

WHO ARE WE?

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.

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 16 – Weekday

Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10

4:00pm: All Parishioners

Sunday, February 17– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-16

9:00am: Margaret Howard – Lynn Fulmore

9:00am: Special Intention for Kim May – Barb Borgus

Monday, February 18– Weekday

Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 19 – Weekday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21

12:10pm: Rocco Messara - Family

Wednesday, February 20 – Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26

8:00am: Jean Santangelo - Family

Thursday, February 21 – Weekday – Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33

12:10pm: Giuseppe Fiorica - Family

Friday, February 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 Mk 16:13-19

8:00am: Walter McGinnis – Henry & Lucille McGinnis

Saturday, February 23 – Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-1

4:00pm: All Parishioners

Sunday, February 24– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

9:00am: Joan Giblin – Ed & Patty Giblin

9:00am: Blanche Mulee – Terry Mulee

9:00am: Robert Dasch, Jr. - Family

You are welcome at St. Monica!

Do you want to know more about how to join the parish?

Call the parish office today at 235-3340. It's that easy!

Or go to stmonicaofrochester.org.

Did you miss a bulletin? Go to stmonicaofrochester.org to catch up on any bulletins you have missed.

FEBRUARY

LIGHT INTENTIONS



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Rita Pugliese

from the Family

Robert, Doris & Peter Will Meadows

from Doris Will Meadows

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Carol Wightman

from John Delibert



PRAYER INTENTIONS



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY



CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Thomas Kimmes, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Terry Redfield, Jr. and Patrick Welling.



*African Martyrs & Saints Sophia & Irene
(345 A.D.)*

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF ROCHESTER PRAYER MINISTRY

During 2019

Sister Jean Rodman is praying for Emmanuel Church of the Deaf.

Sister Diane Branch is praying for St. Monica Parish.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send submissions by 9am on Mondays: monicabulletin@dor.org with 10-point black Arial font with any photos.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please call the rectory office (235-3340) or stop by Monday - Friday, 10am-2pm. Intentions are a way for the community to pray for loved ones and special needs.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MONICA CHURCH FEBRUARY 17-24, 2019



Sunday, 2/17	9:00 am - Mass, Church Baked Foods Sale for Music Fest No Faith Formation Classes
Monday, 2/18	PRESIDENTS' DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer, Chapel 7:30 pm - Contemporary Choir, Church
Tuesday, 2/19	12:10 pm - Mass, Chapel 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, Rectory
Wed., 2/20	8:00 am - Mass, Chapel 1:00 pm - Legion of Mary, Rectory 6:00 pm - Facilitation Team, Rectory 7:00 pm - Gospel Choir, Church
Thursday, 2/21	12:10 pm - Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm - Prayer Shawl Group, Rectory 6:30 pm - Social Justice Committee, Rectory
Friday, 2/22	8:00 am - Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 2/23	1:00 - 4:00 pm - Exposition, Church 4:00 pm - Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/24	9:00 am - Mass, Church No Faith Formation Classes

OUR STEWARDSHIP

February 2/9 & 2/10, 2019:
Weekend Collection: \$4,369

Our 2018- 2019 CMA goal is \$20, 621.
Our current pledges: \$20,524. We are at 99.5% of our goal!

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/10/19	\$3,275	\$4,369	\$1,094
July, 2018 - present	\$11,200	\$121,792	\$9,592

**Happy 60th
Wedding
Anniversary,
Dick & Rita Kane.**
*May God continue to
bless and enrich your
lives together.*



LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE



Ministers	February 23, 2019	February 24, 2019
Hospitality	Joe Siracusa, Cathy & Bill Ripperger	Denis & Charlene Lepel, Gerry & Kathy Murty, Mai & Amos Boway. Justin Magidi, Debbie Diederich, Judy Predmore
Welcoming	Meg Lute	Sandy Chamberlain
Sacristan	Mary Ellen Fischer	Sr. Melissa Gernon
Altar Servers	Missy Adams	Micah Anderson, Sophia Kolb-Urbaniuk
Lectors	Sr. Eileen Daly, Karal Ann Marling	Sr. Elaine Englert, Ambrose Nwaimo
Communion Ministers	Cheryl Bazil-Vasko, Michele Resavage	Betty Bunce, Sandy Chamberlain, Sheila Clements, Andrea Ehmann
Music		Contemporary Choir
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Charles Arnell
Coffee Hour		Team 6 Barbara DiFiore)

BUY YOUR TICKET SOON!

Hope for Spring Dinner
Sunday, March 24th

Gather at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 5:00 pm
Valicia's Restaurant
2155 Long Pond Rd.
Cost: \$25.00 per person.

Tickets will go on sale
Saturday and Sunday,
February 23rd/24th



Library Ministry

As "we are growing in the Spirit," the Library Ministry offers resources for our spiritual journey. Library materials can be checked out from the library and at table in the corner of the back of church. Visit the Library through the chapel and follow the back left hallway to the library room. Directions to check-out books are posted. For further Information contact Doris Meadows 328-4059, dmeadows@rochester.rr.com.

ST. MONICA CHURCH CALENDAR

Do you have meetings or an event that should be on our office calendar? Please call Deborah and secure your spot on the calendar. For events that are not meetings, but require communications and/or set-up, please come in the office and fill out the event form.

Here at St. Monica Church:

MARDI GRAS Pancake Supper

Tues. March 5

6:30 - 8pm in the Narthex

Come and enjoy pancakes and the SWAN Band with Nate Rawls and Mary Fran Kolbuc. Any donations go to our youth programs.



LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Mass at 12:01 am (midnight)

ALL NIGHT ASHES AND CONFESSION

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer.

Mass during the day- 12:10 pm

With a Prayer Service at 7pm

Ashes and Confession available all day until 7pm



Soup Supper - Next date is March 9.

You and your soup are most welcome!



Diocesan Day of Penance - Don't just go to Confession. Celebrate the Sacrament! The Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy is wonderful opportunity to accept and embrace God's grace. Join us on Wednesday, March 13, for the **Day of Penance and Mercy**. For details visit <http://>

Youth Sacramental Preparation

Formation classes for First Penance (Reconciliation) and First Eucharist begin during Lent. If your child is in at least 2nd grade and is ready to prepare for these sacraments, please see Jennifer to register. (235-3340, x 124 or jennifer.lafler@dor.org)

Thank You!

Thank you to all the incredible bakers who brought desserts to the Decadent Dessert Night. 47 people enjoyed your wonderful creations! We listened to and sang along to the wonderful music of Brian Coughlin and Linda LoCastro. Brian and Linda, thank you for sharing your wonderful talents with us. You were amazing!



Social Justice Corner

PUBLIC POLICY WEEKEND: March 2nd and 3rd

Here at St. Monica, we annually participate in Public Policy Weekend sponsored by the Diocese. This gives us an opportunity to speak out with one voice on an issue related to Catholic Social Teaching. This year that issue is the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act, which would grant equal labor rights to the workers who milk cows, tend animals, and plant, harvest and pack fruits and vegetables in New York State.

DID YOU KNOW? Under New York State Labor Law, farmworkers do NOT have the right to: overtime pay, day of rest per week if the worker chooses to take it, employer-provided disability insurance, public health protections including sanitation and housing standards and protections when bargaining collectively. These are basic rights granted to virtually all other workers in our state. The people who are the backbone of our state's multi-billion dollar agricultural industry are excluded from these protections. This bill would end those exclusions.

Why does the Catholic Church care about this group of workers? Very simply, the Gospel demands that we stand on the side of the poor and marginalized, because that's what Jesus did. Farmworkers are among the most vulnerable workers in New York. As Pope Francis consistently reminds us, our faith calls us to protect and welcome immigrants. In our part of New York State, many of those who have come to this country seeking a better life are farmworkers. As Catholics, we believe in the fundamental dignity of human work and the rights of workers to decent wages, safe working conditions and protection when collectively redressing grievances. This has been part of our Church teaching for over a century. Protecting workplace dignity is fundamental to protecting human dignity.

VENEZUELA

The current crisis in Venezuela is complicated by the United States long history of involvement, much of it negative, in Latin America. We can, however, be proud of the work of Catholic Relief Services throughout this region. CRS has prepared an "Emergency Factsheet" on the escalating Venezuela crisis, with the latest insight from our CRS and partner teams responding in Venezuela and across the region." To read this very brief summary, Google CRS Emergency Factsheet Venezuela Jan 2019.pdf

UNDIE SUNDAY COLLECTION for

REACH totaled 529 units of clothing! These were top quality brand new clothing items that easily cost well over two thousand dollars. St. Monica exceeded last year's total by about forty items. In two years time, St. Monica has donated over one thousand individual undergarments to REACH Home. On behalf of the residents and staff of REACH Home, many blessings to everyone at St. Monica.



THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PRESENTS:

2019 Deaf Catholic Retreat

(CONDUCTED IN ASL)

Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:30 am-6:00 pm (includes Mass)

St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry

120 FRENCH ROAD, PITTSFORD, NY 14618

The Call to Holiness in Today's World: Creating Holy Moments

GUEST PRESENTER

Reverend Paul Zirimenya

Pastor, Saint Benedict Parish for the Deaf at
St. Francis Xavier Church, Archdiocese of San Francisco

INFORMATION

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Department of Pastoral Services and
the Diocesan Deaf Catholic Commission



Celebrating Black American History Month

The Black Student Caucus of Colgate Crozer Divinity School hosts:

Friday, February 22, 2019

The Avenue Black Box Theater

780 Joseph Ave., Rochester, NY 14621

5:30 - 7:30 pm: **Community Panel Discussion**

7:30 - 9:30 pm: **Joseph Avenue Arts & Culture Alliance presents
"Jazz on Joseph" with the Herbert Smith Trio**

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Memorial AME Zion Church, 549 Clarissa St.

6:30 - 8:30 pm: **Religion Vs. Relationship, Guest speaker**

SSpeaker: Ernest Flagler-Mitchell

CORNER OF FORGIVENESS:

Please forgive the omission of two of our generous volunteers for our annual Coat Give-Away on the coldest day of the year. God bless **Harold Austin and Marcia Lambert** for their humble and giving spirit as they worked hard all day to be of service to our neighbors.



MOTHER MARY LANGE

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange (Mother Mary Lange of the Oblate Sisters of Providence) was born circa 1784 and died February 3, 1882.

Mother Mary Lange founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829. The Oblates were the first United States based religious order of women of color.

The Oblate Sisters were role models who provided an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and to children degraded by slavery.

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange's parents were refugees who fled to Cuba from the revolution taking place in their native Saint Domingue. In the early 1800s young Elizabeth left Santiago, Cuba to seek peace and security in the United States. Providence directed her to Baltimore, Maryland, where a great influx of French-speaking Catholic Saint Domingue refugees was settling. Elizabeth Lange came to Baltimore as a courageous, loving, deeply spiritual woman. Although she was a refugee, she was well educated, and of independent means, possessing monies left to her by her father.

It did not take Elizabeth long to recognize that the children of her fellow refugees needed education. She used her own money and home to educate these children of color. For ten years Elizabeth, with a friend offered free education. On July 2, 1829, Elizabeth and three other women (Rosanne Boegue, Marie Balas and an older student, Almaide Duchemin) took their vows.

Elizabeth, founder and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, took the name of Mary. These women demonstrated leadership and divinely daring in the face of poverty, racism, humiliations and untold hardships. The sisters were role models who provided an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and to children degraded by slavery. In Mother Lange's school, Catholics and non-Catholics were accepted. The sisters educated youth and provided a home for orphans, nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832, sheltered the elderly, served as domestics at St. Mary's Seminary in time of crisis, took in washing, ironing and mending to care for the "children of the house."

By 1860, all of the Catholic schools for African American children in Baltimore were taught by Oblate Sisters: St. Frances Academy, St. Joseph's School for Boys and St. Michael's. During the 20th century, Oblate schools were founded in 15 states in the United States. The have given witness during periods of social struggle by active participation for almost 200 years of continual service to schools, day care centers, outreach and catechetical programs which encompass all age levels.

Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore, began the canonization process for Mother Lange. At the present time she is referred to as the Servant of God Mother Mary Lange. (from blackandindianmission.org)

Women's Magnificat Breakfast

Saturday, March 23 from 8am - Noon
Diplomat Banquet Center



Cost is \$20 Mail by March 16 to Magnificat Rochester
P.O. Box 24787, Rochester, NY 14624
Confessions, Speaker - Aimee O'Connell, Prayer

Register at 111.magnificatrochester.org or
Call Diane Hayes for more information: 943-4759