

# St. Monica CHURCH

*All are welcome here!*

## Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 9am



## Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am

## Emmanuel Church of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11am



## Office Hours:

The office is currently closed.

## 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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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.**



Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 2

September 27, 2020  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## Welcome Back!

Our safety plan for Mass at St. Monica aims to ensure that everyone has a safe, meaningful Mass experience. There are new processes for entering and exiting church, social distancing in church, music, readings, offerings, the sign of peace, and receiving communion. We will provide more information during Mass. [Visit our website](#) for more information. **Wear a mask when you come to Mass- we will provide one if you need one. Please remember that to adhere to social distancing guidelines, we are asked not to congregate after Mass inside church or in the parking lot. Restrooms are closed.** Mass looks different, but the most important thing remains: God's love in our community. Thank you for your help in maintaining the safety and love of our community as we develop our new "normal"!

**\*All weekday Masses fulfill the obligation of Sunday Mass during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consider attending a weekday Mass as an option.**

The St. Monica Church office will be closed until further notice. In case of emergency or if you need to talk to someone, please call the emergency number: (585) 723-6531.

**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 Fr. Ray's 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).



*Let Us Pray*



### Our Sick

All those who are suffering because of COVID-19

An end to racist beliefs and systems

Reconciliation of our community

### Our Deceased

**William Sloan**

*Dan Sloan's father*



### THOSE IN THE MILITARY

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Stephen Brunshidle, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Andrea Christ, Terry Redfield, Jr. and Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for September



### SANCTUARY LIGHT

Millie & Bob Schwind

*Dorothy Schwind*



### CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat., Sept 26	Theresa Higgins - Barbara Higgins
Sun., Sept 27	David Lambert - Marcia Lambert
Tues., Sept 29	Margaret Nordbye - Mary Robinson
Wed., Sept 30	All parishioners
Thurs., Oct 1	All Souls
Fri., Oct 2	Father Bill Trott - Friends
Sat., Oct 3	Donald Wiegand - Mark & Kathy Bianchi
Sun., Oct 4	Alain Lepel - John & JoAnn DeMott



**Tuesdays  
4:00-7:00 PM  
St. Monica  
Parking Lot**

We are in need of weekday Mass intentions. Please call the rectory Monday or Wednesday from 10am to 2pm to schedule a Mass intention.

## Governor Cuomo Has Signed into Law Absentee Voting Expansions In New York State

All New York State voters can now:

- Apply to vote by absentee ballot using the "temporary illness" cause;
- Apply to vote by absentee ballot more than 30 days ahead of the election;
- Boards of elections will now process absentee ballots received the day after the election that do not have a visible postmark date.
- Oct. 9 Deadline for voter registration prior to General Election
- Oct 14 Deadline for change of address
- Nov. 2 Deadline for in-person pickup and submittal of Absentee Ballot at the Board of Elections
- Oct. 24-Nov. 1 Early Voting Days
- Nov. 3 General Election Day



If you haven't received an absentee ballot request in the mail, they are available along with registration applications in the Narthex.



## This week at St. Monica Church: Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2020

Sunday, 9/27	9:00 am – Mass, Church 11:00 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:00-5:00 pm – Camp Stella Maris Youth Day
Monday, 9/28	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/29	12:00 pm – Pray Our Father for COVID-19 12:10 pm – Mass, Church 2:30 pm – Reflection video posted online 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market
Wed., 9/30	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Virtual prayer group (contact Lynn Fulmore to join: <a href="mailto:mail@epictrainings.com">mail@epictrainings.com</a> )
Thursday, 10/1	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 10/2	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Church
Saturday, 10/3	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 10/4	9:00 am – Mass, Church 11:00 am – ECD Mass

## ✝ Faith Formation Information

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation: For ages 4-18.

# 2020-2021 Faith Formation registration is now open!

Visit <https://www.stmonicaofrochester.org/> to register now. Virtual and in-person options available. All in-person sessions will have new safety protocols. Classes begin October 4.

### St. Monica Scholarships

Congratulations to the following students, who have been awarded the St. Monica Scholarship of \$1000 for 2020-2021:

**Gianna Glasgow, Aquinas Institute**

**Micah Divers, Aquinas Institute**

**Emmanuel Torres, Aquinas Institute**

God bless our scholars as they continue their Catholic education.



## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

In support of Black Lives Matter, here are two vital institutions that serve the St. Monica neighborhood.

**Boys & Girls Clubs** has been since 1980 serving 100-200 kids, 6 days a week at 500 Genesee St. Their five core areas are arts, character & leadership, education & career, health & life skills, and sports, fitness & recreation. Volunteers are always needed. 328-3077.



**Southwest YMCA** at 597 Thurston Road has programs for neighbors of all ages. Manager Ken Lee re-opened on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays with distanced equipment, health checks, masks and sanitization procedures. New members are always welcome. 328-9330.



### Follow Jesus with us:

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

@stmonicaofrochester

@st.monicachurch

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### 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](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.

### What do I do about my offering?

Life looks different during the COVID-19 pandemic. While we re-open for Mass, we may not all be able to gather in person. There are three ways to give during this time:

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](http://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 September 20, 2020

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
9/20/2020			

### 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 Housel**  
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).

## Social Justice Corner

### Pope Francis' Guide to Catholic Social Teaching Principle 4: Solidarity and Interdependence

Pope Francis is using his weekly audiences to "explore together how our Catholic social tradition can help the human family heal this world that suffers from serious illnesses." The focus of the fourth week is on solidarity and the virtue of faith. The pope's focus throughout the lesson is on the importance of solidarity and our interconnectedness. He links all creation together saying, "As a human family we have our common origin in God; we live in a common home, the garden-planet, the earth where God placed us; and we have a common destination in Christ. But when we forget all this, our interdependence becomes dependence of some on others — we lose this harmony of interdependence and solidarity — increasing inequality and marginalization; the social fabric is weakened, and the environment deteriorates." This movement out of the balance of interdependence results in us ignoring the ways that we use and objectify others as objects for our own advancement, comforts, and means. Pope John Paul II calls us to recognize that we live in a "global village" and how we have lost the balance of interdependence and solidarity saying the "selfishness — of individuals, nations and of groups with power — and ideological rigidities instead sustain 'structures of sin'."

Pope Francis clarifies what he means by "solidarity" saying, "The word 'solidarity' is a little worn and at times poorly understood, but it refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity." "Solidarity presumes the creation of a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few" (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, 188). This is what "solidarity" means. It is not merely a question of helping others — it is good to do so, but it is more than that — it is a matter of justice (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1938-1949).

For the past two weeks, we have highlighted Catholic Social Teaching in our bulletin. To learn more about Catholic Social Teaching, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (the official source for doctrine in the U.S.A.): <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching>.

#### INTERESTING

68% of Black people live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant, a reality that is tied to increased birth defects, heart disease, asthma, lung disease, learning difficulties, and lower property values, all disproportionately affecting Black communities in the US. What does that say relative to environmental justice?

### Racism in Rochester

Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes + St Anne Churches  
Join us for a three-part online speaker series on race, racism, and faith in Rochester.

- **Week 1, October 7:** **Rev. Judy Davis** (Community of the Savior) discusses the challenges of **building a diverse community of faith.**
- **Week 2, October 14:** **Sr. Chris Wagner, SSJ** (Executive Director and founder of St Joseph Neighborhood Center) identifies **hopeful actions in the community and what still needs to be done.**
- **Week 3, October 21:** **Kevin Beckford** (Senior Director of Staff Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at UR and Pittsford Town Board Member) reflects on **being Black in the corporate world.**

All meetings are from **8:00–9:00 p.m. via Zoom**, and include Q&A. **Register in advance by contacting Konnie Collins at [konnie.collins@dor.org](mailto:konnie.collins@dor.org). Free of charge.**

THEMES FROM

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.



#### Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

#### The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.



#### Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



#### Care for God's Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

