deficit:	(\$189,564)
CMA goal: \$25,000	• Given: \$19,094 • 76%

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 victimsassistance@dor.org.

In last week's column, we wrote about eco-anxiety as being heightened emotional, mental or physical distress in response to dangerous changes in the climate. This week we explore how parents can help their children deal with eco-anxiety.

On the UNICEF website, psychotherapist Carolyn Hickman wrote that "children and young people are affected more than adults. They are still developing physically and emotionally. They are also impacted more because climate change is affecting their whole future — studying, school and future careers. They are dependent on adults, as they often have limited economic and political power to directly influence action on climate change."

Hickman stated that the most important thing a parent can do is talk with their children, ask them how they feel and what they think, and validate their experiences, even if the parent doesn't fully share it. Parents should teach their children how to be okay in a world that does not feel okay by saying, "You do not have to be happy about what is happening, but you need to find meaning and focus on what we still have in this world. Take care of it, value it, love and appreciate it."

The Creation Stewards at St. Monica's recommend that people consider reading key Bible passages and thinking or talking about how they may be reassuring. Parents could also do this with their children. Here are a few:

Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

1 Peter 5:7: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Psalm 37:5: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act."

John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled; neither let them be afraid."

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The light of Christ's presence in our neighborhood shines brighter thanks to dedicated people like Dr. Colleen Gordon.

Dr. Gordon was recently presented the 19th Ward Community Association's 2025 Merchant of the Year by parishioner Mary Fran Kolbuc.

After earning her doctorate in dentistry from Howard University, Dr. Gordon in 1982 opened a modest dental practice at 612 Thurston Rd. 44 years later, despite physical challenges, she continues to serve neighborhood families! Some of her current patients are the grandchildren of her first customers.



Dr. Gordon emphasized her commitment to the 19th Ward and is glad to accept new patients. Visit CMGordonDDS.com or call 328-5029.

Social Justice News

The tragic death of Renee Good in Minnesota and the ensuing debate over where the fault lies have led Catholics to consider how they can take a stand for social justice in our country. Our vice president laid the blame for the death on the woman herself and the "radicals who teach people that immigration is the one type of law that rioters are allowed to interfere with." This would hardly be considered a Christian viewpoint much less a Catholic one, since we believe that ALL humans are made in God's image and have inherent dignity even while protesting unjust government policies and practices. Such protesting should not carry with it a death sentence.

What We Can Do:

Immigration/deportation efforts are spiraling out of control. Calls to our NYS elected officials are even more critical to help protect our communities as best we possibly can.

On Monday, January 12, people from across the State lobbied in Albany on these issues. We can amplify their message by doing the following:

Call Gov. Hochul, your State Senator and Assembly Member, and leaders Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Carl Heastie and say: "I want you to take IMMEDIATE action in January 2026 to pass NY4All, the MELT Act, and other legislation to protect our immigrant neighbors and all of us from illegal immigration activities." If you call outside office hours, leave a message.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie

District Office 718-654-6539
Albany Office 518-455-3791

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Albany Office: (518) 455-2585; (518) 455-2715
District Office (914) 423-4031
NYC Office (212) 298-5585

Governor Kathy Hochul

518-474-8390

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 at danlill126@gmail.com or 585-313-6027.

Would you like to use your gifts of organization and working with others to help our parish community?

Be a sacristan! Sacristans assist in preparing the church for the celebration of Mass and help clean up afterwards. This ministry involves ensuring that the gifts for communion are prepared in the back and that the side table (credenza table) is set with the items the priest and altar servers require. The sacristan will also select and guide members of the congregation to bring up the gifts to the altar, light the Advent wreath, and other such seasonal Mass ministries.

We need your gifts for this important ministry! If you are interested, please contact Bob Engle at 329-6313 or robertgngle@gmail.com. Thank you!