

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.



*Tim completed part two of his Eagle Scout project – polishing 150 feet of brass railings in church!
Thank you and congratulations to Tim, his family, and his troop!*

The LORD is a God of justice,
who knows no favorites.
- Sirach 35

October 26, 2025
30th 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. 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. 25 Michael Millet – John & JoAnn DeMott
Tressa Baker – Edward Lee
Sun. Oct. 26 David Simon – Bob & Karen Engle
Janie Mescall – Chuck & Ruth Petersdorf
Tues. Oct. 28 All Parishioners
Wed. Oct. 29 Dick O'Shea - Gerry & Kathy Murty
Thur. Oct. 30 Special Intention for Chris Favata – Jean Button
Fri. Oct. 31 All Souls
Sat. Nov. 1 Donna Whitehair – Dey Family
Esther Rodriguez Lopez – Dorca Rodriguez
Sun. Nov. 2 Carl Carballada – Gerry & Kathy Murty



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 on Saturday, November 1st @ 4pm Mass & Sunday, November 2nd @ 10:15am Mass and placed on the table.

Let Us Pray



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 October

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Daniel Tasciotti

Jane Tasciotti

Gregory Fox

Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Norah June Mastrandea

John Delibert

Robert & Jean Vane

Children/Family



African Americans on the Road to Sainthood

CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Please come to experience, learn, and celebrate the rich gifts of our Black Catholic heritage as we present a cultural dramatization that brings to life the seven Black Americans on the road to sainthood.

It will be filled with poetry, drama, and song for an inspiring artistic presentation by the acclaimed theater director, producer, actor, and historical interpreter David Shakes of Rochester, New York.

THERE WILL BE A FREEWILL OFFERING

**Friday, November
14, 2025**

**Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**

**445 Frederick
Douglass St.
Rochester, NY
14608**

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Refreshments
after the event!**

**Co-Sponsored by
the Black Catholic
Coalition of
Rochester (BCCR)
and Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**

WE NEED WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS!

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

This Week at St. Monica Church: October 26 – November 2, 2025

Sunday, 10/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 10/27	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 10/28	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 10/29	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:00 pm – Youth Group, Rectory
Thurs., 10/30	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 10/31	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 11/1 All Saints Day	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 11/2 All Souls Day	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:00 pm – Family Game Day, Rectory

CMA Goal: \$25,000
25 Donors
\$3,877 pledged
15.51% of goal

As of this date, 25 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



*Together
We Bring
Hope*
...and Hope does not disappoint

2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Go to www.dor.org - View the video
See how the funds are distributed
Make your gift

Upcoming Family Game Day at St. Monica!
Sunday November 2nd from 1:00-4:00 pm.
Pizza lunch will be provided.



Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends and allies welcome as well).

First Thursdays Every Month

Thursday, November 6th

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm

St. Rita Catholic Parish 1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org

"Growing in the Spirit" shirts can be picked up at weekend Masses on November 1 and 2! Payment is due at pickup. Our 6 pilgrims will be wearing the shirts at NCYC on Friday, November 21st, and we encourage parishioners to wear them on the same day with us. Look for us wearing our shirts during the televised Zoom call with Pope Leo! Thank you so much for supporting our pilgrims! We love you!



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St. Monica Church - Mass

Our Collection: Week of Oct. 19, 2025

Physical collection:	\$3,005
Online giving:	\$883
Total collection this week:	\$3,888
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit :	(\$6,628)
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$3,877 • 15%	

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.

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..



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

It's been a while since we mentioned legislation affecting our common home because the legislature has been out of session. But here's an exception. Beyond Plastics sent a Save the Date notice regarding the Packaging Act which we have been following for the past two years. This act, which cuts the amount of packaging to begin with and then requires that all packaging be recyclable, is overwhelmingly supported by all New Yorkers. Despite this, and although the Senate passed the bill twice, the Assembly has failed to even vote on it for the past two sessions.

The reason? Lobbying. Companies such as Amazon, ExxonMobil, McDonalds, Shell, Coca-Cola and other business allies have poured millions into the fight opposing this bill. There are lobbyists working in its favor, but they have been outnumbered 4-to-1.

For this reason, Beyond Plastics is organizing a lobbying effort of voters to go to Albany and visit their representatives in person. January 13, 2026, is the date selected for the event. There will be buses, and they say there's also a "yummy lunch". More details will be forthcoming. Members of faith communities have a significant influence when they speak out in support of the environment, so please consider making this trip if you are able.

Along these lines, ever wonder if contacting government officials is effective in preventing bad laws or regulations? Just recently the EPA announced it will maintain two protections for our water. These are the Lead Out of Water Rule which will remove lead from water pipes in nearly every US community, and the Polluter Pay rules, requiring chemical manufacturers to pay for PFAS cleanup. Advocacy and public pressure in support of these rules caused the EPA to change its mind and keep them in force.

AN EVENING WITH SARAH HART

MUSIC, STORYTELLING, AND FELLOWSHIP



BENEFITTING ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AND
CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION PARISHES

Saturday, November 1 | 7:00 pm

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH
26 MENDON IONIA ROAD, MENDON, NY
TICKETS AND INFORMATION: 585.624.4990

THIS CONCERT WILL BE ASL INTERPRETED.



Social Justice News

No Kings Report: St Monica was well-represented at various No Kings events last Saturday. All was peaceful and without incident throughout as citizens advocated for a more representative government for all.

Dilexi Te (*I Have Loved You*) is the name of Pope Leo's first major writing, an exhortation rather than an encyclical. This quote is taken from the first chapter of that writing:

"9. The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many forms of poverty: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom."

If you would like to be part of the Social Justice team here at St. Monica or if you would like to be informed and updated on events, contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or 585-313-6027.

Many thanks to all for your donations of socks and undies last week. As Father Bob mentioned, St. Monica is indeed a special place!



St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Supporting responsible corporate businesses that hire from our neighborhood is one way to bring the Light of Christ's presence.

Staybridge Suites at 1000 Genesee St. is an extended-stay riverfront hotel, part of the InterContinental Hotels Group. It serves downtown, Strong, and U-Rochester. Its grand opening 17 years ago sparked the Brooks Landing renewal along several blocks of Genesee Street. The hotel continues to provide a range of jobs for area residents.

EARLY VOTING for the November 4 General Election: Staybridge Suites is an official early voting site for ALL registered Monroe County voters. It is fully accessible and has a Spanish interpreter on location. Early voting starts Saturday, Oct. 25 and ends Sunday, Nov.

2. Polling hours are 9am to 5pm on Sat., Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun. 12pm to 8pm on Tues. & Thurs.
<https://www.monroeccounty.gov/elections-earlyvoting>

