

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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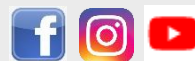
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.

ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 2

*May the souls of the
faithful departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace
AMEN*

Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
- Romans 5

November 2, 2025

All Souls Day

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. Nov. 1 Donna Whitehair – Dey Family
 Esther Rodriguez Lopez – Dorca Rodriguez
 Sun. Nov. 2 Carl Carballada – Gerry & Kathy Murty
 Tues. Nov. 4 Norman Fox – Pat Fox Zahn
 Wed. Nov. 5 All Parishioners
 Thur. Nov. 6 John Donoghue – Mary Robinson
 Fri. Nov. 7 Charlie Arnell – Gerry & Kathy Murty
 Sat. Nov. 8 Lynah Family – Dey Family
 Sue Virgilio – Dan & Maureen Angeline
 Sun. Nov. 9 Mario & Ann DiMasi – Barbara Higgins
 Evelyn Keegan – Sandy Chamberlain



As we celebrate the month of November for all our departed loved ones, we ask that you bring in a photo of your departed loved one(s) for a special display during the month of November. Photos can be brought in on Saturday, November 1st @ 4pm Mass & Sunday, November 2nd @ 10:15am Mass and placed on the table.

Let Us Pray



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 November

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Reilly Family

Barbara Passalugo

Fox & Zahn Family

Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Elnora & James F. Delibert

Family

Special Intention-Bob & Barbara Passalugo

John & JoAnn DeMott



African Americans on the Road to Sainthood

CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Please come to experience, learn, and celebrate the rich gifts of our Black Catholic heritage as we present a cultural dramatization that brings to life the seven Black Americans on the road to sainthood.

It will be filled with poetry, drama, and song for an inspiring artistic presentation by the acclaimed theater director, producer, actor, and historical interpreter David Shakes of Rochester, New York.

THERE WILL BE A FREWILL OFFERING

**Friday, November
14, 2025**

**Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**
**445 Frederick
Douglass St.
Rochester, NY
14608**

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Refreshments
after the event!**

**Co-Sponsored by
the Black Catholic
Coalition of
Rochester (BCCR)
and Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**

WE NEED WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions during the week.
Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

This Week at St. Monica Church: November 2-9, 2025

Sunday, 11/2 All Souls Day Daylight Saving Time	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:00 pm – Family Game Day, Rectory
Monday, 11/3	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 11/4	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 6:30 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting, Rectory
Wed., 11/5	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:00 pm – Youth Group, Rectory
Thurs., 11/6	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Friday, 11/7	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 11/8	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 11/9	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

CMA Goal:
\$25,000
30 Donors
\$5,477 pledged
21.91% of goal



Together We Bring Hope
...and Hope does not disappoint

2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Go to [stmonicaofrochester.org](https://www.stmonicaofrochester.org), share the video, see how the funds are distributed. Make your gift!

As of this date, 25 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 Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

Board Game Day at St. Monica!
Sunday, November 2nd
1:00-4:00 pm
in the dining room.
All ages welcome!
Pizza lunch
will be provided.



Saint Peter's Kitchen is searching for a new Executive Director: For more than 40 years, St. Peter's Kitchen has been a source of nourishment, community, and hope on Rochester's west side. Each weekday, we provide hundreds of nutritious meals, a choice pantry with fresh food, and a welcoming space where every guest is treated with dignity and care. Beyond meeting immediate needs, we connect neighbors with resources, social work support, and seasonal programs like our community garden, all while fostering an uplifting community network. Guided by compassion and hospitality, our ultimate goal is to disrupt cycles of poverty and work toward a future where everyone has consistent access to healthy food and the opportunity to thrive.

St. Peter's is searching for an Executive Director to lead the organization into our next phase. This role is an outstanding opportunity for an individual with demonstrated leadership skills and a passion for service. If you possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree, 5 years nonprofit experience that includes managing others, and a passion for working in underserved communities experiencing food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty, this position could be just right for you. A broad set of responsibilities includes oversight of operations, marketing and communication, managing finances and fundraising/development. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors. Demonstrated ability to be a team player, and strong written and verbal communication skills are musts. Salary \$80K-100K, depending on experience, plus benefits.

The full job description can be reviewed here:
<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdhZkQc6i4q3.../viewform>

This posting will close on Friday, November 7th, 2025. No applications will be accepted after that date. Please contact Jennifer Maltby, Chair of the Board of Directors for St. Peter's Kitchen at president@stpeterskitchen.org with any questions. And congratulations to parishioner Bob Boyd for his awesome leadership of St. Peter's Kitchen for the past 18 months!

Follow Jesus with us:
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 with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Our Collection: Week of Oct. 26, 2025

Physical collection:	\$2,509
Online giving:	\$422
Total collection this week:	\$2,931
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit:	(\$7,585)
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$5,477 • 21%	

How do I give my offering?

- Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to
St. Monica Church
34 Monica St.
Rochester, NY 14619
- OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.
- 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.

Time to Re-create Advent

The word *holiday* evolved from *holy day*, which was originally a religious day when people were exempt from labor to rest and recreate. Today we're fast forwarding into what we call "the holidays" and catapulting toward *Christmas time*. All around, our commercial culture makes it known there's so much to get and do. In place of a time of rest and relaxation, too often we deal with weeks of stress, hectic activity, and overloaded demands. Rather than fighting this surging secular tide, why don't we introduce a twist? Let's use these early November days to initiate a process of experiencing the holy within a busy, chaotic life by calling on a few well-qualified spiritual helpers:

- Locusts and honey notwithstanding, if ever there was a person dedicated to preparing the way for Jesus it was John the Baptist.
- Certainly St. Joseph the Worker knew how to balance contemplation and action.
- The desert fathers and mothers initiated a strong counterculture presence as an alternative to the Roman empire and its economy.
- The mystery of the incarnation is at the heart of the spirituality of Francis of Assisi, integrating divine presence into everyday human experience.
- St. Therese of the Child Jesus earned the title Doctor of the Church based on her teaching of what she called the Little Way - stressing the importance of doing ordinary things with love.
- And what a stressful, arduous, intensely wearying trip the heavily pregnant young Mary had to undertake to get to Bethlehem to fulfill the obligation imposed on her and Joseph.

As we head into the holiday season, this column will feature suggestions to help abate the hectic and prepare to savor Advent. Let's start with incorporating this short litany into our daily prayers:

Lord Jesus,
Send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Desert fathers and mothers, pray for us.
St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.
St. Therese, pray for us.
Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us.

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends and allies welcome as well). First Thursdays every month.

Thursday, November 6th

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm

St. Rita Catholic Parish 1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org

Social Justice News

Catholic Witness: On November 13th, there will be a Catholic witness in support of our refugee brothers and sisters. This is a nationwide effort to call attention to the plight of immigrants in general and refugees in particular. In next week's bulletin, we will provide specific details as to time and place. Your participation is strongly requested and encouraged.

Dilexi Te (I Have Loved You): From Pope Leo's recent exhortation comes this quote: "In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists - sometimes well disguised - that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items."

Mayonnaise or Blankets: Our blue bag collection for November will be for mayonnaise or blankets, an unlikely duo for sure. We are awaiting word from St Peter's Kitchen as to the great need at present. The need for blankets is obvious but mayonnaise? Think of how many uses we have for this staple. Tuna sandwiches, egg salad, salad dressings etc. Without mayo, these staples are tough to make. Watch here next week for the final decision!!

St. Monica Weekly Email: Were you receiving the weekly parish email and bulletin by email before and now are no longer receiving it? Please check your email settings and make sure that emails from monicabulletin@dor.org are allowed in your mailbox. Tip: Check your junk folder to see if the weekly parish email is going there and then allow the emails from monicabulletin@dor.org.

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Foodlink is a large Rochester-based nonprofit emergency food system hub addressing food insecurity across a 10-county area. Foodlink acquires, stores, and distributes food through a network of community partners. St. Peter's Kitchen and SWEM are among the scores of such partners supplied by Foodlink.

Additionally, **Foodlink's Curbside Market** vehicles bring local produce and food products weekly to 52 underserved sites in Monroe County, stopping for 45 minutes each. The stops closest to St. Monica are:

- Kennedy Towers Apts., Mondays, 3:30pm
- Danforth Towers, Tuesdays, 3:30pm
- Thurston Road YMCA, Wednesdays, 10:30am
- Arnett Library, Wednesdays, 11:30am
- Plymouth Gardens, Fridays, 11:30am



Visit FoodlinkNY.org/CurbsideMarket or call 211 for more info.