

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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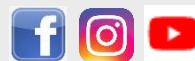
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Walk with us on:



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 R Community Bikes on 25 years of service to the community! Parishioner Dan Lill founded this wonderful non-profit organization. Here's to 25 more years!

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.
- Psalm 63

August 30, 2026
22nd 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. Aug. 29	Lynah Family – Dey Family
	Lillian Kase – Peggy Reigelsperger
Sun. Aug. 30	Carol Olsen – Paul Olsen
	Donald E. Lawrence – Family
Tues. Sept. 1	All Parishioners
Wed. Sept. 2	Debbie Alexander – Peggy Reigelsperger
Thur. Sept. 3	Special Intention for Jessica Tette
Fri. Sept. 4	Special Intention for Deacon Matt Dudek
Sat. Sept. 5	Patti Grant-Zollo - Family
Sun. Sept. 6	Paige Livingston – Sandy Chamberlain
	Students of the Parish – Barbara Higgins



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Karal Marling
Gregory Marling's sister

Our Deceased
Carol DiFiore
Barbara DiFiore's sister-in-law
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 August



SANCTUARY LIGHT
Mary & Joseph LoCastro
Linda LoCastro



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT
For students returning to school

Holy Beginnings Outreach Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and fellowship, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends and allies are also welcome!). First Thursdays each month.

Thursday September 3rd. Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm) Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm

St. Rita Catholic Parish 1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580

Join us for prayer, fellowship, and a look ahead at plans for the coming year, inspired by your survey responses and insights from the Outreach Conference at Georgetown University. 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

St. Monica parishioner Diane Zielinski is presenting her one-woman comedy show, *Clutter Is My Life Partner*, at September's Rochester Fringe Festival. A lifetime in the making, the show features Diane discussing ways she tried to get rid of her stuff from eBay to hiring a cleaning guy to only keeping things that "spark joy." The one-hour show is at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood Ave. in Brighton, at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 15 and 12:15 pm Saturday, Sept. 19. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online at rochesterfringe.com. Both shows will be ASL interpreted.



We Need Weekly and Weekend Mass Intentions!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a birthday, anniversary, etc. Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

This Week at St. Monica Church: August 30-September 6, 2026

Sunday, 8/30	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 8/31	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/1	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot 7:00 pm – Hospitality Committee Meeting, Dining Room
Wed., 9/2	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Thurs., 9/3	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 9/4	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 9/5	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 9/6	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Registration for 2026-2027 Family Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and Youth Group is now open!

To register, visit stmonicaofrochester.org
or check your weekly email.

A registration form is required each year for youth
participants.

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!**



St Monica CHURCH 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, College Students!

St. Monica's welcomes any new or returning college students!
Are you looking to connect with other students? Are you looking
for any social, service, or spiritual activities? If so, contact
Stanley Ekiyor at (585) 478-9372 or wariabi2001@yahoo.com.
Look for Stanley in the narthex at the back of church before and
after the 10:15 Sunday Mass. We're glad you're here!

Camp Stella Maris Celebrates 100 Years

In a recent *Catholic Courier* multimedia project, St. Monica's Faith
Formation Director Jessica Tette shares about her lifelong
involvement with Camp Stella Maris and the connection with St.
Monica's. Joining her is St. Monica youth group member Eliaquim
Mendez, who was part of the counselor-in-training program this
summer and shared about his love for CSM. As always, we are
endlessly grateful for the generosity of our community, which
allows our youth to have the amazing experience of attending
camp! We love you! Check out the full story here:
<https://catholiccourier.com/campstellamarisat100/>



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St. Monica Church - Mass

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

Attendance August 22/23	176
Attendance August 15/16	231
Attendance August 8/9	207
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

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.



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian time of focus to pray and respond together to the cry of creation. The celebration begins Sept 1 and ends Oct 4. The theme this year is Living Water.

Water has stood at the center of nearly every decisive moment in the biblical story. And water is still speaking:

"I need to tell you something hard, and I need you to listen without turning away. I have been carrying things I was never meant to carry: chemicals from farms, poison from factories, plastic that breaks into tiny pieces but never goes away. I'm not angry; I'm tired, and I'm asking you-like I have for a long time- to please stop."

Ezekiel was not living in happy times. His city was destroyed, the temple was broken, and his people had lost their homes. Everything around him felt sad and hopeless. But in the middle of all this pain, God showed him a river.

In Ezekiel's vision the river begins as a small trickle and grows deeper and deeper. We are reminded that God's restoration often begins quietly, like a small stream, but it is never meant to stay small. The amazing thing is where the river went. It did not stay inside the temple. It flowed outward into dry places and empty places and when the water reached it, life began to grow again.

This is also what happened when Jesus met a Samaritan woman at a well. (John 4) Many people would ignore her or stay away from her. But Jesus spoke to her with kindness and offered her "living water," i.e. the hope and life that come from God.

During this Season of Creation, we are invited to celebrate the living water God gives us and to become caretakers of creation rather than destroyers.

Social Justice News

St. Francis Prayer: In the gospels, Jesus teaches us to forgive the trespasses of others in the same way we would hope they forgive ours. The prayer of St. Francis reminds us to bring, "Where there is injury, pardon." Injury to others can take many different forms, not only bodily injury. Relationships in families, at work, and even in our friendships can be injured and we are called to pardon others. We might also examine our lives and see where we have injured others and may need to seek pardon.

Blue Bags: After a summer when we were asked to provide much to many who have so little, we will be taking a short break in our BB collections. This will allow us to evaluate how much, how often, and to whom we ask you to contribute. Your generosity is seen and recognized, and we know these are hard times for many.

Our Social Justice Committee is always looking for new members so if you'd like to see what we do, contact Dan at 585-313-6027 or danlill126@gmail.com.

Tri-Parish End-of-Summer Picnic

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

Sunday, September 13 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Genesee Valley Park Roundhouse Shelter

RAIN OR SHINE... You don't want to miss the fun!

We provide hot dogs, sausage, rolls, and condiments. You bring chairs (if you don't want to sit on picnic benches), place settings, and drinks for your family, plus your favorite picnic dish to share (don't forget serving utensils):



- Last names beginning with A-L bring a favorite picnic side dish.
- Last names beginning with M-Z bring a dessert or favorite sweet.

Games, Food, Fellowship: Got a favorite oatmeal cookie you like to bake? Think it can win a competition? What makes your cookie stand out from all the rest? Make it and submit it to the Oatmeal Cookie Challenge. No store or bakery purchased cookies can be submitted. Cookies will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, and creativity. **PLEASE NOTE: Because of allergies, NO peanut butter or nuts can be used in your recipe.**



Sign up today at the church doors! ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

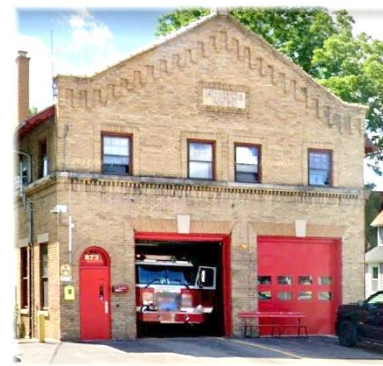
Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The light of Christ's presence shines for us at the **Rochester Fire Department Engine 7** fire station, 873 Genesee St.! **Engine 7** has served the community continuously since 1925. The vintage building is one of few remaining in daily service, thanks to periodic maintenance and interior updates.

Firefighters staff the station 24x7, ready to respond to medical emergencies, accidents, fires, rescues, and hazmat incidents.

In the past 100 years, generations of RFD firefighters came from legacy 19th Ward Catholic families; such as, Bunce, Higgins, Johnson, Mulcahy, Whitehair, and more.

Engine 7 firefighters deserve our gratitude and prayers.



ST. AUGUSTINE School Reunion

SEPT 13, 2026

Twin Silo
6758 BIG TREE RD
LIVONIA, NY 14487
1PM - 6PM

\$35 CATERED LUNCH INCLUDED
Cash Bar Available
BRING OWN SODA / WATER, FOLDING CHAIRS

If any questions send to email:
staugustine_melody@yahoo.com

Send Payment To:
Kris Moss
P.O. Box 24463
Rochester, NY 14624

STARTING TO COLLECT PAYMENTS NOW - SEPT 1
ONLY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR.

NAME & YEAR GRADUATED _____
EACH PERSON ATTENDING _____
(Please list additional names on back if needed)
MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE) _____