

# St. Monica CHURCH

*All are welcome here!*

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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.**



*Do you want to use your gifts to help our parish family grow? Take after these cool gals and check out the many opportunities listed in this bulletin to build our community!*

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

- Psalm 27

May 21, 2023  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 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](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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**Did you know?** Our website, [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org), is your one-stop shop for all our online offerings. On our homepage you will find links to Mass videos, social media, online giving, outreach opportunities, virtual gatherings, at-home faith tools, and more! 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).

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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sat, May 20 Lillian Kase \_ Children & Grandchildren  
 Sun, May 21 George Miller - Barb Borgus  
 Tues, May 23 Henry & Sandy Drumm - JoAnn & Ed McDonnell  
 Wed, May 24 Mary Seebach - Brian McNulty  
 Thurs, May 25 Special Intention Fr. Ray - Donna Whitehair  
 Fri, May 26 All Parishioners  
 Sat, May 27 Daniel Tasciotti - Jane Tasciotti  
 Sun, May 28 Christine Pagoda - Kathy & Gerry Murty  
 Special Intention 43rd Anniversay Bob & Joy Boyd  
 & 53rd Anniversay Dan & Ellen Lill



*Let Us Pray*

**An end to racism  
All those affected by violence  
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. and Patrick Welling.

**Lamp Intentions for May**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Guy, Rita, Anabelle Pugliese  
Family**

**CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**



**Larry & Patty Battisti –  
45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Family**

Dear St. Monica family,

On Sunday, July 9, you are invited to celebrate St. Monica's first annual **Barry Day!** Barry Bedford was a beloved St. Monica parishioner who passed away in 2022. Barry was a loving supporter of our St. Monica youth and families, and he continues to watch over us from heaven.

To honor Barry's legacy, we will be having a special Mass at 10:15 followed by a trip to Seabreeze! St. Monica gets a group rate discount on Barry day, and the ticket cost is \$43 per person. This includes a Ride & Slide pass and catered buffet lunch. Children 2 and younger are free.

We hope you can join us for Barry Day! Here are the details:

- 10:15: Attend 10:15 Mass to commemorate Barry Day with a special blessing
- 11:30-9:00 pm: Enjoy a day at Seabreeze
- 12:00-2:00 pm: Catered buffet lunch at Seabreeze (vegetarian and vegan options available)

You must provide your own transport to and from Seabreeze. Lunch is included with the ticket, and you are responsible for any other food needed. Be sure to bring whatever you need for a day at the park, including bathing suits/towels if you would like to utilize the water park. St. Monica's is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

And remember – we are representing St. Monica's, so come with a positive attitude and kindness!

**RSVP by May 26. TO RSVP, all attendees must read and sign the Code of Conduct, which must be returned to Jessica by May 26.** The Code of Conduct was emailed to parishioners. Checks can be made out to St. Monica Church with "Seabreeze" in the memo line. Thank you and we hope you can join us!



**Remember to wear red next weekend (May 27 & 28) to celebrate Pentecost!**

*Come Holy Spirit*



**This Week at St. Monica Church:  
May 21-28, 2023**

<b>Sunday, 5/21</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, outside First Communion Prep, YG Room Book Signing, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>
<b>Monday, 5/22</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, 5/23</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Wed., 5/24</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
<b>Thursday, 5/25</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 5/26</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 5/27</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 5/28</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>

# We need your cans & bottles!

## National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

On June 4, NCYC pilgrims will be collecting bottles and cans to raise money for their trip! Save your recyclable items from your Memorial Day parties and bring them to church on June 3 and 4. St. Monica has an account with **Bottle & Can Retrieval Center** at 2374 Chili Ave and we will receive \$0.06 for every bottle/can! Thank you for supporting our youth on their faith journey! ❤️

### Other ways to help:

1. Pray for our pilgrims!
2. Save your **empty printer/copier ink of any kind** for the box in the narthex or the side door 📦



3. You can also donate online:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds/national-catholic-youth-conference-ncyc>

Learn more about NCYC: <https://ncyc.us/>

# Volunteers needed for Summer CYO Basketball Clinic!

Food prep and check-in help needed. Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) or [tamidivers@icloud.com](mailto:tamidivers@icloud.com) and help build our parish through youth sports!



**OPEN TO YOUTH  
IN GRADES 3-8**

**JULY 19-21 2023,  
9:00AM - 12:30PM  
LUNCH INCLUDED**

**GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!**  
St. Monica 2023  
Vacation Bible School  
**AUGUST 14-18**  
8:45 am - noon \* Grades K-12  
Register at [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

### Follow Jesus with us:

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

### 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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org). Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 (<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!

### Our Collection: Week of May 14, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
5/14/2023	3,513	2,645	(868)
Year-to-Date	163,725	153,755	(9,970)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$420	
CMA	\$23,000	\$23,000	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, go to [dor.org](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto: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 House**  
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).

## Creation Corner

### The Gospel of Creation

In the second chapter of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis suggests that religion and science “can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both.” Our Catholic faith can offer profound insight to help us interpret the challenges the human race faces in protecting our planet. The understanding gained from the light offered by our faith assists us in developing intelligent solutions to environmental problems. This understanding also leads to compassionate responses to associated societal issues caused by excessive use and wasting of natural resources. There are many passages in holy scripture that reveal the divine love that our Father has bestowed upon us in the gift of the Earth and its abundant resources. Our acknowledgement of the gift of “Mother Earth”, and our accepted responsibility in caring and nurturing of its generous resources, returns our love to the Father. This responsibility is an essential part of our faith. Pope Francis reminds us that “by virtue of our unique dignity and our gift of intelligence, we are called to respect creation and its inherent laws, for the Lord by wisdom founded the earth” (Proverbs 3:19).

### Genesee Street Youth Flower Project Invitation

For 2 hours on Saturday, May 27, youth from several Genesee Street organizations will plant flowers all along Genesee Street. It's a great project for St. Monica families! Grades 4 & up are welcome. To register, contact JoAnn DeMott at [joannkanedemott@yahoo.com](mailto:joannkanedemott@yahoo.com) or 464-9503.



### Memorial Day Observance

Save Monday, May 29th to commemorate Memorial Day at 9:00am promptly with a special half-hour ceremony at Rapids Cemetery at 60 Congress Avenue off Genesee Street near Brooks Avenue. Costumed enactors from the Civil War era will honor the service of local veterans with tributes and music. Just in time to join the downtown parade at 10:30am.



Join us at the Westside Farmers Market!  
Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM  
June 6-October 10



We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth, new this year! Contact Jessica Tette at [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up for a day.

Volunteers also needed for setting up from 11:30am-4:00pm and helping with baked goods & produce sales at the Co-Op tent. Participate according to your interest and time availability. See Bob Boyd, John Curran, or Bob Passalugo for information.

### St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

19th Ward Square Fair – Save the date, Saturday, June 3



The 19th Ward Community Association annual Square Fair and parade invites neighbors and visitors to its celebration of diversity at Aberdeen Square. It's a perfect opportunity to engage neighbors, sign up youth for our July CYO

Summer Basketball Clinic and August Vacation Bible School. Interested in helping run the booth for an hour or two on June 3 or be in the parade? Talk to Tami Divers, John DeMott, or Jessica Tette.



Supporting to St. Monica's neighborhood businesses will be easy and fun on Saturday, May 27. The 13th annual **Ease on Down Thurston Road** sidewalk event runs from noon to 4 that day. This community celebration of businesses & neighbors extends over 10 blocks of Thurston Road and around to 2 blocks of Arnett Blvd. Visitors will find dozens of sidewalk sales, food, crafts, vendors, face painting, games, prizes, show cars, and music. **Ease on Down Thurston Road 2023** is sponsored by the Thurston-Brooks Merchants Association. Call 585-201-1133 or show up for the fun!

