

# 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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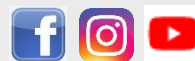
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



*God bless Ivy, Matthew, Nia, Nyomi, and Bernard  
on their First Communion!*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.

- Psalm 100


June 14, 2026

11th 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](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. June 13  | All Parishioners  |  |
| Sun. June 14  | Students of the Parish – Barbara Higgins<br>Special Intention for Ed & JoAnn McDonnell – Family |  |
| Tues. June 16 | Sue Neill – Jean Button   |  |
| Wed. June 17  | All Souls   |  |
| Thur. June 18 | Special Intention for all the St. Monica Volunteers   |  |
| Fri. June 19  | Special Intention for Hannah McCarthy's 30th Birthday – Linda Pugliese                          |  |
| Sat. June 20  | Special Intention for Kim May's Birthday – John Delibert  |  |
| Sun. June 21  | Charles Kase – Children & Grandchildren<br>For All Living & Deceased Fathers                    |  |

*Let Us Pray*



**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 June



#### SANCTUARY LIGHT

**Robert, Doris & Peter Will**

Doris Will Meadows

#### CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



**Birthday Blessings for**

**Fr. Ray Fleming**

**& Mary Ellen Fischer**

"SING TO HIM, SING PRAISES TO HIM; TELL OF ALL HIS WONDROUS WORKS"  
PSALMS 105:2

## 4TH ANNUAL ST MONICA'S SUMMER CONCERT



**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 / 4-6:30PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH - 831 GENESEE ST.  
ROCHESTER, NY 14611**

Celebrating the diverse musical gifts of St Monica Church and friends, featuring St Monica's Gospel Choir, Marvin Rogers, Nate Rawls Community Jazz Band, String Ensembles, and special guests



Please contact [angela.nkugwa@dor.org](mailto:angela.nkugwa@dor.org) for additional information.

### The Westside Farmers Market has begun!

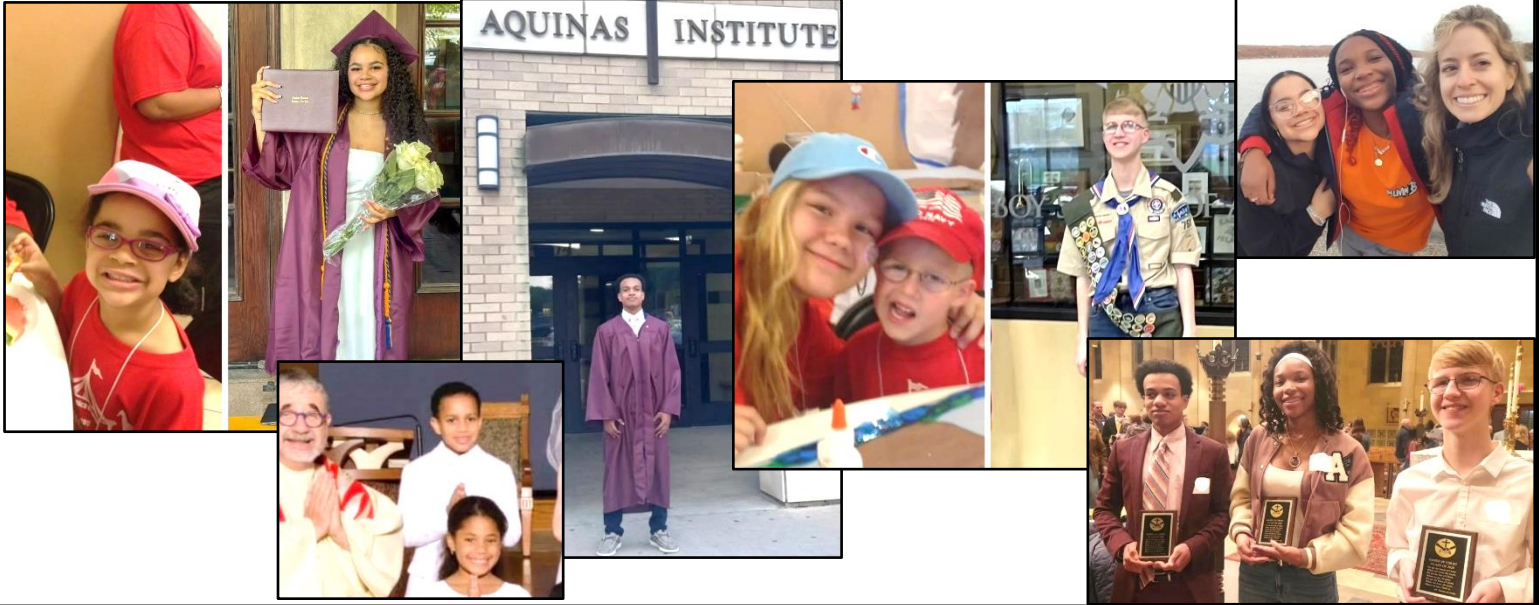
We need 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth each week. **Please sign up** by emailing [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) – so we can evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday until October 6<sup>th</sup>.



### This Week at St. Monica Church: June 14-21, 2026

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| <b>Sunday, 6/14</b>   | 10:15 am – Mass, Church<br>11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church  |
| <b>Monday, 6/15</b>   | 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519) |
| <b>Tuesday, 6/16</b>  | 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel   |
| <b>Wed., 6/17</b>     | 8:00 am – Mass, Chapel<br>5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church<br>6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room   |
| <b>Thurs., 6/18</b>   | 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel<br>1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room  |
| <b>Friday, 6/19</b>   | 8:00 am – Mass, Chapel  |
| <b>Saturday, 6/20</b> | 4:00 pm – Mass, Church  |
| <b>Sunday, 6/21</b>   | 10:15 am – Mass, Church<br>11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church  |

Prepare to be in your feels... these four amazing people are graduating high school! They have given so much to St. Monica's and Emmanuel Church of the Deaf by being a part of it. You can see that the roots run deep, as does our love for them! **Emmanuel, Tim, Marley, and Aniya**, you have blessed us by being part of St. Monica's and ECD. We send you with love and pride on the next steps of your journey. May God bless you always!! P.S. - Come back and visit often! ❤️



### ELECTION DATES AND TIMES

- The Primary Election 2026 is June 23, 6am-9pm.
- The General Election 2026 is November 3, 6am-9pm.
- Early Voting Hours: Sat. Sun. Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9am-5pm, Tues. & Thurs. Noon-8pm
- The Primary Election Early Voting dates: June 13-21
- The General Election Early Voting dates: Oct. 24-Nov.1.

For early polling places, to vote early by mail, or to obtain an absentee/accessible ballot visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections-earlyvoting>.

Thank you for your generosity – we have more food containers than we could ever imagine!

Please note that **we no longer need plastic food containers.**

Thank you!



### Follow Jesus with us:

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

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

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

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

### What can we do to make St. Monica's a more inviting place?

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| <b>Attendance June 6/June 7</b>          | <b>182</b> |
| <b>Attendance May 30/May 31</b>          | <b>162</b> |
| <b>Attendance May 23/ May 24</b>         | <b>151</b> |
| <b>2026 YTD Average Attendance</b>       | <b>163</b> |
| <b>2025 Full Year Average Attendance</b> | <b>189</b> |

### 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](mailto: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](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.

### 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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

## Creation Corner

When Creation Corner started, there was not a lot of news available about climate that we could share with you. That has certainly changed - to the point that our mailboxes are frequently overflowing. If you would like more up-to-the-moment information, we're sharing some of our favorite sites and newsletters with you.

**Just Us** is a monthly newsletter from the Sisters of St. Joseph. Holly Rockwell puts together a monthly calendar of climate and social justice events happening in our area. To be added to her list, send a note to [hollyrockwell@ssirochester.org](mailto:hollyrockwell@ssirochester.org).

**Fix the News** is just what you want if you're tired of bad news all the time. One reader wrote "I'm subscribing because I want to cultivate more joy and positive energy for myself and others." Good news on the environment and social justice from around the world. You can subscribe at [fixthenews@substack.com](mailto:fixthenews@substack.com).

**Down to Earth** is a newsletter published by *The Guardian* newspaper. It covers climate news from all over the globe. Always includes some good news. Find at [info@email.theguardian.com](mailto:info@email.theguardian.com).

**Beyond Plastics** newsletter is published by Bennington College. Its focus is on the health effects of plastics, EPA actions, educational webinars and pending New York and federal legislation. To sign up for the newsletter, go to [beyondplastics@bennington.edu](mailto:beyondplastics@bennington.edu).

**Food and Water Watch** is a group that follows pending New York and some federal bills affecting climate. There are regular meetings (on Zoom) and they send alerts so you can contact legislators to support or oppose bills. Check it out at [foodandwaterwatch.org](http://foodandwaterwatch.org).



Congratulations to Bernard, Nyomi, and Nia, who received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion during a special youth group Mass last week, surrounded by their family, godparents, and youth group family! We are so proud of them!

Two weeks ago, our faith formation families planted and watered flowers grown in a basement "seedling factory" by a friendly Gardening Angel. Full circle: the flowers grown in St. Monica composted humus soil from the St. Monica composting area next to the small garage returned to the St. Monica campus for planting! This is the third consecutive year of the parish's youth and families assisting with flower planting in May. More flowers will be added throughout the growing season. Thank you to this group for adding beauty to our church!



## Social Justice News

**Death Penalty:** Alabama Governor Kay Ivey scheduled the execution of Jeffery Lee by nitrogen suffocation for June 11, 2026, (this past Thursday), even though his capital jury voted 7-5 against the death penalty and chose a sentence of life imprisonment without parole. The trial judge overrode the jury's verdict and sentenced Mr. Lee to death in 2000, relying on a unique Alabama practice that allowed judges to overrule jury verdicts in death penalty cases. Alabama is the only state where judges overrode jury verdicts of life to impose the death penalty routinely—in more than 100 cases since 1976. As a result, nearly 20% of the people currently on Alabama's death row were sentenced to death by elected judges even after their juries chose life imprisonment without parole (<https://eji.org>). Further information and updates can be seen at <https://eji.org/news/jeffrey-lee-alabama-execution/>. We will also report here next week.

If you would like to be part of the Social Justice team at St. Monica or if you would like to be informed/updated on events, contact Dan Lill at [danlill126@gmail.com](mailto:danlill126@gmail.com) or 585-313-6027.

A big congratulations to **Marley Knapp** and **Emmanuel Torres**, two of our youth group members who received the Urban League of Rochester's Black Scholars award! They are receiving this award because they achieved and maintained a B average of better (83% and up) throughout high school. The Urban League of Rochester Black Scholars program provides academic recognition, college readiness assistance, and scholarship incentives to these students. They will be recognized at the 46th annual Black Scholars ceremony. What an amazing accomplishment!

Inviting neighbors to check out St. Monica Church was easy and fun at this year's busy 19th Ward Square Fair. Young and old stopped to see our parish photos, hear about our June 28 concert and VBS, but the most popular attraction by far was our spinning prize wheel! Now it's our challenge to welcome those invited guests when they show up in church. Thank you to Diane Dinkins-Lourette, JoAnn DeMott, Amy Taylor, John DeMott, and Deacon Brian McNulty.



## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

St. Monica's neighborhood teems with small businesspeople who earn a living serving the greater community. They welcome the chance to serve us!

Need a ride to the airport or a medical appointment anywhere in Monroe County and beyond? Meet Albert Hopkins. He offers safe, courteous service in his clean and comfortable cab. He can be seen zipping around the neighborhood at all hours. His regular clients are elderly, disabled or don't own a car, but new customers are always welcome.



Airway Taxi is minority-owned and has operated for 44 years in the neighborhood. Call Albert directly 24-7 at 350-4844.