

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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Rochester, NY 14619

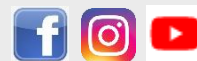
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.



Our Gospel Choir sings "Lord, I'll Go" on the 4th Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

- John 11

March 26, 2023

5th Sunday
of Lent

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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Did you know? Our website, 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.

**Confessions by appointment –
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, March 25	Mary Ann Collet - Donna Whitehair
Sun, March 26	Dominic Cook - Betty Gunter Paul Perotto - Family
Tues, March 28	Favata Family - Jean Button
Wed, March 29	All Parishioners
Thurs, March 30	Button Family - Jean Button Paul Perotto - Family
Fri, March 31	
Sat, April 1	Deceased members of the Siracusa Family - Siracusa Family
Sun, April 2	Aonica Chamberlain - Sandy Chamberlain



Let Us Pray

**An end to racist beliefs and systems
All those affected by violence**



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. and Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for March



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Guy, Gary, & Mike Pugliese
Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert and Jean Vane
Children & Family

Lenten Activities

Lenten Journey
Pick up a booklet with readings, reflections, and activities for Lent at the doors of church

Confession
2:30-3:30 pm
Saturdays during Lent

Stations of the Cross
3:00-3:30 pm
Saturdays during Lent

Virtual stations of the cross any time on our YouTube and Facebook pages

Holy Week 2023

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

Palm Sunday Mass: 10:00 am
April 2 St. Monica Church

Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: 7:00 pm
April 6 Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

Good Friday Service: Noon - Immaculate Conception
April 7 3:00 pm - St. Monica Church

Stations of the Cross in ASL: 6:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Easter Vigil: 7:01 pm
April 8 Immaculate Conception Church
445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Easter Sunday Mass: April 9

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church
10:15 am - St. Monica Church + Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am - Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

All are welcome, especially you!

This Week at St. Monica Church: March 19-26, 2023	
Sunday, 3/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church & Livestream 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:30-3:30 – Palm Sunday Play Rehearsal, Church
Monday, 3/27	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 3/28	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 3/29	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
Thursday, 3/30	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 3/31	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 4/1	2:30 pm – Confession, Church 3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Church 4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 4/2	10:15 am – Mass, Church & Livestream Palm Sunday Play 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Youth Get First Aid-Trained

Our youth received First Aid training last Wednesday from the wonderful Anna from Epic Trainings! A big thanks to Lynn Fulmore, owner of Epic Trainings, for setting this up for us. We had a great time, learned a lot, and are very grateful! 🧴😊



We have FIVE participants for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2023! Youth are collecting **empty printer/copier ink of any kind** to fundraise for the trip to Indianapolis, Indiana in November. Please place in the box in the narthex. You can also donate here:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds/national-catholic-youth-conference-ncyc>

Thanks for supporting our pilgrims! 🌱❤️



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

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

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

Bulletin

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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.

Emergency Food: If you are in need of emergency food and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624, please contact the **SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491**. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

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 (www.stmonicaofrochester.org) 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!

Our Collection: Week of March 19, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
3/19/2023	3,538	3,248	(290)
Year-to-Date	134,163	126,463	(7,700)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$414	
CMA	\$23,000	\$19,522	85%

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, go to dor.org online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.



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 House
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

Labor exploitation is often tied up in sustaining our current levels of consumption.

Take the Human Slavery Footprint survey at slaveryfootprint.org. Once you've completed the survey, go to <https://madeinafreeworld.org> and you can see how many slaves work for you.

Consider ways to decrease your participation in modern-day slavery:

When buying for your Easter baskets look for "Fair Trade" chocolate, tea, coffee, and dried fruit, or small gifts made by fair trade cooperatives. The local non-profit *One World Goods* (oneworldgoods.org) has a good selection in its store at Pittsford Plaza. Or consider sharing an endangered species coloring book for children. Downloads available at <https://digitalmedia.fws.gov/>.

Earth Day Summer Clothing Giveaway Saturday, April 22, 2023

Needed: Gently used and clean adult, teen and children's clothing

Clothing can be dropped off in the attached garage 15 minutes before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses on April 1 & 2 and April 15 & 16.

Volunteers to help sort the clothing and set up on the day of the giveaway would be very welcome. Please contact Margaret Manley: memanley18@gmail.com or 467-6328.



Girl Scout Cookie Drive-Thru a Success!

On March 18, the Williams Park Girl Scout Service Unit hosted a cookie drive-thru at the St. Monica parking lot. Cars lined up all day to buy cookies from the scouts! It was a



wonderful partnership highlighting the joy of teamwork. If you missed the sale, cookies can be purchased:

- Friday, March 24th at door 7, Greece Mall
- Saturday, March 25th at door 7, Greece Mall
- Sunday, March 26th, Aeon Missionary Baptist Church



Youth Group is seeking chefs for Wednesday night dinners! Pick an easy meal or show off your cooking prowess and spend time getting to know our teens. This is a great family, group, or individual activity!



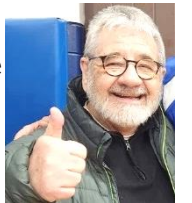
We have 8 Wednesdays open until the end of the year. Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up! Thanks! ☺

Some of our awesome chefs:



Thank you for donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal! We are at 85% of our goal – almost there!

Give now at www.dor.org



All funds raised in the CMA are used for programs, services, and ministries for those in our diocesan faith community. No CMA contributions are used for the settlement of legal cases.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

During Holy Week and Easter, it's interesting to know how diverse cultures celebrate the season. Here's a popular Jamaican Easter tradition and a chance to support a neighborhood business.

"Easter bun and cheese" is a spice-bread loaf adapted from the British "hot cross buns" that symbolize the crucifix for Good Friday. Jamaicans enjoy slices of the spice bun topped with wedges of yellow cheese.



Mrs. Deloris Hamilton, owner of **D&L Groceries** at 1005 Genesee St., has plenty of bun & cheese on hand. During Holy Week, it is the store's most popular item.

D&L Groceries has supplied the favorite foods of our West Indian and African parishioners since 1986. Visit them Monday through Saturday, 9am-7pm. See more at www.dltropical.com.