

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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Rochester, NY 14619

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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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*Deacon Matt, Deacon Pat, Fr. Ray, and Deacon Rick
from St. Monica, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
pose for a photo on Holy Thursday.*

What a blessing to join our 3 churches together for Holy Week!

“We have seen the Lord.”

- John 20

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday
of Easter

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. Apr. 11 Lillian Kase – Children & Grandchildren
Patti Grant-Zollo – Family
- Sun. Apr. 12 Chay Chamberlain – John & JoAnn DeMott
Bob Mulcahy – Dorothy Schwind
- Tues. Apr. 14 No Mass or Communion Service
- Wed. Apr. 15 No Mass or Communion Service
- Thur. Apr. 16 Bernardine Gordon – Ed & Patty Giblin
- Fri. Apr. 17 All Parishioners
- Sat. Apr. 18 Frederick Nash, Sr. – Lynn Fulmore
Domenico D’Onofrio - Family
- Sun. Apr. 19 Carl & Pat Zahn – Pat Fox Zahn



Easter blessings to all!



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Richard Lourette

- 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 April

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Karen Scherzi
Children/Family

Special Intention
Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Mary LoCastro
Linda LoCastro

We Need Weekly and Weekend Mass Intentions!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a birthday,

**This Week at St. Monica Church:
April 12-19, 2026**

Sunday, 4/12	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 4/13	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 4/14	No Mass
Wed., 4/15	No Mass 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 4/16	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 4/17	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 4/18	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 4/29	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church



Dear parishioners,
Congratulations! St. Monica has met its Catholic Ministries Appeal goal. Your wonderful, wonderful support allows our community to continue its ministry. Thank you for all your love for St. Monica!
 Love, Fr. Ray



We are still collecting cans and bottles as an ongoing fundraiser for our youth programming!
 Bring your cans and bottles to the office or church or bring them directly to the donation center at 2374 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 and tell them it is for St. Monica's. Thank you for your generosity! We love you!

There are only 5 youth group Wednesdays that need coverage for this academic year. Can you help? Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org!

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.

Save the Date: Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and St. Monica Church at the Red Wings game

Tuesday, July 28th @ 6:00 pm
Tickets are \$6 and will go on sale in June

Our youth will sing the national anthem to start the game!



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org



Let's make every Sunday's attendance like Easter Sunday!

Attendance Easter Sunday	430
Attendance Palm Sunday	318
Attendance Mar 21/Mar 22	215
2026 YTD Average Attendance	191
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$25,000 • 100%	

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..

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?

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.



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.

Creation Corner

Spinach is normally considered an extremely healthy vegetable, rich in a variety of vitamins including A, C and K, but spinach has the dubious distinction of having more pesticide residue by weight than any other type of produce, according to the Environmental Working Group.

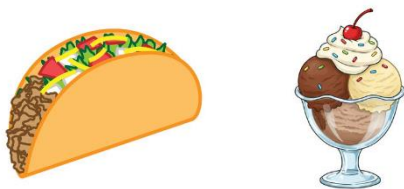
After spinach, the most contaminated were kale/collard/mustard greens, strawberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, cherries, apples, blackberries, pears, potatoes, and blueberries, in that order, making up the EWG's annual list of the "Dirty Dozen." Highlights of the EWG annual report include that 96% of Dirty Dozen samples contained pesticides; a total of 203 different pesticides were detected on these crops; PFAS (forever chemical) pesticides appeared on 63 percent of Dirty Dozen samples.

To counter the list of pesticide-laden foods, EWG also released its annual "Clean Fifteen" list. Tests found the lowest pesticide levels in pineapple, sweet corn, avocados, papaya, onions, sweet peas, asparagus, cabbage, cauliflower, watermelon, mangoes, bananas, carrots, mushrooms, and kiwi.

Children are especially vulnerable to pesticide exposure during pregnancy and early life. The Environmental Protection Agency, under the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act, requires extra safety protections for children, but EWG research has found that regulators often fail to apply these safeguards consistently.

EWG recommends buying organic versions of Dirty Dozen produce when possible and choosing conventional options from the Clean Fifteen and washing all fruits and vegetables before eating – even organic ones, which may contain dirt residue. For a free, printable wallet-size guide to the lists, go to <https://www.ewg.org/foodnews/full-list.php> and fill out the form to have it emailed to you.

Welcome to Spring Party!



All are welcome to a make your own taco & ice cream sundae party to welcome spring on Sunday, April 26th right after the 10:15 Mass in the rectory dining room. Come hungry and ready to have a fun time!

Notre Dame Retreat House Events

5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua

FREE Senior Luncheons & Presentations, 11:30-1pm

April 24: Rest...It is More Than Sleep

May 15: Home Safety for Older Adults & Caregivers

June 19: Scripture Soaking/Immersive Prayer

Call 585 394-5700 for reservations.

Fundraiser- Wine & Dinner

Around the World with Mary:

(an international full-course dinner)

May 8, 5:30, Tickets \$85 per person

RSVP 585 394-5700 by April 24

Social Justice News

Blue Bags: Our collection for April will be for our neighbor, Monica Place. Bags will be distributed on the weekend of the 18th & 19th with the collection being the following weekend. Full details and list of specific needs will be published next week.

Be The Change: The Sisters of Mercy offer a variety of programs to assist in our learning about social justice issues. On Sunday, April 19th from 2:00-4:00 PM at St Anne's church hall on Mt. Hope Avenue, they will host "Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Community Panel on Immigration and Nonviolence." Mayor Evans will open the program and Sr. Barbara Moore will moderate a panel including folks from the City of Rochester, the Sheriff's department, the Ghandi Institute, and Refugee Resettlement Services. For information, call 585-473-6893 or visit www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org.

Catholic Social Teaching: The CST Video Series is a 7-part video series beautifully explaining the meaning and practical application of social justice concepts. Each video is only a few minutes long and features leaders in the specific area discussed in that video: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/cst-101-catholic-social-teaching-video-series>. Try it, you'll like it!!

Last Call: If you or someone you know have suffered a loss and might be interested in a grief support group, we would like to start one at St Monica for family and friends. Your loss could be of a spouse, a child, a job or a dream. The group will be confidential and will attempt to help us deal with our individual losses either recent or the distant past. Contact Dan at 585-313-6027 or danlill126@gmail.com.

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.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Rochester Police Department is not really a business, but the organization provides an important service! Here are a few RPD friends who focus on St. Monica's immediate community.

Lt. Bing Reaves, Jr. commands a small staff of Crime Prevention Officers (CPOs) whose offices are just 2 blocks away at 923 Genesee St. They are a unique part of RPD's Community Affairs Bureau. Instead of answering 911 calls, they work directly with neighbors on everyday issues.



CPOs Kelly Lusk and Jim LaRuez operate from 923 Genesee St. Their tasks range from helping the homeless and working with residents, businesses and youth (including visiting St. Monica's VBS events). Call them at 428-7630.



Capt. Mike Jones commands the Genesee Patrol Section. Patrol has the difficult and dangerous job of responding to 911 calls 24-7, 365. When not racing to emergencies, their cars sometimes pause in our parking lot to file reports on their mobile PCs.

