

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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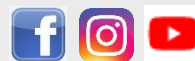
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Walk with us on:



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.

Happy Father's Day!



Bishop Bonnici presents Gerry and Kathy Murty with an orchid in recognition of their 70 years of marriage during the annual Marriage Recognition Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral June 14. Photo from the Catholic Courier.

Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!
- Jeremiah 20

June 21, 2026

12th 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. June 20 Special Intention for Kim May’s Birthday – John Delibert
Charles Kase – Children & Grandchildren
- Sun. June 21 For All Living & Deceased Fathers
- Tues. June 23 Nelson Neill – Jean Button
- Wed. June 24 Special Intentions for people struggling with life’s challenges
- Thur. June 25 James Ives – Dorothy Schwind
- Fri. June 26 All Parishioners
- Sat. June 27 Carol L. Wightman – John Delibert
Joseph Siracusa – Tony & Maria Dambra
- Sun. June 28 Daniel Tasciotti – Jane Tasciotti
Bob Mulcahy – Ed & JoAnn McDonnell



The Westside Farmers Market has begun!

We need 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth each week. **Please sign up** by emailing Jessica.tette@dor.org – so we can evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday until October 6th.



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Harold Austin

Our Deceased
Fr. Robert Bradler

Pastor of St. Augustine from 1971-1973,
Celebrated Mass on Sundays for over 10 years
at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s

Those who are housing vulnerable

- An end to racism
- An end to war
- Caregivers
- 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 June

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Robert, Doris & Peter Will
Doris Will Meadows



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Birthday Blessings for
Fr. Ray Fleming
& Mary Ellen Fischer

“SING TO HIM, SING PRAISES TO HIM; TELL OF ALL HIS WONDROUS WORKS”
PSALMS 105:2

4TH ANNUAL ST MONICA'S SUMMER CONCERT



SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 / 4-6:30PM
ST. MONICA CHURCH - 831 GENESEE ST.,
ROCHESTER, NY 14611

Celebrating the diverse musical gifts of
St Monica Church and friends, featuring
St Monica's Gospel Choir, Marvin Rogers,
Nate Rawls Community Jazz Band, String
Ensembles, and special guests



Please contact
angela.nkugwa@dor.org
for additional
information.

This Week at St. Monica Church: June 21-28, 2026

Sunday, 6/21	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour for Deacon Brian, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 6/22	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 6/23	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 6/24	8:00 am –Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church
Thurs., 6/25	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 6/26	8:00 am –Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 6/27	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 6/28	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

Garden Helpers Needed

Thank you so much for those who have adopted a garden to maintain at St. Monica. There are still some orphan gardens that could use a little tender care. If you like gardening, spending time outdoors and caring for plants, please consider helping to keep our parish grounds welcoming. Just a few hours a week on small tasks in God's creation will make an amazing difference. Please contact JoAnn DeMott at (585) 313-2614 for more information.



THANK YOU to our wonderful catechists who have worked with our youth all year!

Youth group: **Charles Arnell**
Amy Taylor
Alexandra Arnell
Tiera Divers

Children's Liturgy: **Karen Taylor**

Let's not forget our **parents** of kids and teens, who are their children's first catechists!

God, thank you for the gift of catechists, teachers who show our youth the amazing love of God every day. Thank you for giving them gifts and calling them to share those gifts. Our church is strengthened when we use our gifts for the good of the community. Our children give us hope for the future of the church. Our catechists foster that hope. Please bless them as they have blessed us with their presence, talents, joy, and love! AMEN!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026

AUGUST 10-14
8:45am-noon * Grades preK4-7
Free + lunch included
Online registration form: stmonicaofrochester.org

LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Congratulation Deacon Brian for 40 years as a Deacon in the Diocese of Rochester! During most of the 40 years, he has served the communities of St. Augustine & St. Monica's. God bless him!

Follow Jesus with us:
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/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

What can we do to make St. Monica's a more inviting place?

Attendance June 6/June 7	182
Attendance May 30/May 31	162
Attendance May 23/ May 24	151
2026 YTD Average Attendance	163
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

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!

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. Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email 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 with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

How do I give my offering?

- Weekly offering envelopes,** cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to **St. Monica Church**
34 Monica St.
Rochester, NY 14619



- OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.

- 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.

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 victimassistance@dor.org.

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Sadly, national immigration enforcement policies are impacting nearby businesses. The photo below shows an ICE raid last week on Ecuatlatino Multiservices at 661 Thurston Road.

Ecuatlatino Multiservices offers financial services, foods, snacks, and beverages imported from Ecuador. They serve a growing South American community in Rochester. There are no details yet about the Ecuadorian couple who operated the store.



ICE has raided several other local businesses and homes.



ICE WATCH!

ICE has been very active in the 19th Ward this week!

See ICE? Call the RRRN hotline:
(585)420-6471

Have some free time?

Help monitor your neighborhood and keep an eye out.

WATCH FOR:

- New SUVs or other vehicles, often dark-colored with tinted windows
- Vehicles repeatedly circling blocks or driving unusually slowly
- Multiple vehicles gathering around a home or apartment building
- Unmarked vehicles parked and watching a location

Know Your Rights

What can you do if ICE shows up?

- If ICE is on your property, ask if they have a signed judicial warrant. Without one, you can tell them to leave.
- If ICE is trying to enter a home or vehicle, ask whether they have a signed judicial warrant.
- Record, photograph, and document what is happening from a safe distance.
- Alert your neighbors that ICE is present.
- Let targeted community members know they have the right to remain silent and do not have to answer questions.

Community safety starts with community solidarity. Know your rights. Know your neighbors. Look out for each other.

Social Justice News

Blue Bags will be handed out this weekend and will be for SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries) which supports people in the southwest area of the city who are in need for a variety of reasons. This month they are requesting the following: instant and perked coffee (no K cups), Jell-o and pudding, oatmeal, canned meat (like tuna), chili, stew, whole wheat pasta, canned fruit and veggies, rice and quinoa.

Death Penalty: On June 11th, Jeffery Lee won a reprieve from Alabama's intended use of nitrous gas to kill him. This is only temporary as Alabama is appealing and may also ask to be able to use other means for the execution. For the latest information, go to www.eji.org.

A Prayer to Abolish the Death Penalty

God of compassion,
You let your rain fall on the just and the unjust.
Expand and deepen our hearts
So that we may love as You love,
Even those among us
Who have caused the greatest pain by taking life.

For there is in our land a great cry for vengeance
As we fill up death rows and kill the killers
In the name of justice, in the name of peace
Jesus, our brother
you suffered execution at the hands of the state
But you did not let hatred overcome you.
Help us reach out to victims of violence
So that our enduring love may help them heal.

Holy Spirit of God,
You strengthen us in the struggle for justice,
Help us to work tirelessly
for the abolition of state-sanctioned death
and to renew our society in its very heart
So that violence will be no more.
Amen.

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 or 585-313-6027.



***Human dignity
has no passport,
nor does it lose
its value when
crossing a border.***

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