

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

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.



Paul Olsen and Bob Passalugo on the last day of the Westside Farmers Market. See page 3 for more information.

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."
- Luke 17

October 12, 2025
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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. If you were receiving the weekly parish email and are no longer receiving it, please check your email settings and make sure you allow emails from monicabulletin@dor.org.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct. 11	Carolyn Chilson – Jean Button
Sun. Oct. 12	Charlie Arnell – Ed & JoAnn McDonnell
Tues. Oct. 14	Special Intention & Wedding Blessings for Nick&Alison- Jean Button
Wed. Oct. 15	Evelyn Keegan – Sandy Chamberlain
Thur. Oct. 16	No Mass or Communion Service
Fri. Oct. 17	No Mass or Communion Service
Sat. Oct. 18	Marcia Yawman – Mary Pat Lebeau Kay Angeline – Pat & Larry Battisti
Sun. Oct. 19	William & Joan Hannon – Barbara Higgins



Let Us Pray



Our Deceased
Dennis Lee Harrison
Marley Knapp's Grandfather

Zy'Jae St. Pierre
Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism
An end to war
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



Gregory Fox
Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Norah June Mastrandea
John Delibert



Robert & Jean Vane
Children/Family



Get 15% off two festival events or more WITH CODE: GATEWAYS15

THIS FALL, THE BRILLIANCE RETURNS!

The Gateways 2025 Fall Festival brings the soul of Black classical artistry back to Rochester, NY for a weekend of intimate concerts, bold collaborations, and joyful connection.

FILM SCORES LIVE!
TERENCE BLANCHARD WITH THE E-COLLECTIVE
AND THE **GATEWAYS FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA**

THURS. OCT. 16
Kodak Hall | 7:30 PM

Seven-time GRAMMY winner Terence Blanchard joins the Gateways Festival Orchestra for *Film Scores Live!*, performing his iconic scores in a remarkable evening celebrating music, culture, and legacy—presented in collaboration with Eastman School of Music's inaugural Soundtrax Film Festival.

MON. OCT. 13 Young Musicians Institute: Rochester Day for Strings SHOWCASE AT 6:30 PM Kilbourn Hall FREE WITH RSVP	TUES. OCT. 14 Piano Recital: David Berry 7:30 PM Hatch Recital Hall TICKETS \$20	WED. OCT. 15 Gateways Chamber Players (featuring Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Nonet, Op. 2) 7:30 PM Hatch Recital Hall TICKETS \$20
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SCAN TO DISCOVER MORE

GET TICKETS [GATEWAYSMUSICFESTIVAL.ORG](https://www.gatewaysmusicfestival.org)

St. Peter's Kitchen will not be serving lunch or having pantry hours on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. We will be doing a deep clean and improving organization. If anyone wants to help, they are welcome for a couple of hours or longer. Contact volunteer@stpeterskitchen.org or 585-362-5586.

This Week at St. Monica Church: October 12-19, 2025

Sunday, 10/12	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 10/13	Office Closed – Indigenous Peoples Day 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 10/14	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 10/15	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 10/16	No Mass or Communion Service
Friday, 10/17	No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday, 10/18	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 10/19	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

The last Westside Farmers Market day of the season ended with smiles in the rain! A big thanks to all who made the St. Monica booth possible this year. Because of our St. Monica booth, our youth group numbers have increased, we gained some new parishioners, and most importantly, we

made countless new friends.

Let's

remember



to thank the St. Monica parishioners who were there helping every single week, including John Curran, Mark Juba, Bob Passalugo, David Huddleston, and Dan Lill. This is what community is all about: presence! What a gift!

A message from Jessica Di Salvo, Westside Farmers Market Manager:

"In 2024, our average shopper count was 350 people per week, and this year we hosted 430 people every Tuesday. That's over 140 people per hour coming to see YOU and the market YOU make happen. Even with the weather forecast against us Tuesday 10/7/25, over 350 people still came out to shop and support the Market. I am so proud of what we've done this year, and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for you all."



St. Monica CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

MASS & TRICK-OR-TREATING

Kids & families: join us for Mass and then bring your costume to put on after Mass for trick-or-treating in the dining room!

Contact jessica.tette@dor.org if you can help with a candy station or to donate Halloween candy!

"Growing in the Spirit" shirts can be picked up at weekend Masses on November 1 and 2! Payment is due at pickup. Our 6 pilgrims will be wearing the shirts at NCYC on Friday, November 21st, and we encourage parishioners to wear them on the same day with us. Look for us wearing our shirts during the televised Zoom call with Pope Leo! Thank you so much for supporting our pilgrims! We love you!



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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 with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Our Collection: Week of Oct. 5, 2025

Physical collection:	\$3,215
Online giving:	\$591
Total collection this week:	\$3,806
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit:	(\$6,710)

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!

Emergency Food: If you need emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or go to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

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, email jessica.tette@dor.org for training instructions..



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.

An Indigenous Gift

It was already a privilege to be part of September 28's Care for Creation service along the Genesee River. But, oh, what an extra blessing it was to be in the prayerful presence of a Mohawk and to hear her proclaim a language of thanksgiving for all creation!

Having spent my first 33 years in the Mohawk Valley, here was the opportunity to get a long-standing question answered for me so I can finally accurately pronounce this saint's name. It reminded me of the gospel we hear in which Jesus asks his apostles, "Who do people say that I am?" For me it was asking: "How should we pronounce the name of the Lily of the Mohawks?" A name so often mispronounced in deference to our well-intentioned but inaccurate Americanized versions.

The answer follows, and I show it here how it was phonetically shown to me after the service, with stresses on the capitalized syllables:

GO-da-LEE Day-got-GWEE-da

That is how to pronounce what we see as Kateri Tekakwitha.

A person's name is so important! So important, too, to say it correctly. Respectfully faithful to its roots.

Names have meanings, and our Mohawk friend told me that this name is often translated as "she who bumps into things," but is properly to be translated as "she who puts things in order." So, grateful am I for the Mohawk blessing who has put my pronunciation in order. And I humbly and gratefully and respectfully say, "Thank you, fellow creation of God!"

And: "Doh-gah-DEE-nah-HO-den nah-GWA nah GO-a-la. ah-HO!" Which means: "And now our minds are one. Amen."

-- Deacon Matt



NEW THIS FALL JUSTICE HOUR

WEDNESDAYS, 11 AM - NOON
STARTING OCTOBER 8
HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL, 150 FRENCH RD.

Learn, Reflect, Act

with the SSJ Justice & Care for Creation Committee.

Each week a new topic for exploration.

All are welcome.

OCTOBER 8	"JESUS AND THE EARTH: SEEING CHRIST THROUGH AN ECOLOGICAL LENS" YOUTUBE TALK BY ELIZABETH JOHNSON + CONVERSATION
OCTOBER 15	FALL MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION
OCTOBER 22	IMMIGRATION IN ROCHESTER: WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH REFUGEE RESTITUTION?
OCTOBER 29	IMMIGRATION IN ROCHESTER: NEW HOPE IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES
NOVEMBER 5	AI--WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL COST?
NOVEMBER 12	A DATA CENTER IN WESTERN NEW YORK? STOP THE STAMP!
NOVEMBER 19	NATURE AWARENESS GRATITUDE MEDITATION
DECEMBER 3	REMEMBER MENDING? KEEPING CLOTHES OUT OF THE LANDFILL
DECEMBER 10	UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY READ ALOUD
DECEMBER 17	CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WITH "COME HAVE BREAKFAST"

JUSTICE HOUR TOPICS MAY CHANGE AS THE WORLD'S EVENTS UNFOLD.
QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS--CONTACT HOLLY ROCKWELL
641-8180 OR HROCKWELL@SSJROCHESTER.ORG

Social Justice News

Blue Bags: "Undie Sunday": After a one-month hiatus from Blue Bag collections, we are on again for the month of October. We will pass out bags on the weekend of October 11th/12th with bags due back the following weekend. Please bring NEW socks and underwear for adults and children as you are able. They will be given to St Joe's Northeast, a ministry run by the Sisters of St Joseph for those in need in the community.

No Kings Reminder: There will be a peaceful demonstration in pursuit of justice for all on October 18th. For details use this link: www.nokings.org. There are several events planned in and around the Rochester area. Choose the one that is best for you and help bring justice for all.

Brave New Films is a great source for short films dealing with several social justice issues. As an introduction you may enjoy and benefit from "40 Strangers, 50 Questions." Check it out at www.bravenewfilms.org.

As part of the Marv Mich Memorial series, on Thursday 10/23/25 a lecture on social justice issues will occur at SJFU's Cleary Family Auditorium. *Immigrant Stories: A Call to Justice* will feature four local speakers from different faith traditions who will highlight the gifts and struggles of immigrants considering the current political climate. Use the QR code to register and for more info.



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St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Particular local businesses bring unique skills, dedication, experience and a strong desire to serve the neighborhoods around St. Monica Church.

Unified TaeKwon-Do at 202 Scottsville Road is Rochester's longest-serving martial arts school. For the past 34 years owner



Dwayne McKinney's life's passion has been to teach and physical and mental fitness -- especially for our youth.

Unified Taekwon-Do offers martial arts, self-defense and cardio kickboxing programs for men, women and children, from preschool on up. The school's philosophy emphasizes good health, physical and mental conditioning, awareness, indomitable character, self-confidence and values.

McKinney especially enjoys teaching youth to have goals and mental focus that transcend martial arts' physical aspects. Visit unifiedtaekwon-do.com or call 436-8330.

