

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

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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.

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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*Preparations for the Palm Sunday Passion Play
featuring St. Monica youth.
A big thanks to all who helped bring the story to life!*

"Truly, this was the Son of God!"

- Matthew 27

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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, April 1 Deceased members of the Siracusa Family - Siracusa Family
- Sun, April 2 Aonica Chamberlain - Sandy Chamberlain
- Tues, April 4 Minehan Family - Jean Button
- Wed, April 5 Joyce Walsh - Sandy Chamberlain
- Thurs, April 6 Holy Thursday – Evening of the Lord’s Supper
- Fri, April 7 Good Friday – Passion of the Lord
- Sat, April 8 Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil at Immaculate Conception Church
- Sun, April 9 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
All Parishioners living & deceased



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
Following the 10:15 Mass

Celebrate Easter Sunday Mass with us at 10:15 and join us for our Easter Egg hunt afterwards, rain or shine.

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: April 6 7:00 pm
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!

Let Us Pray

**Our Sick
Jim Cook**

**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 April

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Carl & Pat Zahn

Pat Fox-Zahn



Karen Scherzi

Children & Family

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert Mitchell

Patricia Mitchell & Family



**This Week at St. Monica Church:
April 2-9, 2023**

Sunday, 4/2 Palm Sunday	10:00 am – Palm Sunday Mass and Play, Church
Monday, 4/3	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 4/4	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 4/5	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
Thursday, 4/6 Holy Thursday	7:00 pm – Holy Thursday Mass, Church 8:00 pm – Adoration, Church
Friday, 4/7 Good Friday	3:00 pm – Good Friday Service, Church 6:00 pm – ECD Stations of the Cross, Church
Saturday 4/8 Holy Saturday	7:01 pm – Easter Vigil, Immaculate Conception Church
Sunday, 4/9 Easter Sunday	10:15 am – Easter Sunday Mass, Church 11:15 am – Easter Egg Hunt, Lawn 11:30 am – ECD Easter Sunday Mass, 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! You can donate the dinner or let St. Monica's pay for the ingredients.



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

Some of our wonderful chefs:



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! ❤️

St. Monica CHURCH SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2023

AUGUST 14-18
8:45am-noon * Grades K-12

THEME ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON!
Register at stmonicaofrochester.org

Follow Jesus with us:

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/StMonicaChurchMass)

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 26, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
3/26/2023	3,538	2,479	(1,059)
Year-to-Date	137,700	128,942	(8,758)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$289	
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

“Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:14-16

Confident therefore in God's presence and attention, may we confess all that we have done and failed to do in response to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and pray to be made new in Christ for a reconciled and reconciling world.

Choose one of the Lenten practices from the Creation Corner this year that may be meaningful to you to adopt for the year ahead. Write down your choice and share your commitment with a friend or family member.

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.



A Parting Blessing

It is with bittersweetness that we say “see you later” to the Nwabunwanne family as they move to Texas this month. A big congratulations to Somto for graduating from his post-graduate program and securing a new job! We are so grateful for Somto and Janifer's beautiful singing voices and their many years in the gospel choir. We will surely miss the light and joy that Somto, Jr. brings to our community as well, especially the way he engages with others and isn't afraid to tell someone that they are beautiful! Somto, Janifer, and Somto, we are so thankful for our time together and the blessing of each of you as part of our community. We send you on your next adventure with prayers and well-wishes. You will always be part of our St. Monica family, and please visit us often!



LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

JOIN OUR ST. MONICA FAMILY!

Pick up a registration form at the church doors,

call (585)235-3340,

or email Tracy:
tracy.jordan@dor.org

to register!

**ALL ARE WELCOME,
ESPECIALLY YOU!**



**St. Monica
CHURCH**

Congratulations to our 4 recipients of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, shown here with their siblings (a future First Reconciliation class!)



We are so proud of you!

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Celebrate the end of Lenten fasting while bringing the Light of Christ's presence to this neighborhood business.

Soul Fusion restaurant at 544 West Main St. brings take-home food to a whole new level. Owner and chef Joshua Cunningham and his kitchen crew create amazing meals to-go. In fact, the D&C named Soul Fusion one of their 2023 notable new venues.



Order pasta with unique sauces, jambalaya, stir fry, lamb chops, surf & turf, seafood mac & cheese, or ask about the chef's daily special.



See the latest menu and specials at <https://soulfusionroc.com>. Phone for delivery or curbside pickup. They also love to cater parties, showers, and special events. Soul Fusion is open Tuesday-Friday, 2pm-8pm. 585-729-4329.