

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.



Three Kings Nativity Scene by Marcello Corti

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60

January 4, 2026
**The Epiphany
of the Lord**

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. Jan. 3	Special Intention for Bernard Fischer – Fischer Family
Sun. Jan. 4	Special Intention for Alesha Paulk – Jean Button
Tues. Jan. 6	No Mass, No Communion Service
Wed. Jan. 7	No Mass, No Communion Service
Thur. Jan. 8	No Mass, No Communion Service
Fri. Jan. 9	No Mass, No Communion Service
Sat. Jan. 10	Russell Pappert – Pat Fox Zahn
Sun. Jan. 11	Keith Bowen – Jean Button



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!

BOARD GAME DAY AT ST. MONICA'S



Sunday, February 1
1:00-4:00 pm in the rectory dining room
For all ages!
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



We need warm & clean coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for adults, teens, and children

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM

LAST DAY TO DONATE: JANUARY 14

Donations can be brought to the office:

34 Monica Street
Monday-Friday
10:00am-3:00pm

–ring the bell at the front office door–

or to Mass

to the box in the narthex.

To arrange another drop-off time,
contact jessica.tette@dor.org.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!

Let Us Pray



Our Sick

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 January

SANCTUARY LIGHT

 Mary Ann Donovan
John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

 Three Police Officers
injured in 19th Ward shooting
and all police officers

St. Monica

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.

This Week at St. Monica Church: Jan. 4-11, 2026

Sunday, 1/4	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/5	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 1/6	No Mass, No Communion Service
Wed., 1/7	No Mass, No Communion Service 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 1/8	No Mass, No Communion Service 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 1/9	No Mass, No Communion Service
Saturday, 1/10	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 1/11	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

CMA Goal:
\$25,000
63 Donors
\$14,637 pledged
58% of goal



*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

As of this date, 63 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!

Seeking a Children's Liturgy Leader

Have you ever considered leading Children's Liturgy of the Word? This is the Holy Spirit calling YOU! Jessica is in search of a children's liturgy leader for one Sunday of the month (either 1st or 3rd Sundays). Lead by yourself or bring a friend to help you. Help our young children know the great love of God. CASE training is required! Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to answer the Holy Spirit's call!



Follow Jesus with us:

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

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

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.

**The collection from 12/28/25 will be published in the 1/11/26 bulletin.
Thank you for supporting our ministries!**

CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$14,637 • 58%

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.

Prayers Requested

As many of us are aware, on the evening of December 19th, 2025, three Rochester Police officers sustained injuries in a shooting incident involving an individual attempting to enter the residence of a former girlfriend. Two of these officers were shot at the scene while assisting the woman and her friend, who also suffered gunshot wounds. The third officer was injured during the apprehension of the assailant. Ultimately, a fourth officer successfully neutralized the threat when she shot the individual.

These dedicated police officers are among some in the police department who may be observed in our parking lot, diligently working to ensure the safety and security of your visits to St. Monica's, free from the threat of harm. They extend the same level of protection to the surrounding community.

In light of this, I respectfully encourage all parishioners to offer prayers for the health, safety, and overall well-being of these courageous officers who consistently risk their lives each day to safeguard our community.

Without the unwavering commitment of these brave individuals, the experience of visiting this parish might be significantly different.

Please join us in expressing our gratitude to the members of the Genesee Section of the Rochester Police Department for their ongoing dedication to safety in the community.

Thank you,
Amy Taylor

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 victimsassistance@dor.org.

Monroe County Department of Environmental Services recently announced some great news about recycling! You can now put your paper and plastic to-go cups into your recycling bins. "This expansion offers households the opportunity to recycle their clean and empty paper cups as well as clear and white plastic takeout cups – like those used for fountain sodas, hot and iced coffee drinks – keeping them out of landfills and enabling them to be converted into new products," reads the announcement. It's estimated that nearly 50 billion paper cups are disposed each year in the U.S.

To prepare the products for recycling, residents are asked to:

1. Empty any remaining contents;
2. Dispose of straws and stirrers in the trash;
3. Reattach lids and keep paper sleeves on cups;
4. Place acceptable clean and empty cups loose in their recycling carts.

Colored plastic party cups, foam cups and biodegradable plastic cups are not accepted for recycling.

To support this transition, Monroe County will be launching an educational campaign to spread awareness and provide detailed guidelines on how to recycle paper and plastic cups correctly. Printed resources will also be available at town and village halls, libraries and the Ecopark.

While it's great news that Monroe County is now accepting paper cups and clear and white plastic takeout cups, please remember that the most environmentally friendly cup is the reusable one that you already own. When getting coffee or tea to go, bring your own mug to cut down on waste. Many retailers accept clean, reusable cups and often offer discounts if you bring your own.

For more info on recycling in Monroe County and to request a free and helpful magnet that outlines acceptable recycling items, visit
<https://www.monroecounty.gov/des-residentialrecycling>.

Thanks for Supporting Our Neighbors!

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

In the New Year here are a few of the many nearby businesses that appreciate our patronage.



Social Justice News

Local author and activist, Bill Wynne, writes *Hieroglyphic Stairway*:

it's 3:23 in the morning and I'm awake
 because my great-great grandchildren won't let me sleep
 my great-great grandchildren ask me in dreams
 what did you do while the planet was plundered?
 what did you do when the earth was unraveling?
 surely you did something when the seasons started failing?
 as the mammals, reptiles, birds were all dying?
 did you fill the streets with protest when democracy was stolen?
 what did you do once you knew?

With Peace and Hope ... Bill

Pope Leo in his recent Exhortation: "Thus, in a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists - sometimes well disguised - that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items."

Our beautiful manger scene is very different from those in most churches. Rather than a stable, we have a tent symbolic of all those who are without a home in many different ways. They might be too poor to afford a home, rejected by their family for various reasons, unwelcome by society, unable to stay in provided housing.

We are called to be a welcoming community to all. Recently, we answered that call by sending over 60 *Messages of Hope* to incarcerated individuals. Great job, St Monica's.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

**ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL
MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Be a part of helping our neighborhood.

 Volunteers help with welcoming guests, shopping, bagging, sorting/organizing, s'mores-making, and more!

 CASE training required. Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.

Coat donations will be accepted during office hours until January 14.