

# 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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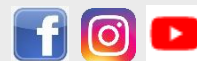
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



*Congratulations to our three First Reconciliation recipients, who received their sacrament on March 10. We are so proud of you. Next stop: First Communion!*

“O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.”

– Psalm 7

March 17, 2024

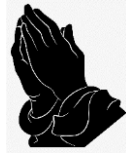
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of Lent

**Did you know?** Our website, [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org), is your one-stop shop for all our online offerings. On our homepage you will find links to Mass videos, social media, online giving, outreach opportunities, virtual gatherings, at-home faith tools, and more! 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).

**Confessions Saturdays during lent from 2:30-3:30 or by appointment – call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sat, March 16	Richard Robinson - Mary Robinson
Sun, March 17	Jerome Ochs - John & JoAnn DeMott
Tues, March 19	Barbara Borgus - Jean Button
Wed, March 20	All Parishioners
Thurs, March 21	Patty Matus - Mark & Sharon Juba
March 22	Marc Richard Lourette – Richard & Diane Lourette
Sat, March 23	Rita Pugliese - Sheilla Wray
Sun, March 24	Norman Reigelsperger - Peggy Reigelsperger



*Let Us Pray*

**Our Sick**  
**Chuck Petersdorf**

**An end to racism**  
**All those affected by violence**  
**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 March



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

All parishioners who are sick

**CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**



Riley, Sara & Norman Will

*Doris Will Meadows*

**Robert & Jean Vane**

*Children/Family*

**Holy Week 2024**

St. Monica Church,  
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,  
and Immaculate Conception/  
St. Bridget's Church

<b>Palm Sunday Mass:</b>	9:00 am - Immaculate Conception
<b>March 24</b>	10:00 am - St. Monica Church & Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
<b>Holy Thursday Mass &amp; Adoration: March 28</b>	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration
<b>Good Friday Service: March 29</b>	Noon - Immaculate Conception 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
<b>Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:</b>	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
<b>Easter Vigil: March 30</b>	7:01 pm St. Monica Church

**MASS CHANGE!**

**Easter Sunday Mass: March 31**  
**10:00 am @ St. Monica Church**  
**followed by Easter Egg Hunt**  
All are welcome, especially you!

**Needed:**

Candy for our annual Easter egg hunt! Both chocolate and nut-free options. Drop off with Jessica during Mass or office hours. **THANK YOU!**

**We are looking for a team to run a coffee hour for the parish on Palm Sunday after Mass. Please see Mary Ellen if you can help.**

**Bring your old palms – we will burn them for next year's Ash Wednesday ashes. Place in baskets by each door.**

This Week at St. Monica Church: March 10-17, 2024	
<b>Sunday, 3/17</b> St. Patrick's Day	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:30 pm – Palm Sunday Play Rehearsal, Church
<b>Monday, 3/18</b>	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
<b>Tuesday, 3/19</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Wed., 3/20</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Thurs., 3/21</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 3/22</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 3/23</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 3/24</b>	10:00 am – Palm Sunday Mass & Pageant, Church

JOIN US APRIL 8TH, 2024

# Eclipse Black Party

2:00-4:00 PM  
CHURCH PARKING LOT  
831 GENESEE STREET

Excitement and entertainment,  
and blessings from our ministers!  
Eclipse glasses available.




Help us live out our parish mission statement and create an inviting environment for our neighbors! Volunteers needed to give church tours and staff the St. Monica info booth, games booth, and snack booth. Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up!

This Lent, give to those in need right here in our own community! All you need to bring is your time and chef skills to help feed the teens in our youth group. St. Monica can pay for ingredients. Can you give one Wednesday to help our youth?

### CHEFS NEEDED YOUTH GROUP DINNER

-  → Wednesdays 6:30 pm
-  → Cook and serve dinner to teens
-  → Feed physical and spiritual hunger!
-  → Donate ingredients or let St. Monica's buy them

CONTACT [JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG](mailto:JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG) TO SIGN UP!

**Parish Bookkeeper** - seeking qualified applicants for this 25-hr position that will oversee all disbursement and collection activities of multiple parishes. Degree in accounting or finance required. Please send resume to Carol Wynne at [carol.wynne@dor.org](mailto:carol.wynne@dor.org).

**Follow Jesus with us:**  
[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

**Emergency Food:** If you are in need of emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays and Thursdays 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!

**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?**


- Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to **St. Monica Church 34 Monica St. Rochester, NY 14619**
- OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.
- Text 2 Give:** Text your donation amount to 226-7514. Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!



**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](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) for a packet of information to help you.

**Our Collection: Week of March 10, 2024**

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
3/10/2024	2,900	3,406	506
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>127,150</b>	<b>123,884</b>	<b>(3,266)</b>
<b>Online Giving/week (included in actual total)</b>	<b>\$197</b>		
<b>CMA</b>	<b>\$26,000</b>	<b>\$26,000</b>	<b>100%</b>



**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



St. Patrick was a Roman citizen, probably born in Wales or Cornwall, who was kidnapped and kept as a slave in Ireland. He escaped, returned to his family, picked up his studies but then returned to Ireland. One aspect of the Irish that drew him was their spirituality.

What is Celtic Spirituality? "Because the Celtic people of Northwestern Europe were a bit out of the reach of the Roman Empire and the Roman Church, they were far less influenced by those political and religious systems. This isolation allowed them to maintain their ancient and time-honored practices regarding the dignity of nature and community, the equality of men and women and their vibrant and poetic imaginations as portals to understanding human beings as well as God. As Christianity arrived to these cultures and communities, they were able, for many centuries, to find a beautiful synthesis of these ancient practices and beliefs with the Christian understanding of God's message of Divine presence and eternal belonging for everyone.

"The early Christian Celts were able to see the beautiful presence of the Divine in a relationship with Nature that stressed humility, dignity of all things, and God's presence in and through all of Creation. They saw, in all experiences, the presence of the Spirit and were very skilled at seeking encounter with God in all of life. The Celts believed men and women are equally able to inspire, lead and participate in all aspects of community and spiritual practice, and they had a wonderful tradition of cultivating soul-friends who took caring responsibility for assisting in the development of and sustained journey of a spiritual life well lived.

"So many of these practices were lost in Western cultures over the centuries and millennia, but it is quite easy to see how profoundly important these ways of engaging life, one another, earth and God are to our modern times where community is so dangerously divided, the earth is disastrously damaged in so many ways and the search for ultimate meaning is loud and strong around the globe. The Celtic Christian way offers a way to reacquaint ourselves with who we are and who we can always become."

From *The Celtic Center*: <https://www.thecelticcenter.org/celtic-center>

**Stations of the Cross will only be online this year. Please join us virtually: <https://bit.ly/49fh9xc>**

**Congratulations, St. Monica family! We have reached our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal for this year.**

**Because of you, our community can continue to work to be the light of Christ in the world. Thank you for the care and kindness you show the world through St. Monica's!**



## ♪ Easter Vigil Choir ♪

We are forming a special choir for the Easter Vigil, taking place on the evening of March 30, 2024, at St. Monica Church. We are looking for singers AND instrumentalists. This is the perfect opportunity to be a part of our music ministry and share your musical gifts with our community. Contact Angela Nkugwa, Music Director, at [angela.nkugwa@dor.org](mailto:angela.nkugwa@dor.org) if interested in being a part of this special celebration.



## Free Community Ice Skating Saturday, March 23

Here's a chance to bring the light to neighbors and UR students! The 19th Ward & the UR off-campus students' group will host their annual ice skating from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Genesee Valley Park indoor ice rink next Saturday. Skates, admission, pizza, cookies, and hot chocolate are all free. Just show up! And wear your St. Monica apparel!



## Join us in advocating for HPNAP and critical anti-hunger programs!

The governor's executive budget has proposed a 40% cut to the state's primary hunger-relief program, the Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP), during a time when visits to local food pantries and meal programs in our region have been on the rise.

**Sign our petition to voice your support and oppose these cuts!**



**FEEDING NEW YORK STATE**

**Foodlink**  
FOODLINK.ORG

## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

One way to bring the Light of Christ's presence to St. Monica's neighborhood is to use a local business that provides services and jobs in the community.



**Canopy Coin Laundry** is a state-of-the-art self-service clothes washing facility across from St. Mary's at 92 Genesee Street. Canopy is the neighborhood's largest and most popular laundromat.

Canopy opened in 2008 with all-new digital controlled commercial-grade washing & drying equipment. Some machines can handle up to 75 pounds – for those large, bulky items! There is TV and Wi-Fi in the waiting area. And an attendant is always there to help. Canopy opens daily, 7 am to 8 pm.

