

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

- Matthew 11

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

COVID Updates

- All are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled Masses in person.
- We follow the NYS and Monroe County guidelines for COVID-19.
- Please continue to use hand sanitizer.
- The Sign of Peace will remain contactless.
- Congregational singing is welcome!

**Confessions by appointment –
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 11	Elnora Delibert - John Delibert
Sun, Feb 13	Ehmann & Ott Family - Andrea Ehmann
Tues, Feb 14	Lydia Livingston - Sandy Chamberlain
Wed, Feb 15	
Thurs, Feb 16	Carl Zahn - Pat Fox-Zahn
Fri, Feb 17	All Parishioners
Sat, Feb 18	Charles & Lillian Kase - Children & Grandchildren
Sun, Feb 19	Carl Zahn - Barb Borgus



**We are at 78% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$23,000.
Thank you for any way you can help our community reach its goal!**

I Am With You Always
Matthew 28:20

2022-2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



Every dollar received in the CMA is used directly or indirectly to fund ministries affecting every Catholic and faith community in the diocese.

Go to www.dor.org • View the video

• See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift

+ Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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

8:00 am Mass + Ashes **St. Monica Church**

11-11:15 am Ashes **St. Monica parking lot**

12-12:15 pm Ashes **St. Monica parking lot**

1-1:15 pm Ashes **St. Monica parking lot**

6:00 pm Mass + Ashes **Immaculate Conception/
St. Bridget's Church**

445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



Let Us Pray

Our Deceased
Linda Nash

Lynn Fulmore's mother

An end to racist beliefs and systems

All those affected by violence



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. and Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for February

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Carl Zahn

Pat Fox-Zahn



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Carol Wightman

John Delibert



**Happy
Valentine's Day!**



**This Week at St. Monica Church:
February 12-19, 2023**

Sunday, 2/12	10:15 am – Mass, Church & Livestream 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 2/13	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 2/14	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 2/15	8:00 am – Mass, Church 11:00 am – Finance Council and Buildings Group meeting, Rectory 6:30 pm – Youth Group
Thursday, 2/16	12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Restaurant: 885 Buffalo Rd. 12:10 pm – Mass, Church 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 2/17	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 2/18	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/19	10:15 am – Mass, Church & Livestream 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Vacation Bible School Day

February 21, 2023 · Ages 4+

8:45 AM-3:45 PM (lunch included)

Questions: jessica.tette@dor.org



Join us for a
VBS Day
of self-care!
Experience all the
VBS activities you
know and love
plus a spa, movie,
Mass, and more.

Register at stmonicaofrochester.org

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](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) TO SIGN UP!



Congratulations to our Hands of Christ Award recipients:

Emily Carter

Maya Rouse



Hands of Christ recognizes high-school seniors who have been the hands of Christ in their home, school, and church communities. We are grateful for Maya's and Emily's leadership and example!

Follow Jesus with us:

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@st.monicachurch



St. Monica Church - Mass

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 and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624, please contact the **SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491**. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

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 (www.stmonicaofrochester.org) 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 Feb 5, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/5/2023	3,538	2,422	(1,116)
Year-to-Date	112,938	108,939	(3,999)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$206	
CMA	\$23,000	\$17,960	78%

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 Houseal
585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

Like Jesus, Sister Dorothy Stang knew they were going to kill her if she continued to work on behalf of her people, continued to work toward her vision, and for our helpless planet. There was never a question that she would continue with that work.

For almost 40 years, Dorothy Stang, an American and a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, worked in the "Wild West" of Brazil, at one with "her people": fighting for the rights and happiness of "the poorest of the poor." Her energy was boundless. Her devotion single-minded. Her heart open and trusting. She was, by all accounts, creative, savvy, fearless, and stubborn as a mule.

After years of witnessing the land wars, the devastation of the rainforest, and the dead-end lives of the poor, it became increasingly clear to Dorothy that the traditional practices of slash-and-burn agriculture were unsustainable and that a totally new way of working with the land was needed. She needed to help create a new relationship with the earth and with each other.

Sister Dorothy Stang was murdered in the early morning of Feb. 12, 2005. Her killers intercepted her on her way to prepare for a meeting to talk about the future of the Esperanca project of sustainable development. "We've worked hard for this moment," she had told the settlers the night before, "and now we can all take a little time out together to dream." Confronted by the two men pointing the gun at her, Dorothy pulled out her Bible, calmly opened it and began to read: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness." The silence of the forest was shattered by the gunshot and Dorothy fell to the ground.

Global Witness reports in the past decade 1,733 people protecting rights to land and environment around the globe were murdered. Just 1% of the perpetrators have been convicted.


Let us pray remembering Dorothy Stang's words, "Only a profound change in our way of living - our values and attitudes - can bring new life to our world. Together we can make a difference bringing peace, joy, caring, love to our world that is losing sight of our guiding star- the goodness of the real God."

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your divine love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be recreated and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Mark your calendars! After our 2022 Earth Protectors Vacation Bible School, our very own teens wanted to learn

more about how we recycle in our county. Join our youth group for this event and help us protect our common home!





READY, SET, RECYCLE!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
6:30 PM · ST. MONICA CHURCH

Join Meagan Evans-Saurini, the Environmental Educator for Monroe County's Department of Environmental Services, to learn more about the County's recycling programs, including the Monroe County / Waste Management Ecopark.

Bring your questions to get answers as time permits!

Learn more with recycling-based activities following the presentation facilitated by the Creation Stewards team.

Black History Is American History

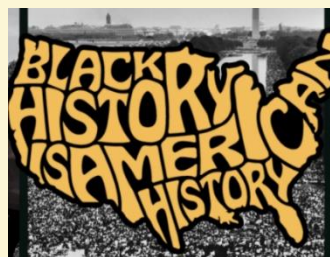
The theme for Black History Month 2023 is Black Resistance. In honor the legacy of Black Resistance, we've published a Black History Month calendar that features Black scholars, justice-seekers, legal advocates, and others who bravely carried the cross of Black Resistance, each day this month.

"By resisting, Black people have achieved triumphs, successes, and progress as seen in the end of chattel slavery, dismantling of Jim and Jane Crow segregation in the South, increased political representation at all levels of government, desegregation of educational institutions, the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and more. Black resistance strategies have served as a model for every other social movement in the country."

- *The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASLAH)*

See the calendar here:

<https://networklobby.org/black-history-month-2023/>



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Recognizing Black History Month, here is a well-known businessperson who is a living part of Rochester's Black History and resides just a block from our church.

Pollocks Alternator & Starter, at 271 Genesee St., has been the neighborhood's go-to place for car troubles for the past 38 years. Owner Lonnie Pollocks repairs all kinds of minor problems in his neat one-bay repair shop.

A young Lonnie Pollocks was part of the Great Migration, coming from Sanford, FL. Rochester's treatment of Black arrivals was harsh, but his mechanical skills landed him a job at Delco. He learned everything about automotive electrical systems, and in 1985 opened his own business.

Looking and acting much younger than his 84 years, his hundreds of local customers refuse to let him retire. Got a car problem? Call ahead at 436-8208.

