

# 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](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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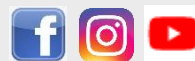
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



*St. Monica offers the cross to us.*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

- John 3

September 14, 2025

Feast of the  
Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross

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. Sept. 13  | Thomas Diederich – Jean Button                 |
| Sun. Sept. 14  | Kay Angeline – Bill & Cathy Ripperger          |
| Tues. Sept. 16 | Charlie Arnell – Andrea Ehmann                 |
| Wed. Sept. 17  | Riley, Sara & Norman Will – Doris Will Meadows |
| Thur. Sept. 18 | Ellen Lill – Dan Lill                          |
| Fri. Sept. 19  |                                                |
| Sat. Sept. 20  | Carol Callari – Bill & Cathy Ripperger         |
|                | Kay Angeline – Langan Family                   |
| Sun. Sept. 21  | Donna Whitehair – Ed & JoAnn McDonnell         |
|                | Barbara Scheg Trudeau – Pat & John Curran      |



*Let Us Pray*



**Zy'Jae St. Pierre**

**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 September**

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Norman & Helen Fox**

*Pat Fox Zahn*



**The Will Family**

*Doris Will Meadows*

#### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

**The Will Family**

*Doris Will Meadows*



**Special Intention for Theo & Julie Ekiyor**

*John & JoAnn DeMott*

### **ST. MONICA'S NEEDS YOU!**

We need you at our St. Monica booth. It's easy! Be friendly and welcome our neighbors to a positive experience at St. Monica. *Can you give your time on 1, 2, or 3 Tuesdays?*

**Open dates: Sept. 23, 30 / Oct. 7**

**Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up and help grow our parish!**



### **Watch Out for Scam Texts and Emails**

There have been some scam texts and emails going around again claiming to be from Fr. Ray.

PLEASE REMEMBER that Fr. Ray will NEVER contact you by personal email to ask for money or a favor. HE WILL NOT:

1. Send you a text or email "asking for assistance"
2. Send you a text or an email asking for money
3. Sign texts of emails with "Rev" or "Reverend"
4. Send email from any other address than his DOR email (@dor.org).

**If you get a suspicious text or email, DO NOT RESPOND and DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS. Block the sender and report it to the office.** If you are unsure, you can always call the office at (585)235-3340.

Here is an example of a **scam** email:

*From: "Rev. Raymond Fleming" <revp9102@gmail.com>  
Good afternoon,  
I trust this message finds you in good health and uplifted in spirit. I am reaching out with a sincere request and would be deeply grateful for your kind assistance. At your earliest convenience, I kindly ask that you email me it would mean a great deal to me. Thank you sincerely for your time and thoughtful consideration. May God's abundant grace, peace, and blessings continue to be with you always.  
With heartfelt gratitude,  
Rev. Raymond  
Pastor*



### **WE NEED WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS!**

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions during the week.  
Please call or stop by the office to schedule.

### **This Week at St. Monica Church: September 14-21, 2025**

|                       |                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 9/14</b>   | 10:15 am – Mass, Church<br>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church<br>1:00 pm – Parish Picnic, Genesee Valley Park        |
| <b>Monday, 9/15</b>   | 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)      |
| <b>Tuesday, 9/16</b>  | 12:10 pm –No Mass<br>4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot                                      |
| <b>Wed., 9/17</b>     | 8:00 am –Mass, Chapel<br>1:00 pm _ Social Justice Committee, Dining Room<br>5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church |
| <b>Thurs., 9/18</b>   | 12:10 pm –Mass, Chapel                                                                                        |
| <b>Friday, 9/19</b>   | 8:00 am –Mass, Chapel                                                                                         |
| <b>Saturday, 9/20</b> | 4:00 pm – Mass, Church                                                                                        |
| <b>Sunday, 9/21</b>   | 10:15 am – Mass, Church<br>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church                                                        |

**Registration for Family Faith Formation, Youth Group, and Sacramental Preparation (First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation) for the 2025-2026 year is now open!**

Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) or visit our website to fill out the registration form.

**Family Faith Formation**  
**Grades prek4-5<sup>th</sup> & parent/guardian**  
**11:15-12:15, Dining Room**

**Middle & High School Youth Group, Grades 6-12**  
**6:30-8:30 PM, Youth Room. Dinner included.**

## St Monica Scholarships

Bless all students as they return to school. These students are continuing their Catholic education using awards from the St. Monica Scholarship Fund:

- Emmanuel Torres, Aquinas Institute
- Marley Knapp, Aquinas Institute
- Bella Nkugwa, Nazareth Elementary
- Joshua Nkugwa, Nazareth Elementary
- Joseph Holmes, McQuaid Jesuit

Our donation envelopes include one for "School Tuition." Please use this envelope to provide funds for awards for Catholic schools.



## Pilgrimage Along the Genesee Riverway

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**10:00am until Noon**

A guided tour of the river trail from Brooks Landing including Civil War Camp FitzJohn Porter, the 1866-1930s Vacuum Oil Refinery and land slated for environmental remediation.



Accessible 3-mile roundtrip with mild incline.



**Arrive and park at 912 Genesee Street** near Brooks Ave at the **Red Tea restaurant** at the Brooks Landing Business Complex.

Seating, refreshments and restrooms available at the Red Tea restaurant prior to and after the tour.



Brainstorm about ways to restore the brownfield.

There will be an alternative wheelchair accessible route leaving from Red Tea in case of changed trail conditions.



For more information and to register contact: <https://oec.dor.org/pilgrimages-of-hope-for-creation/>

## Follow Jesus with us:

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



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St. Monica Church - Mass

## 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.

## Our Collection: Week of Sept. 7, 2025

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Physical collection:            | \$3,725          |
| Online giving:                  | \$719            |
| Total collection this week:     | \$4,444          |
| Weekly expenses:                | \$10,516         |
| Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit:</b> | <b>(\$6,072)</b> |

## 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 come 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, 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).



# PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

*Come join with us  
in this special Ecumenical Season of Creation prayer service  
cohosted by St. Monica Church*

**Prayers for All Creation  
Sunday, September 28, 2025 • 2-3pm.**

Along the Genesee River  
Behind the Staybridge Suites Hotel  
Corner of Brooks Avenue and Genesee Street

\*Parking behind Brooks Landing on the opposite corner

Mark your calendars to come and support Music Director Angela Nkugwa and violinist Chris Holmes as they perform a free concert at the Little Theatre during the Rochester Fringe Festival on September 20th! 1:20 pm at The Little Theatre. This is a free event.

**Culture Crescendo:** Pianist Angela Nkugwa and violinist Christopher Holmes have joined their extensive musical backgrounds to showcase the unique sounds created when cultures blend! An inspirational show of artistry and musicianship, Angela and Chris have curated a performance that encompasses a range of genres that all music lovers can enjoy. These talented musicians demonstrate the power of appreciating the beauty of our differences, and manifest the elegance of refined talent and creative thought.



<https://rochesterfringe.com/tickets-and-shows/culture-crescendo>

### Social Justice News

**JUST US** is a wonderful, monthly, online publication of the Sisters of St. Joseph focusing on all things related to social justice (get the title?). As an example, the September issue describes an agency called Justice for Migrant Families. Among other things that they do, is supporting migrants scheduled for court appointments in Buffalo making sure they know about virtual options and escorting them to and into courtrooms. No one should have to face this process alone. If you might be interested in becoming part of this support group, or to sign up for JUST US, contact Holly at [hrockwell@ssjrochester.org](mailto:hrockwell@ssjrochester.org) or call her at 585-641-8180.

**Prayer for justice:** Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your work as you would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none is hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared and all can enjoy them; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. – Anonymous

If anyone would like to be part of the Social Justice team here at St. Monica or if you would just like to be informed and updated on events, contact Dan at [danlill126@gmail.com](mailto:danlill126@gmail.com) or 5853136027 The September meeting will be on September 17th at 1PM.

### It's Picnic Time!



**Genesee Valley Park  
Riverbend Shelter  
Sunday, September 14,  
2025  
1:00 – 5:00 pm**

**RAIN OR SHINE...** You don't want to miss the fun. We provide hotdogs, rolls and condiments. You bring chairs (if you don't want to sit on picnic benches), place settings and drinks for your family, plus your favorite picnic dish to share (don't forget serving utensils):

- Last names beginning with A-L bring a salad or favorite picnic dish.
- Last names beginning with M-Z bring a dessert or something sweet.

### Games, Food, Fellowship



**Got a favorite cupcake you like to bake?** Think it can win a competition? What makes your cupcake stand out from all the rest? Make it and submit it to the *Cupcake Challenge*. You can use a boxed mix, and

what do you add to that to make your cupcakes special? No store or bakery purchased cupcakes can be submitted. Cupcakes will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, and creativity.

***Didn't get a chance to sign up? No worries.  
All are welcome to attend!***

### St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month! It's a great time to try the two neighborhood take-out restaurants that feature Latin American comfort food. Both are very popular. People argue over which is better. Try both and decide.

#### D'Mangu Take-Out

is a cozy storefront at 154 Genesee St. Owner Luis Tejeda and his family are Dominican, and very proud of their traditional Latin

American menu. All dinner items are prepared fresh each day. Open 11 to 7:00, Mon – Sat. Call 436-3663.



#### El Latino, at 1020

Chili Ave., also features delicious Dominican favorites. Owners Clar and Ramon Medina prepare recipes from their families' heritage. At lunch and dinner times the customer line can extend out the door! Open 10am to 8pm, Mon. to Sat. Call 235-3110.

