

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.



The third annual St. Monica summer concert on June 29 was a beautiful show of community! See page 3 for the full story.

Into whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace to this household.'

— Luke 10

July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. July 5	Domenico D'Onofrio – Family
Sun. July 6	Clyde Forbes – Bostick Family
Tues. July 8	James Romson – Mary Romson
Wed. July 9	All Parishioners
Thur. July 10	Special Intention Staff of St. Monica – Jean Button
Fri. July 11	All Souls
Sat. July 12	Lydia Livingston – Sandy Chamberlain
	James F. Delibert - Family
Sun. July 13	Charlie Arnell – Jean Button



Let Us Pray



Our Sick **Mike Millet**

Debbie Millet's husband

Our Deceased **Delores Williams** *Gloria Huddleston's sister*

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 July

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Special Intention

Pat Fox Zahn

James G. Russell Jr.

John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert & Jean Vane

Children/Family



Robert Mitchell

Patricia Mitchell

July 13 – Aug. 24

R-SPORTS & NKUGWA TEAM IMPACT

BOYS SOCCER FREE

for Beginners

WHERE:
Rochester Community Sports Complex
460 Oak Steet

AGES 5-8

WHEN:
Sundays
4 - 5 p.m.



For more information contact:
Eric.Rose@CityofRochester.gov

Registration is required for each session. Register at R-Central.
Visit CityofRochester.gov/R-Central



CITY of ROCHESTER
Malik D. Evans, Mayor



R-SPORTS
Athletics and Aquatics

WESTSIDE FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN!

We need your help to connect with the community through our St. Monica booth. It's easy! Be friendly and get to know our neighbors. Welcome them to a positive experience on our church property. **The future of St. Monica's depends on YOU!**
Can you give your time on 1, 2, or 3 Tuesdays?

July 29

Aug. 12, 26

Sept. 9, 23, 30

Oct. 7

Contact

**Jessica.tette@dor.org to
sign up and help us grow
our parish!**



This Week at St. Monica Church: July 6-13, 2025

Sunday, 7/6	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 7/7	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 7/8	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 7/9	8:00 am – Mass, Church 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church
Thurs., 7/10	12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Buffalo Road 12:10 pm – Mass Church
Friday, 7/11	8:00 am – Mass, Church 7:00 pm – Summer Family Movie Night, Church
Saturday, 7/12	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 7/13	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

What a powerful night of music, faith, and community! This year's summer concert on June 29 featured an inspiring range of talent, from gospel and jazz to classical, steel pan, and original works.

We were honored to feature:

-  St. Monica's Gospel Choir, Music Director Angela Nkugwa
-  Nate Rawls Community Jazz Band, Music Director Nate Rawls
-  Ann Collazo
-  Holmes Family Ensemble – Chris Holmes, Marilyn Augustine, Thomas Chester Holmes, Joseph Holmes, Matthew Holmes
-  Chari Peter
-  Plenty Rhythm Steelband – Rishi Balkissoon, Penny Parris, Dionne Phillips, Travis Rankin
-  Mt. Vernon Male Chorus, Music Director Thomas Green
-  BTW Ensemble – John Bunce Jr., Daryl Mercadel, Abdel Albino
-  Larry Hayes
-  Rhonda Lawrence
-  Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Gospel Choir, with friends from St. Rita's Choir

Special thanks to our Music Director Angela Nkugwa, MC Charles Arnell, Pastor Rev. Raymond Fleming, Reception Hostess Diane Dinkins-Lourette, and Sound Technician John DeMott for making the evening unforgettable. And of course, thank you to you, our church family and guests, for showing up, clapping loud, and filling the space with love. Until next year!  A recording of the concert is available on our YouTube channel.





JUNGLE JOURNEY
ST. MONICA 2025
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 18-22
8:45 am - noon Grades preK4-12
 Online registration at
stmonicaofrochester.org
Free + lunch included

LEND US YOUR PLANTS FOR VBS!

Be a part of VBS this year by helping create a living jungle for the VBS week!

IDEAL PLANTS: Any size and can last for a week without watering

- You need to drop off and pick up your own plant
- **Drop off:** Sunday, August 17, 11:30-2:00 pm
- **Pick up:** Sunday, August 24, 11:30-2:00 pm

Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign your plant us for VBS.
 Thank you for helping create the magic!



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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

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

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.

The June 29th collection numbers
 will be published
 in next week's bulletin.
 Thank you for supporting our
 ministries and programs!

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 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 House
 585-328-3228, ext. 1555
 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

One of the blessings of summer is hearing all the birds singing and seeing them hop around our backyards or swooping down onto our lakes.

Perhaps you consider yourself a birdwatcher, and, if so, you are not alone. Nearly 100 million Americans are birdwatchers, according to the State of Birds Report 2025. Whether you are a novice or experienced when it comes to identifying and learning about birds, here are two helpful apps that are free from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Try them out with your kids or grandkids to inspire an interest in nature.

Merlin Bird ID: The Sound ID feature listens to the birds around you and gives you real-time suggestions for who's singing. Snap a photo of a bird or pull one from your camera roll, and Photo ID will offer a short list of possible matches. With Bird ID Wizard, you answer three simple questions about the bird you are trying to identify, and Merlin will give you a list of possible matches. You can build a digital scrapbook on the app with the Save My Bird feature.

eBird: Birders use this app to enter when, where, and how they went birding, and then fill out a checklist of all the birds seen and heard during the outing. The sightings become part of the shared global effort to map bird ranges. eBird's free mobile app allows offline data collection anywhere in the world, and the website provides many ways to explore and summarize your data and other observations from the global eBird community. The billions of bird sightings reported provide the data that powers the Merlin Bird ID.

Both apps have detailed web sites with instructions and videos to help you maximize your usage. Go to ebird.org/home and merlin.allaboutbirds.org.

St. Monica @ Rochester Red Wings Game Saturday, August 16 @ 6:45 PM

Tickets will go on sale mid-July. Come enjoy our community and support our St. Monica youth singing the national anthem!



Summer Family MOVIE NIGHT

DONATIONS AND CONCESSION SALES WILL SUPPORT OUR 6 PILGRIMS ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER.

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FRIDAY, JULY 11 • 7:00 PM

ST. MONICA CHURCH - 831 GENESEE ST.

FREE ADMISSION

Bring your families, kids, friends, and neighbors for the perfect way to spend a summer Friday: a family movie night!

The movie will be shown inside the church. There is seating and guests can also bring any pillows and blankets they would like.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for this fun summer night activity in the 19th Ward neighborhood!

Social Justice at St. Monica's

Blue Bag collection for July will be to support SWEM: South West Ecumenical Ministries, a network of food cupboards and community agencies covering 11 zip codes in the Southwest quadrant of Rochester. Bags will be passed out on the weekend of July 12th and 13th to be returned on the 19th and 20th. Please continue to reflect the outstanding generosity that you have in the past - as you are able. The needs are:

- instant and perked coffee (not K-cups, please)
- pudding and Jell-o, regular and sugar-free
- oatmeal, old fashioned and quick oats
- low-sodium canned vegetables
- soups, low-sodium and carbs
- brown rice and quinoa
- whole wheat pasta
- canned fruit
- sugar-free cereal

If anyone encounters ICE officials and feels threatened, there is an emergency response number to call: 585-420-6471. That is the number of the local Rochester Rapid Response Network. As the name implies, it is very timely.

Social justice quote for the week: "You can also commit injustice by doing nothing." – Marcus Aurelius

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 about events, contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or 585-313-6027.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

- If you see immigration agents (ICE) in your community, call your local **ROCHESTER RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK HOTLINE: (585) 420-6471**
- A dispatcher will help you document the immigration enforcement activity and take information about anyone who was detained.
- If there was an arrest, Rapid Response Network works to connect those affected to legal services and other support.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

St. Monica neighborhood's small businesses bring vitality, food choices, retail options, and jobs to our neighborhood. Their survival depends on many factors, especially community support. Sadly, a few do not survive. Here are some that closed in the past year for a variety of reasons.

- **D&L Groceries** closed when surviving partner Delores Hamilton retired.
- **Campi's Restaurant** closed after owner Mike Pegios passed on in May, leaving no successor. It's for sale.
- **B-Healthy Fresh Food Market** on Genesee and **Supreme Salad Bar** on Thurston closed for unknown reasons.
- **Pizza Krunch** on West Main and **Bob's Birdland** on Chili Avenue closed only a few months after their grand openings.

Small business operation is very challenging. Most compete with highly-advertised chains, big-box stores and online shopping.

Rent, RG&E, taxes, suppliers and employees must all be paid. Reliable workers are hard to find and retain.

Our shopping and spending choices can help make a difference.

