

# St. Monica CHURCH

*All are welcome here!*

34 Monica Street (at 831 Genesee St.)

Rochester, NY 14619

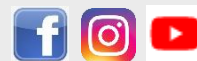
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[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://www.stmonicaofrochester.org)

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.**



*Some of our teens on Easter Sunday- awesome egg hunt helpers!*

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

- John 20

April 16, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of Easter

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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sat, April 15 Lillian Kase - Children & Grandchildren  
 Sun, April 16 Carl & Pat Zahn 50th Ann. – Pat Fox-Zahn  
 Tues, April 18 Communion Service  
 Wed, April 19 Communion Service  
 Thurs, April 20 All Parishioners  
 Fri, April 21 Steve Tartaglia - Kathy & Gerry Murty  
 Sat, April 22 Lillian Wray - Sheilla Wray  
 Sun, April 23 Sharla Davenport - Lynn Fulmore



**Holy Week Together**

St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church, all for which Fr. Ray is the pastor, celebrated Holy Week together this year. It was beautiful to see all our communities come together as one and welcome one another! Visit our Facebook page for pictures of each Mass and our YouTube channel for the recordings of the Masses. Jesus is truly risen in the midst of community. Alleluia!



Lighting the fire at the Easter Vigil at Immaculate Conception



The washing of the hands at the Holy Thursday Mass at Emmanuel Church of the Deaf



The veneration of the cross at the Good Friday service at St. Monica Church

*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 April

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**



**Carl & Pat Zahn**  
*Pat Fox-Zahn*

**Karen Scherzi**  
*Children & Family*

**CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**



**Robert Mitchell**  
*Patricia Mitchell & Family*

**Remember to return your  
rice bowls to church!**



**This Week at St. Monica Church:  
April 16-23, 2023**

<b>Sunday, 4/16</b>	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room First Communion Prep, YG Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
<b>Monday, 4/17</b>	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)
<b>Tuesday, 4/18</b>	12:10 pm – Communion Service, Church
<b>Wed., 4/19</b>	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
<b>Thursday, 4/20</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 4/21</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 4/22</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
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## National Catholic Youth Conference

We have FIVE participants for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2023! We are so excited for our youth to experience this awesome pilgrimage that builds faith and leadership skills. We will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana this November with thousands of other young Catholics from across the nation to connect, pray, learn, grow, and celebrate!



To help our youth offset expenses, you can support in several ways:

- Donate **empty printer/copier ink of any kind** to the box in the narthex or the side door 📦
- Bring your cans and bottles to **Bottle & Can Retrieval Center** at 2374 Chili Ave (3 miles from St. Monica). Tell them it's for St. Monica Church and we will receive \$0.06 for every bottle/can!

**Bottle & Can**  
RETRIEVAL CENTERS™



- You can also donate online:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds/national-catholic-youth-conference-ncyc>

Thank you for supporting our youth on their faith journey! ❤️

Learn more about NCYC: <https://ncyc.us/>

**GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!**  
St. Monica 2023  
Vacation Bible School  
**AUGUST 14-18**  
8:45 am - noon \* Grades K-12  
Register at [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

St. Monica CHURCH

### 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/StMonicaChurchMass)

### 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.

**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 (<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!

### Our Collection: Week of April 9, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
4/9/2023	3,600	3,472	(128)
Year-to-Date	145,900	135,858	(10,042)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$481	
CMA	\$23,000	\$23,000	100%

### 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](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

## Creation Corner

### A God for All Seasons

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," says the author of Ecclesiastes. God is revealed in scripture as fire, wind, rock, tree, bird, water, and all manner of creation. And Fr. Thomas Merton reminds us, "Nothing has ever been said about God that hasn't already been said better by the wind in the pine trees." This year, we invite you to join us as we engage God in each season of Creation. Through discussion, prayer, scripture, and contemplative practices, we will explore the unique lessons the Creator reveals through each season, as we transition between Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter, and pause to embrace the holiness of God in each of them.

**Facilitated by:** Br. Kevin Hershey

**Location/Presented by:** Mercy Spirituality Center  
65 Highland Ave. Rochester 14620

**Dates:**

Summer - June 10

Autumn - September 23

Winter - December 16

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$40 per individual session; \$120 for the series

**Register:** (585) 473-6893 or [info@mercyspiritualitycenter.org](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycenter.org)

**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 TO SIGN UP!**

**Only 6 more dinners needed for youth group this year!**

**Contact Jessica to sign up ☺**

**Thank you for spending time with us!**

The latest package of envelopes includes a new one named "School Tuition." The funds you donate in this envelope are used to award scholarships to students attending Catholic schools. We expect to change the title on the envelope to "St. Monica Scholarship Fund." Please consider using the envelope to support Catholic education, for example, to mark an event like a birthday or anniversary. Thank you!



**Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools**

**We have reached our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$23,000. THANK YOU for this Easter miracle!**



**Get your kids and grandkids involved in this awesome soccer clinic run by parishioner John Nkugwa (husband of our music director, Angela)!**

**RSPORTS CITY OF ROCHESTER Athletics and Aquatics**

**& NKUGWA TEAM IMPACT**

# GIRLS SOCCER

*for Beginners* **AGES 8-13**

**FREE**

**WHEN:**  
Mondays & Fridays  
April 10 - May 12  
6 - 7:30 pm

**WHERE:**  
Rochester Community Sports Complex  
460 Oak Steet

**Questions? Contact: [Eric.Rose@CityofRochester.gov](mailto:Eric.Rose@CityofRochester.gov)**

Nkugwa Team Impact works with organizations to provide boys and girls of all backgrounds with opportunities to succeed in sports environments.

**Rcentral** online Participants must register on R-Central to reserve sessions. Visit [CityofRochester.gov/R-Central](http://CityofRochester.gov/R-Central)

 **Malik D. Evans, Mayor**  City of Rochester, NY Rochester City Council

### St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

At the north end of Genesee Street, a major revitalization of the impoverished Bull's Head area has advanced slowly for over the past 10 years. Several St. Monica parishioners have been involved in the many public meetings. Mayor Evans has moved the project forward, promising needed business & housing development.

The City of Rochester invites you to:

## BULL'S HEAD REVITALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

**Monday, April 17, 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.**  
at St. Mary's, 89 Genesee St., First Floor

City of Rochester officials will update progress on Bull's Head Revitalization Project plans. All are welcome. The last public meeting was in June 2019. Find extensive project background since 2009 at

[www.cityofrochester.gov/BullsHeadRevitalization](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/BullsHeadRevitalization).

Park free in the ramp garage and enter via the skyway.