

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.



Volunteers bring smiles for our annual MLK Day Coat Giveaway on Monday, January 19th. Story on page 3.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.
— Psalm 27

January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Due by 4pm Sunday prior

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Meg Lute

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Bob Passalugo

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. 24	Michael Higgins – Barbara Higgins	
Sun. Jan. 25	People & Families that have special needs	
Tues. Jan. 27	All Parishioners	
Wed. Jan. 28	Joseph Robinson – Mary Robinson	
Thur. Jan. 29	Birthday Blessings for Molly Clemans – Patty & Ed Giblin	
Fri. Jan. 30	David Divers – Gerry & Kathy Murty	
Sat. Jan. 31	Henry McGinnis – Jean Button	
Sun. Feb. 1	Lawrence Walsh – Sandy Chamberlain	

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

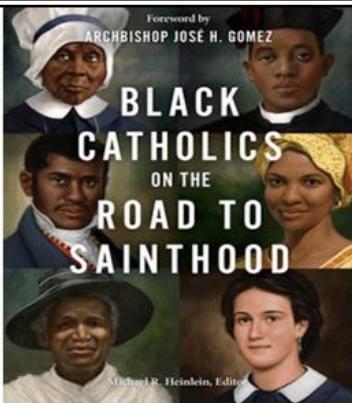


Studies show that food is an important factor in youth group attendance!



Let's support our teens on their faith journey!

Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.



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)**

Let Us Pray



Our Sick

Dorothy Schwind

Sister Elaine Englert

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!

+ Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

This Week at St. Monica Church:

Jan. 25-Feb 1, 2026

Sunday, 1/25	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/26	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 1/27	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 1/28	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 1/29	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 1/30	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 1/31	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/1	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:00-4:00 pm – Board Game Day, Dining Room

About the Scholarship Ministry by Barbara Higgins
Catholic education challenges students to strive for excellence, to make choices based on the Gospels, to honor diversity, and to serve others. To encourage families to enroll a child in Catholic school, our parish grants awards to registered parishioners:

o \$1000 each year to students in Grades K - 4

o \$500 each year to students in Grades 5 - 8

The scholarship fund is a separate investment fund overseen by the St. Monica Finance Committee. Over 40 students have received scholarships since 2006. The scholarship has changed over the years — originally, it was dedicated to Catholic high school students, but now scholarships encourage enrollment of our youngest parishioners. There is no financial requirement or limit. I chose to work in this ministry because I am a grateful graduate of Catholic education from Grade 1 through college. I observed the sacrifices of not only parents, but teachers and elders who valued the experience of Catholic education. Going forward, I would like to encourage familiarity with events at our Catholic schools. Schools have concerts, plays, and sporting events that are both entertaining and encouraging for students. For all students, regardless of where they are enrolled, I'd like to have a September and/or June Mass to celebrate the school year.

Would you like to help? Email Barbara Higgins at higgins@alum.rpi.edu

Breaking news! Nazareth Elementary School, which several of our students attend, has an open house February 7, 10AM - 12PM.

Our annual MLK Day Coat Giveaway was full of smiles and warmth despite blizzard-like conditions! Guests and volunteers alike enjoyed hot cocoa, s'mores, music, and community while finding needed winter gear. A huge thanks to everyone who made the day so special! May we all continue, individually and as a group, to live out Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call to peace through justice and love!



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/stmonica_church)

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.

Our Collection: Week of Jan 18, 2026

Physical collection:	\$2,613
Online giving:	\$580
Total collection this week:	\$3,193
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/Deficit:	(\$7,323)
CMA goal:	\$25,000 • Given: \$19,294 • 77%

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.

The legislative season has begun for New York State but yet, there is only one act concerning the environment pending in the legislature. Last year, the full Senate and all the Assembly committees passed the **Packaging Reduction, Recycling and Infrastructure Act**, but the act wasn't brought for a vote by the whole Assembly. The act will not have to go through all the committees again and the act's sponsors (there are many) will be pushing for passage.

In addition, in her State of the State address, the Governor has included several items designed to help the environment and to deal with climate change. These include:

- Continued investment in the **Environmental Protection Fund** to safeguard our water, farmland and forests.
- Increased commitment to **Clean Water Projects** which will replace lead service lines.
- Mitigating **flood risks**, investing in **Coastal Resiliency Plans** and **Waterfront Revitalization Plans**.
- **NY State Parks Trade Corps**: This is a pilot which will provide participants experience and paid training in high demand trades while restoring parks and recreation areas.

We will be following all these bills and proposals throughout the budget and legislative processes.

Help Our Kids Grow Closer to God!

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!



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

St. Monica parishioners are invited to join in the 19th Ward Community Association's 39th annual neighborhood "Candlelight Dinners" on the evening of February 7. Guests sign up to gather at various 19th Ward host homes for an evening of food and friendship. It's a great way to meet neighbors and share your passion for our St. Monica community.

Here's how it works: The hosts generally provide the main course. Guests sign up to bring a side dish, dessert or beverage, and may state any dietary needs. Hosts contact guests with details for their exact dinner time and place. 61 participated last year. Organizers hope for 100 participants this year.



Sign up to be a guest or a host by contacting Carol Kramer at cakramer355@gmail.com or 585-749-1054 by January 28. Include your email, phone, dietary needs, and any questions.

Social Justice News

MLK: Last Week and Every Week: This past Sunday and Monday, we commemorated the birthday of Rev. Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. On Sunday, we listened to some of his most memorable words from his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, and then on Monday, we acted on those words at our annual MLK Day Coat Giveaway. To read about the history of the speech, to hear it and to read it in its entirety, visit: <https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkihaveadream.htm>

Contact Info: Last week, we asked for calls to be made to various NYS officials in regard to immigration and deportation issues. Federal elected officials can also be contacted not only on this issue but on others as well. Here is the contact information for our federal officials. Keep this info handy for reference on various issues.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

202-224-4451

Kirsten.Gillibrand@senate.gillibrand.senate.gov

Rep. Joseph Morelle

(202) 225-3615

morelle.house.gov

Sen. Chuck Schumer

(202) 224-6542

schumer.senate.gov

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.



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 robertgengle@gmail.com. Thank you!