

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

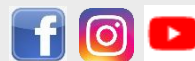
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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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Bob Passalugo



Congratulations to Tim, who received the Ad Altare Dei scouting award! This award centers on the 7 sacraments of the Catholic Church and is a connection between scouting and faith.

Way to go, Tim!

He was made known to them in the breaking of bread.


- Luke 24

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday
of Easter

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. 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.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Apr. 18	Frederick Nash, Sr. – Lynn Fulmore	
Sun. Apr. 19	Domenico D'Onofrio - Family	
Tues. Apr. 21	Carl & Pat Zahn – Pat Fox Zahn	
Wed. Apr. 22	David McCrary – Sandy Chamberlain	
Thur. Apr. 23	Special Intention for Ginny Tarley – Dorothy Schwind	
Fri. Apr. 24	Sharla Davenport – Your Sisters, Lynn & Shlonda	
Sat. Apr. 25	All Parishioners	
Sun. Apr. 26	Bernard & Theresa Higgins – Barbara Higgins	
	Ruth Chadwick – Chuck & Ruth Petersdorf	

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Clean Sweep Genesee Street May 2



Parishioners are once again invited to work alongside neighbors on Mayor Evans' 20th annual street clean-up. It's a great witness to our neighbors!

The Clean Sweep is Saturday morning, May 2, from 8 am-noon. The mayor provides a t-shirt, beverages, pastries, tools, bags, and gloves, plus an optional free Red Wings game afterward.

Two St. Monica teams will focus on Genesee Street. Teams each walk about 1 mile. For more details, see John or JoAnn DeMott, call them at 585-313-2559, or email inj_demott@juno.com.



Let Us Pray



Our Deceased Ann Marie Drobach

Deacon Brian McNulty 's sister

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 April

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Karen Scherzi

Children/Family

Special Intention

Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Mary LoCastro

Linda LoCastro

We Need Weekly and Weekend Mass Intentions!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a birthday,

This Week at St. Monica Church: April 19-26, 2026

Sunday, 4/19	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 4/20	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 4/21	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 4/22	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 4/23	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 4/24	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 4/25	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 4/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Taco and Ice Cream Party, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

Congratulations, Fr. Ray and Deacon Pat!

44 Years Ordained

We love you
and are grateful
for your
wonderful
ministry!



Dear Parishioners,



Congratulations!
St. Monica has met its
Catholic Ministries
Appeal goal. Your
wonderful, wonderful
support allows our
community to continue its
ministry. Thank you for all
your love for St. Monica!

Love, Fr. Ray

There are only 5 youth group Wednesdays that need coverage for this academic year. Can you help? Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org!

HELP FEED OUR TEENS

YOUTH GROUP DINNER PROGRAM



Wednesdays during the
school year, 6:30-7pm



- Cook and serve,
- send a meal,
- or give a \$ gift



Feed physical and
spiritual hunger



Studies show that **food** is
an important factor in
youth group attendance!



Let's support our teens on their faith journey!

Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.

Welcome to Spring Party!



All are welcome to a make your own
taco & ice cream sundae party to
welcome spring on Sunday, April
26th right after the 10:15 Mass in the
rectory dining room. Come hungry
and ready to have a fun time!



Follow Jesus with us:

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/StMonicaChurchMass)

We are a Resurrection people—bring someone
next Sunday and share the hope of Christ!

Attendance April 11/April 12 187

Attendance Easter Sunday 430

Attendance Palm Sunday 318

2026 YTD Average Attendance 190

2025 Full-Year Average Attendance 189

CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$25,000 • 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, email jessica.tette@dor.org
for training instructions..

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. Be sure to
check your junk/spam folder. If the
problem persists, email
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
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.



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.

Creation Corner

Earth Day is April 22, and there are opportunities to participate on the weekend. Here is a sampling of local events:

Wednesday, April 22, 6–8 p.m.: Earth Day Pick-Up at Ontario Beach Park. Join Roc City Rotary and community partners to remove tobacco litter along the shoreline. Gloves, bags and buckets provided by the Smoking and Health Action Coalition of Livingston and Monroe Counties, part of the American Lung Association.

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.: Gates Earth Day Eco-Fest. A free event featuring green vendors. Use recycled materials to make your own arts and crafts and find out how to repair your own household items at the Westside YMCA, 920 Elmgrove Rd., Gates. Learn about the county's current climate efforts and the Keep Gates Clean initiative.

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.: Honeoye Falls Environmental Fair. Visit Harry Allen Park, 23 N. Main St., Honeoye Falls for environmental exhibits, activities and a free tree sapling giveaway. Nate Jones of Monroe County's Sustainability Group will talk about the progress being made in climate efforts in your Monroe County community.

Catholic Climate Covenant's 2026 Earth Day program aims to spur, through individual and community eco-conversion, faith-filled action on creation care. The one-hour program includes prayers, readings, individual reflections, a short video and a suggested advocacy activity. To register to receive the program, visit <https://mailchi.mp/4717db994493/earthday2026>.

Although this is not an Earth Day event, here's an opportunity to help clean up our area:

Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m.–noon: City of Rochester Clean Sweep. The city's largest volunteer cleanup begins with breakfast at Innovative Field before teams head out to neighborhood sites, returning for lunch and a Red Wings game. Registration is encouraged via cityofrochester.gov.

What a turnout for the Rusty Haloes senior luncheon at Ezzy's Restaurant on Buffalo Road! Check the bulletin for the next date!



Social Justice News

Volunteer Opportunity: Flower City Pickers is an all-volunteer organization that works out of the Rochester Public Market. Its mission is very simple: "To collect, sort, distribute, and deliver food to those most in need." Volunteers do that on Saturday afternoons from 1-4 PM near the Pennsylvania Street entrance to the market. Visit flowercitypickers.org for more information about/to join this wonderful organization.

Grief Personified is a new group here at St. Monica with details yet to be decided, but we will keep you posted here. For now, we are open to new members who have experienced or are experiencing grief of any kind, including those who may have experienced loss of a loved one. We are also open to those who may be serving as caregivers for loved ones for a variety of reasons. Stay tuned here or contact Dan at 313-6027 or danlill126@gmail.com.

No More War: Pope Leo concluded a recent message with the following prayer:

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear. Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters. Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that you would rise again. May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect, and love life. Hear us, Lord of life!"

Saturdays with the Spirit

May: "Religious Experience: The Path Toward Union with God"

Using *The Natural Roots of Religious Experience* by Jesuit theologian, philosopher, and professor W. Norris Clarke as a starting point, we'll reflect on how it is that the human person is created for direct and intimate communion with the Divine. Being in the presence of God is our natural state of being, and by it we are transfigured and carried, experience by experience, toward union with the God we love and who loves us. This is what we are made for!



Facilitator: Sue Ward
Date: Saturday, May 23rd
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Mercy Spirituality Center
Fee: \$60 per session (lunch included)
 * Membership eligible program

Sue holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. She has served in various parish ministry roles within the Buffalo and Rochester Dioceses, and currently serves as Director of Faith Formation for the Brighton parishes.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

This week we can bring the Light of Christ's presence by checking out a newly opened neighborhood business.

Magic Breakfast & Wings take-out restaurant opened this month at 651 Jefferson Ave. It is owner Kelvin Daniels' second location, building on the success of his Hudson Avenue venue.

Breakfast features all the usual egg dishes, plus quesadillas, and chicken & waffles. Dinners include wings with a choice of 19 sauces, burgers, fish, subs, plates, salads, paninis, and grilled sandwiches.

Magic Breakfast & Wings' staff serves from 7 am to 10 pm. Phone 585-360-2186 for pickup or order by Doordash.

