

# 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

Office: (585) 235-3340

Fax: 235-8315

Emergency Line: (585) 412-3913

[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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](http://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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*Due by 4pm Sunday prior*

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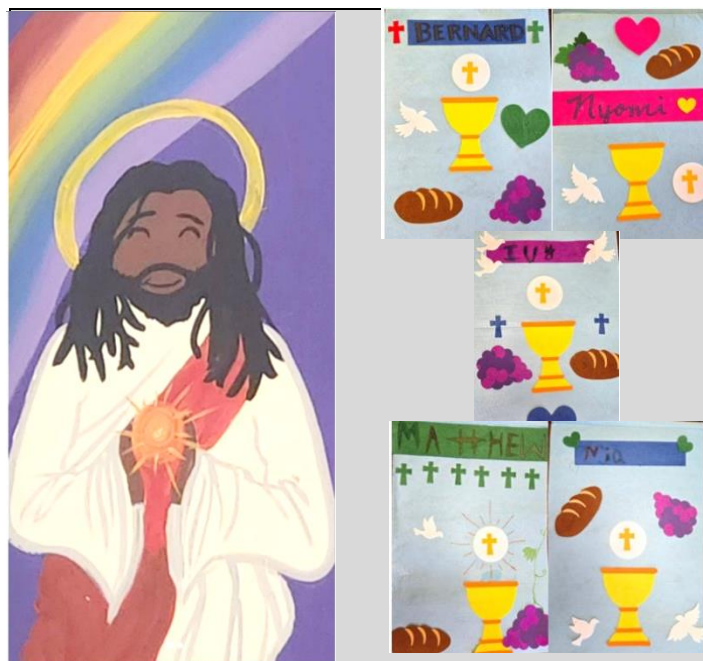
Jake Hart

Mary Fran Kolbuc

Meg Lute

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Bob Passalugo



Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world."

- John 6

June 7, 2026

# The Feast of Corpus Christi

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](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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

### Weekly Mass Intentions

- Sat. June 6 Patti Grant-Zollo – Family  
Special Intention/Happy Anniversary for Pat & Larry Battisti - Dan & Maureen Angeline
- Sun. June 7 Special Intention for Mary Ellen Fischer Birthday – John Delibert Rose Marcello – Ed & JoAnn McDonnell
- Tues. June 9 Special Intention – In gratitude for the staff at St. Monica Church – Jean Button
- Wed. June 10
- Thur. June 11 For the safety of Immigrants
- Fri. June 12 Dawn Murty – Kathy & Gerry Murty
- Sat. June 13 All Parishioners
- Sun. June 14 Students of the Parish – Barbara Higgins  
Special Intention for Ed & JoAnn McDonnell - Family



*Let Us Pray*



**Our Sick**  
Fr. Bob Werth

**Our Deceased**  
Kam-Shun Chau  
Connie Chau's father

**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



**Our church emergency number  
has been changed to  
(585) 412-3913.**

"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](mailto:angela.nkugwa@dor.org) for additional information.

### 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](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) – so we can evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday until October 6<sup>th</sup>.



### This Week at St. Monica Church: June 7-14, 2026

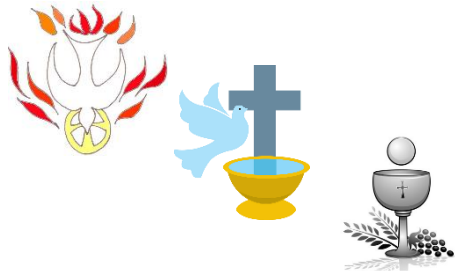
<b>Sunday, 6/7</b>	10:15 am – First Communion Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
<b>Monday, 6/8</b>	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)
<b>Tuesday, 6/9</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 7:00 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting, Rectory
<b>Wed., 6/10</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
<b>Thurs., 6/11</b>	12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Buffalo Road 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
<b>Friday, 6/12</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
<b>Saturday, 6/13</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 6/14</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

### Sacraments Abound!

Congratulations to **Chris**, who got confirmed last week! We are so proud of him. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire his life and those whose lives he touches!



And congratulations to **Bernard, Nyomi, and Nia**, who were baptized this week, and to **Bernard, Nyomi, and Nia, Ivy, and Matthew**, who received their First Communion this week! May God bless all these youth on their faith journeys!



25 St. Monica youth will journey to Camp Stella Maris this summer for a week of unforgettable fun! Your generosity has allowed our St. Monica youth to attend Camp Stella Maris over the last several years, yielding life-changing experiences and opportunities. This year at CSM, they get to see Emmanuel Torres, youth group participant and parishioner who was hired as a camp counselor! Kids will also get to see Fr. Ray, who will celebrate Mass twice over the summer. **We need your help to ensure that kids have all the camp supplies they need for the week!** If you can support our youth's camp experience, please contact Jessica at [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org). Thank you so much for supporting our youths' spiritual, emotional, social, moral, and physical development!



### ELECTION DATES and TIMES

- The Primary Election 2026 is June 23, 6am-9pm.
- The General Election 2026 is November 3, 6am-9pm.
- Early Voting -Hours Sat. Sun. Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9am-5pm, Tues. & Thurs. 12noon-8pm
- The Primary Election Early Voting dates: June13-21
- The General Election Early Voting dates: Oct. 24-Nov.1.

For early polling places, to vote early by mail, or to obtain an absentee/accessible ballot visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections-earlyvoting>.



Thank you for your generosity – we have more food containers than we could ever imagine! Please note that **we no longer need plastic food containers**. Thank you!

### Follow Jesus with us:

[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://www.stmonicaofrochester.org)

[@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

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

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

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

<b>Attendance May 30/May 31</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Attendance May 23/ May 24</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Attendance May 16/May 17</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>2026 YTD Average Attendance</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>2025 Full Year Average Attendance</b>	<b>189</b>

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

## Forest Bathing and Community Building

Forest bathing is a guided slow-paced, sensory-based, mindful immersive walk in the natural world. It is an invitation to grow in a Heart relationship with the Earth and the living beings that share our common home.

Forest bathing originated in Japan and has a strong similarity to the practice of creation spirituality in the Christian tradition.

There's a diverse array of practical benefits that are also possible with the practice of "forest bathing" including: simple relaxation, physical health and well-being, emotional and mental health, increased love and care for our environment (we protect what we love), a spirit of gratitude and awe, a capacity for more layered listening, and richer social connection (sharing meaningful experiences with others).

We are growing in the Spirit, as individuals and as a faith community.

Meet with other members of the St. Monica community for an experience of Forest Bathing led by Kathy Garrant. To sign up or learn more: [kmgarrant1006@gmail.com](mailto:kmgarrant1006@gmail.com)



Sunday, June 14, 2026, 2:00pm -4:00pm, rain or shine on the grounds of Mercy Spirituality Center, 65 Highland Ave, Rochester, NY 14620. Free will donation for Mercy Spirituality Center ministries.

Our youth group had an awesome time at the regional teen worship night last week at Browncroft Community Church! What a blessing to be with so many teens from around Rochester to grow in our faith!



## Social Justice News

**Immigrants Are People First:** There are approximately 41 million immigrants in the United States, an all-time high for a nation historically built on immigration. The United States remains a popular destination, attracting about 20% of the world's international migrants. Immigrants account for 13% of U.S. residents; adding the U.S.-born children (of all ages) of immigrants means that approximately 80 million people, or 25% of the overall U.S. population, is either of the first or second generation (*Migration Policy Institute*). Perhaps the least we can do is pray for them.

"Spirit of life, immigrant adults and children have traveled far from home with faith, hope, and courage. Many have had terrifying and abusive experiences. We ask that they be comforted and blessed with healing and wholeness. May all levels government, faith communities, and organizations work with a spirit of compassion and cooperation so that they may receive the best care possible. Allow resources to be released through generous donations for their food, shelter, healthcare, and personal needs. May it be so." (*Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants*).

From which they flee.  
Social Justice  
Resource Center



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](mailto:danlill126@gmail.com) or 585-313-6027.

## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Last Saturday, May 30, about 40 youth from Genesee Street churches, schools, and other organizations gathered at St. Monica for the 25th annual Great Genesee Youth Flower Planting Project.



Father Ray led a prayer before the youth dispersed to plant flowers in the 62 curbside concrete containers along Genesee Street. Afterwards, Brooks Landing Diner provided a cheeseburger lunch for the youth. The Genesee Street Business Association organized the annual project using donations from Genesee Street businesses. A big thanks to this group for beautifying our street!