St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

34 Monica Street ***(at 831 Genesee St.)***
Rochester, NY 14619
Office: (585) 235-3340 Fax: 235-8315
Emergency Line: (585) 412-3913
www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Walk with us on:

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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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.

Black Catholic History Month



Last week, our youth group had dinner with Fr. Ray, who is finally home and continues to heal his broken arm! What a blessing to be together and to have Fr. Ray with us!

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 5

November 1, 2026

Feast of All Saints

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. Oct. 31	Special Intention & Birthday Blessings for Erin Giblin – Patty & Ed Giblin
Sun. Nov. 1	David Divers – Family
Tues. Nov. 3	No Mass or Communion Service
Wed. Nov. 4	No Mass or Communion Service
Thur. Nov. 5	No Mass or Communion Service
Fri. Nov. 6	No Mass or Communion Service
Sat. Nov. 7	Ray Tette – Peggy Reigelsperger
Sun. Nov. 8	Carol DiFiore – Bob & Karen Engle
	Aunt Ann Klinkiewicz – Sr. St. Luke Hardy



St Augustine School Reunion

Former members of St Augustine School gathered on September 13. A good time was had by all 125 who attended. Lots of reminiscing! Thanks to Kris Moss and Melody Mandell who thought of and made this reunion happen. Money ($1200) left over after all bills paid was given to St. Monica Parish. THANK YOU!

As we celebrate the month of November for all our departed loved ones, we ask that you bring in a photo of your departed loved one(s) for a special display during the month of November. Photos can be brought in during any Mass and placed on the table.

FR. RAY UPDATE:

Fr. Ray is home! He continues to heal and appreciates all of your prayers. We need help with meals for him. Please schedule with Mary Ellen at 412-3913 or call the office. Thank you for helping us care for him!

All weekday Masses (Tuesday-Friday) and communion services are canceled for next week. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information. Thank you for your love!



GENERAL ELECTION Reminders

November 1
- Last day of early voting

November 2
- Last day to request an absentee ballot (must pick up in person)

November 3
- General Election Day
- Last day to drop off or mail early vote by mail or absentee ballot (must be postmarked by election day in order to count)



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Fr. Ray Fleming
Pope Leo XIV
Bob Engle
Kylie

Our Deceased
Margaret White
Ron Wright

Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism and 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 November



SANCTUARY LIGHT
Higgins Family
Barbara Higgins

Joe & Marge Ochs
Barbara Klein & Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT
Elnora & James F. Delibert
Family

Fr. Ray Fleming
Patricia Mitchell

This Week at St. Monica Church: November 1-8, 2026	
Sunday, 11/1	**10:15 am – Mass, Church** **11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room** **11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church**
Monday, 11/2	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 11/3	
Wed., 11/4	6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 11/5	1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 11/6	
Saturday, 11/7	**4:00 pm – Mass, Church**
Sunday, 11/8	**10:15 am – Mass, Church** **11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room** **11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church**

Our youth programs remain free thanks to our generous, amazing community. We can always use donations of snacks that are **PEANUT-FREE AND TREE NUT-FREE!**



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!

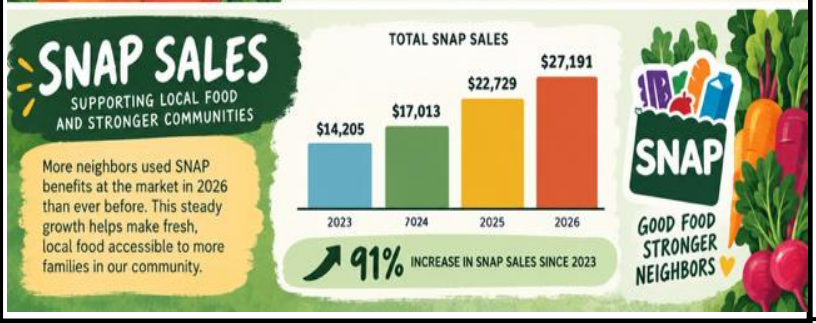
Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.

Westside Farmers Market Wrap-Up

From the Westside Farmers Market Manager Jessica DiSalvo: What a year for the Westside Farmers Market! We welcomed 8,429 shoppers in 2026, our highest attendance on record! That's an increase of nearly 36% since 2024, with an average of 444 shoppers each week. Our season ended on a high note, with 635 neighbors joining us for Harvest Fest, our busiest market day of the year!

Even with one market session canceled due to severe weather, our community continued to show up to support local farmers, small businesses, and one another. Thank you for making our 19th season one to remember!





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St. Monica Church - Mass

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.

Let's invite friends to experience God's generous love at St. Monica's!

Attendance October 24/25	214
Attendance October 17/18	212
Attendance October 10/11	170
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

CMA Goal: $26,000 Pledged: $6,700 25%

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.

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..

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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:

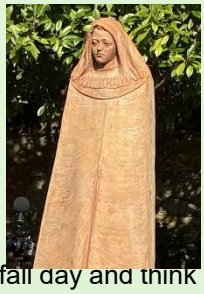
Deborah Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimsassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

This week begins a four-week series, in honor of All Saints Day, focused on saints who have a connection to nature.

St. Hildegard of Bingen, Germany, was a 12th-century abbess and mystic with a multitude of talents. My devotion to her is so strong that I recently traveled to Germany for the celebration of her feast day on September 17. The trip included hiking parts of the Hildegard Pilgrimage Route in the region of the Nahe River.

As we walked on trails through fields and woods, I was struck by how much that region looks like the Finger Lakes, with rolling hills and rows of Riesling grapevines. I could easily imagine why Hildegard was so drawn to creation that two of the books she wrote focused on natural remedies for illnesses (*Causae et Curae*) and the powers of herbs, gemstones, wildlife, etc., and their effect on healthy and sick people (*Physica*). Villagers in the region sought Hildegard's help for their maladies. Still, any cure that happened she attributed to God. She also believed in what we now call "preventive care," offering advice on ways to live a healthy and moderate way of life.



Jany Fournier-Rosset writes in her recipe book, *From Saint Hildegard's Kitchen:* "Hildegard taught that the healing strength of plants was a function of their greenness, or viriditas, which is a gift from God. All of God's gifts are green and from them flow the power to give or restore good health. This greenness is, in itself, a powerful life-force from God."

I hope you'll take time for a walk on a sunny fall day and think of God as "the living light," as Hildegard called the deity, and that you'll look for signs of viriditas. If you want to learn more about Hildegard, our local libraries have books written by and about her, CDs of her beautiful chant music, and DVDs about her life.

--Written by parishioner Jane Sutter Brandt

A Black Catholic History Month Event

St. Rita Church
1008 Maple Dr., Webster

V.o.i.c.e.s f.r.o.m W.i.t.h.i.n

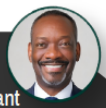
Our Shared Future: Courageous Stories About Race and Belonging

An Evening of Witness, Prayer, & Reflection on Our Call to Justice & Love

Monday, November 9
7:15 pm in church
and livestreamed at saintritawebster.org/watch-live.html

Refreshments to follow.

Featured speakers:



Dr. Robert Chalwell
Webster Central School District Assistant Superintendent for Achievement & Student & Community Engagement

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."
1 John 4:12



Nky McGinnis, PhD
St. Rita Parish Council Chair, Office of Alumni Relations at University of Rochester



Anne Thomas
St. Rita Faith Formation Director



sponsored by the St. Rita Racial Justice Ministry

Social Justice News

Death Penalty: Since January first of this year, more than 32 individuals have been executed in the United States. That is almost one every week. Twenty-three states currently allow execution, although the 32 this year have been concentrated in six states: Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and New Mexico. Aside from the fact that all life is sacred, the death penalty affects certain parts of the population in disproportionate numbers. Race, intellectual capability, mental health, sexual orientation and age are all factors. The website https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/executions/2026 is an excellent resource of numbers and info on this respect life topic. At our two church entrances are posters and buttons that read: "I OPPOSE ALL EXECUTIONS THIS WEEK." The use of the words "this week" is intentional as it means this week and every week. Please help yourself to a button(s) and spread the word.

Midterm elections are upon us. Voting early is fast and easy but voting at any time is more important. As Catholic Christians we are called to exercise this right. To see your sample ballot, visit this link: https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup. Not only do we need to vote, but we also must do so with more than our own wellbeing in mind. For example, we need to consider candidates' positions on immigration whether or not we are immigrants. See the US Bishop's stance on immigration here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsMQ8V4pNCI. Likewise, where candidates stand on health care and care for creation should affect our decision. This is then not a "left or right" decision, but rather a "right or wrong" decision.

Want to be part of the Social Justice team here at St. Monica or be informed and updated on events? Contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or at 313-6027.

Save the Date! Saturday, December 12th, 9:00am: Church cleaning for the Bishop's visit!

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

One way we can share the light of Christ's presence in our community is by connecting with neighbors at long-standing institutions – like the YMCA. The YMCA has been drawing 19th Ward people together for over 100 years.

The Thurston Road YMCA Neighborhood Center has started a multi-million-dollar renovation. For the next 10 months, all activities have moved to St. Mary's Bishop Kearney building, 55 Genesee St.

The Y offers free fitness, dance, yoga, social activities, and wellness programs. The popular Silver Sneakers fitness group, for ages 60 to 90, meets 3 times a week. The Active Older Adults program holds events and workshops. Teens arrive after school for snacks and homework help.

The Thurston YMCA at St. Mary's is open M-F from 8am – 8pm. Call 328-9330, or just stop in. And wear your St. Monica t-shirt!

