

# 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](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.**

## 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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## Black History Month



High School seniors Gianna and Micah were presented with the Hands of Christ Award on February 6, 2024. See page 4.

"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,  
God has visited his people."

– Luke 7

February 11, 2024

6<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 Saturdays during lent from 2:30-3:30 or by appointment – call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

### Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 10 Rita Pugliese - Pat & Larry Battisti  
 Elnora Delibert - John Delibert  
 Sun, Feb 11 Special Intention for Rita & Dick Kane - Your Loving Family  
 Patricia & Donald Brown - The Kane Family  
 Tues, Feb 13 Ray Tette - St. Monica, Immaculate/St. Bridget's Staff  
 Wed, Feb 14 Lydia Livingston - Sandy Chamberlain  
 Thurs, Feb 15 All Parishioners  
 Fri, Feb 16 Lillian & Charles Kase - Children & Grandchildren  
 Sat, Feb 17 Lily May Wray - Bill & Kathy Ripperger  
 Sun, Feb 18 David Divers - Ed & JoAnn McDonnell



*Let Us Pray*

**Our Deceased**  
**Barbara Borgus**

**Jerome Ochs**  
*Barbara Klein's brother*

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 February

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**



**Vivian Rightmeyer**

*John & JoAnn DeMott*

### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

**Robert, Doris, & Peter Will**

*Doris Will Meadows*



**Carol Wightman**

*John Delibert*

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

Offerings for St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Mass + Ashes 8:00 am St. Monica Church

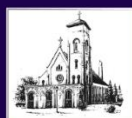
Drive-through 11-11:15 am St. Monica parking lot

Ashes + Confession 12-12:15 pm  
 1-1:15 pm

Drive-through Ashes 5:15-5:30 pm St. Monica parking lot

Mass + Ashes 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church

445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



**St. Monica CHURCH**

We will be having a coffee hour on Sunday, February 18 after 10:15 am Mass. Anyone who would like to help and/or bring food please let Mary Ellen know.

### This Week at St. Monica Church: February 11-18, 2024

<b>Sunday, 2/11</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
<b>Monday, 2/12</b>	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
<b>Tuesday, 2/13</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Wed., 2/14</b> Ash Wednesday	8:00 am – Mass+ Ashes, Church ← See full schedule to the left.
<b>Thurs., 2/15</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 2/16</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 2/17</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 2/18</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

### ST. MONICA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL:

**\$26,000**

As of this date, 87 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our diocese and our parish minister to others. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and think how the Church has brought goodness into your life. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work! Visit [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) to view the video and make your gift.



*Go Forth With Christ*



To St. Monica Parishioners: an update on the SWEM food basket distribution.

I apologize for the lateness of this note. My knee replacement in January put me behind. All of us at SWEM thank Father Ray and all the parishioners at St. Monica Church for again partnering with us for the SWEM Christmas dinner basket program. As usual, the distribution at St. Monica Church flowed flawlessly. Your parishioners donated many baskets, and all the volunteers made the work easy, and the traffic movement was safe and fast.

Here is an update:

We had assigned 86 families to pick up their dinner baskets at St. Monica on Sunday. Of those, 65 came which meant there were 24% no shows. Which is rather disappointing. But, most importantly, we had 22 walk-in clients who we were able to sign up to receive food; so, a total of 87 households were fed from your site. We had also done the distribution at Gates Presbyterian Church on Saturday and Monday but there we had no walk-in clients. Having food distribution at your church meets a significant need.

For the three days of food give-out, we fed 272 households which included our regular 36 senior households who are fed each month and 236 Christmas clients. With your help we gave out over 300 Christmas dinner baskets, 390 chickens, and 250 produce/dairy boxes.

Please share our great appreciation with Father Ray and all the parishioners for being part of this annual mission to bring some Christmas joy into homes in our community.

Sincerely,  
Jody LaRose  
SWEM Board secretary



**This Lent, give to those in need  
right here in our own community!**  
**All you need to bring is your time and chef skills  
to help feed the teens in our youth group.**  
**St. Monica will pay for ingredients.**  
**Can you give one Wednesday to help our youth?**

**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!**

**Follow Jesus with us:**

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

 [@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

 [@stmonicachurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmonicachurch)

 [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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

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

**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 February 4, 2024**

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/4/2024	2,875	2,789	(86)
Year-to-Date	112,725	105,199	(7,526)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$207	
CMA	\$26,000	\$18,735	72%

**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 Houel**  
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).

**African-Americans Who are on the Path to Sainthood**  
<https://josephitepastoralcenter.org/>



**Mother Henriette Delille**  
 (1812-1862)

Mother Henriette Delille, a free woman of color, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1812. She founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1842. The congregation expressed their apostolic intentions through caring for the sick, helping the poor, and instructing the ignorant of their people, free and enslaved, children and adults. The congregation ministered to slaves, at a time when educating slaves was illegal. The last line of her obituary reads, "...for the love of Jesus Christ she had become the humble and devout servant of the slaves".

Mother Delille was the first U.S.-born African-American formally postulated for canonization.

CONGRATULATIONS to seniors Gianna and Micah, who received the Hands of Christ award on Tuesday, February 6 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Hands of Christ award is given to high school seniors who are the hands of Christ in their communities, and these two definitely are! Bishop Matano presented the awards, and friends and family attended to support our two seniors. We have had the privilege of watching Gianna and Micah grow over the years, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds. We are so proud of them!

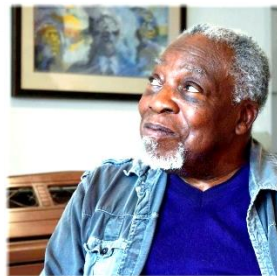
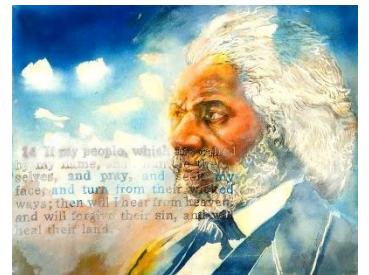


**St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses**

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

The Light of Christ's presence in St. Monica's neighborhood shines brightly during Black History Month. A few blocks from St. Monica Church, Rochester's beloved Black artist Luvon Sheppard cheerfully opens his **Joy Gallery** to all races and ages.

**Joy Gallery** at 498 West Main St. is home base for artist-owner and RIT art professor Luvon Sheppard. Sheppard, now in his mid-80s, still teaches art full-time at RIT - as he has for over 50 years!



In addition to his art at Joy Gallery, his work is in the Memorial Art Gallery, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and other places.

Sheppard's watercolor art subjects reflect Rochester people and places. For Black History Month his theme turns to Frederick Douglass. He painted Douglass in several roles and moods. Some of the paintings can be seen at <https://www.luvonsheppardart.com/>.

The very active Mr. Sheppard pauses to open Joy Gallery only on Saturdays from 10am until 2pm. Call 436-5230.



**Sister Thea Bowman F.S.P.A., Ph D**  
 (1937-1990)

"I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching, and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the Church." USCCB speak 1989

Sister Thea Bowman, the granddaughter of slaves, was born on December 29, 1937, in Yazoo City, Mississippi. She converted to Catholicism at the age of nine and became the first African-American to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Sr. Thea was a special consultant for the Catholic Church. She gave presentations around the country aimed at bridging racial and cultural divisions. She combined her gifts of singing and gospel preaching, with prayers and storytelling. Sr. Thea was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1984. She continued her fight against the evils that drive people apart, from her wheel chair, until her death in 1990.