

# 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](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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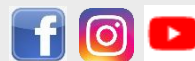
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



VBS Reunion, Sept. 26, 2023 @ Westside Farmers Market.

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

– Philippians 4

October 8, 2023

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

**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, Oct 7 Rita Pugliese - Pat Battisti  
 Sun, Oct 8 George Miller - Barb Borgus  
 Tues, Oct 10 Communion Service  
 Wed, Oct 11 Communion Service  
 Thurs, Oct 12 Communion Service  
 Fri, Oct 13 Communion Service  
 Sat, Oct 14 Helen Huether – Giblin & Johnson Family  
 Sun, Oct 15 Margaret Roehner, Jean Kraus - Barb Borgus



### March for Women's Ordination

“Members of the Roman Catholic Church are preparing for a synod that will begin in Rome on Monday and last the entire month of October.

“And we want to say to Rome, 'Rome, the women are ready,’” Sister of St. Joseph Joan Sobala said.

It is why women in Rochester gathered on Saturday, September 30 to walk together in their faith and spread a message.

“In particular we’re interested in women’s roles in the church,” Sobala said. “[This includes] liturgical leadership, in leadership with other kinds of dimensions, for example, decision making.”



People marched from St. Monica’s Church to Susan B. Anthony Square Park to share their vision for the future.

“[We believe] that women and men can both stand at the altar to celebrate

Eucharist,” Sobala said. “That women and men should be involved in decision making that would affect the whole church and not decision making that’s left solely in the hands of men.”

And they are not the only ones working to spread the message.”

See the whole story at

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/2023/09/30/women-in-rochester-march-together-in-their-faith-to-highlight-role-of-women-in-the-church#>

*Let Us Pray*

**Our Sick**  
**Sharon Barnes**  
**Joaquim Flores**

**An end to racism**  
**All those affected by violence**  
**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 October

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Daniel Tasciotti**  
*Jane Tasciotti*



**Frank P. Spena Sr.**  
*John & JoAnn DeMott*

### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

**Norah June Mastandrea**  
*John Delibert*



**Robert & Jean Vane**  
*Children/Family*

### **This Week at St. Monica Church: September October 8-15, 2023**

<b>Sunday, 10/8</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b> <b>11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room</b> <b>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>
<b>Monday, 10/9</b> <b>Indigenous Peoples Day – Office Closed</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, 10/10</b>	12:10 pm – Communion Service, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking lot
<b>Wed., 10/11</b>	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church
<b>Thursday, 10/12</b>	12:10 pm – Communion Service, Church
<b>Friday, 10/13</b>	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church
<b>Saturday 10/14</b>	<b>4:00 pm – Mass, Church</b>
<b>Sunday, 10/15</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b> <b>11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room</b> <b>11:15-3:00 pm – Confirmation Retreat, Dining Room</b> <b>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>

**Faith Formation: Join us for faith and community!**  
**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation:** For ages 4-18.

Faith Formation, grades PreK4-5 <sup>th</sup>	Sundays after 10:15 Mass until 12:15 PM
First Reconciliation/First Communion, grades 2+	Contact <a href="mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org">jessica.tette@dor.org</a>
Middle School Youth Group, grades 6-7	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Dinner included
High School Youth Group/Confirmation Prep, grades 8-12	

Pete Witkowicz was among the 61 veterans who were flown to Washington, DC for last weekend's Honor Flight. Pete was accompanied by his son Aaron, who is behind him in the photo. Veterans returned to Rochester to the cheers of hundreds. Welcome home, Pete!



Dear St. Monica family,

My name is Lexi. I, along with Maddy, Bella, Charles, and Jessica, will be traveling to the National Catholic Youth Conference in just two short months. Our group is so excited for what is sure to be a meaningful and life-changing experience. We are extremely grateful for the support of our St. Monica community. Without you, this experience would not be possible for us. We are thankful for all your generosity, including the \$600 raised just from cans and bottles alone! Thank you so much for your kindness through gifts, prayers, and words of encouragement. To connect us with our community while we are at NCYC and to complete our fundraising goal of \$300 additional dollars, we are offering shirts for purchase that were designed by us teens. The message "faith over fear" is important to us because it shows how faith can get you through any rough times and dark places in life. We will be wearing this shirt while we are at NCYC, and we will say a special prayer for all who are wearing their shirts to support us from home. Shirts are \$18 and the last day to order is October 22. Thank you SO much for helping us be able to go on this pilgrimage. We feel so loved by our St. Monica family, and we love you!



How to order:

- Online at <https://forms.office.com/r/z27reEgyye>
- Call the office at 585-235-3340
- Order in-person after Mass

**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](#)

**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.

**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!



**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.

**Our Collection: Week of October 1, 2023**

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
10/1/2023	3,270	3,375	105
Year-to-Date	44,920	47,023	2,103
<b>Online Giving/week (included in actual total)</b>		<b>\$298</b>	



**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).

## Creation Corner

### HOW TO STOP YOUR JUNK MAIL

Is your mailbox choked with junk mail? According to Michael Coren, writer of the "Climate Coach" column for the *Washington Post*, there are some ways it can be reduced to a trickle.

#### Stop Most Advertisements

[DMAchoice.org](http://DMAchoice.org) lets you stop delivery of catalogues, magazine offers and other junk items from charities, banks, and national brands. DMAchoice says they can stop 80% of promotional offers as marketers would rather send material to people willing to receive it.

There is a fee for this service. For \$4, deliveries will be stopped for 10 years. By mail, you can have it stopped permanently for \$5. There are options to stop mail for deceased people and even for electronic spam.

#### Stop Credit Card and Insurance Offers

In 1996, the Fair Credit Reporting Act led to the creation of [OptOutPrescreen.com](http://OptOutPrescreen.com). Either using the website or calling 888-567-8688 will allow you to opt out of receiving credit card and insurance solicitations. To opt out of these mailings permanently, you will need to fill out the **Permanent Opt Out Election form**. The process takes a few weeks to complete.

#### Stop Mail from Specific Businesses

[CatalogChoice.org](http://CatalogChoice.org) is a nonprofit that allows you to opt out of mailings from specific companies. The organization has a list of 10,000 businesses and charities. You search the pre-populated list and click the mouse to send a request. This service is free.

**PaperKarma** is a smartphone app with a fee of \$3.99 per month or \$24.99 per year. You take a picture of the mailed item, and the algorithms try to identify it based on the logo or brand name on the envelope. Then you can instantly send an opt out request via the app.

Not all junk mail will be stopped. Grocery fliers, coupons addressed to "Current Resident" and campaign materials from political candidates (protected by the First Amendment) are not block-able.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER  
2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Go Forth  
With  
Christ



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- View the video • See how the funds are distributed
- Make your gift



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

## Holy Beginnings

Join us for a series of welcoming gatherings to live out our call to be a Eucharistic people -- to **BE the living presence** for others, *most especially people who may not feel welcomed by the Church*: the LGBTQ+ community, women, people of color, the divorced, those with special needs.

These gatherings are inspired by the 4th pillar of the National Eucharistic Revival: Missionary Sending – "Invite One Back" and accompany those in need and on the margins. *We begin:*

**October 11, 7:00pm**

**St. Mary's Church (Downtown Rochester)- Dugan Center**

**A Holy Beginning for the LGBTQ+ community**

(Subsequent, focused gatherings will follow.)

The following parishes are collaborating on this and subsequent gatherings: St. Rita/Webster, The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community, Church of the Transfiguration, St. Anne, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. John of Rochester, St. Monica Church/Rochester, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf/Rochester, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget/Rochester, St. Joseph/Penfield, and St. Martin de Porres Parish (St. Columba/Caledonia, St. Mary of the Assumption/Scottsville, St. Vincent de Paul/Churchville).



To learn more about the local and national call for the Church to address these groups based on the Synod, to see Synod summaries from the Diocese of Rochester and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. <https://www.dor.org/synod/>  
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/us-national-synthesis-2021-2023-synod>

### St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Hispanic Heritage Month is the perfect time to try one of the two neighborhood Latin American take-out restaurants. Both are wildly popular. People argue over which is better. And both love to cater events of any size.

**El Latino**, at 1020 Chili Ave., features delicious Dominican favorites. Owners Clar and Ramon Medina prepare recipes from their families' heritage. At lunch and dinner times the customer line can be out the door! Open 10am to 8pm, Mon. to Sat. Call 235-3110.



**D'Mangu Take-Out** is located in a cozy storefront at 154 Genesee St. Owner Luis Tejada and his family are also Dominican, and very proud of their traditional Latin American dishes. All dinner items are prepared fresh each day. Open 11 to 7:00, Mon – Sat. Call 436-3663.

