

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

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

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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Members of the Nate Rawls Band gave us the gift of music for our Eclipse block party, including parishioner Jim Henderson (right).

“Lord, let your face shine on us!”

- Psalm 4

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday
of Easter

Did you know? Our website, 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.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, April 13	Thomas Bostick - Bostick Family
Sun, April 14	Barbara Borgus - John & JoAnn DeMott
Tues, April 16	Special Intention Olga Welling - Peggy Reigelsperger
Wed, April 17	All Souls
Thurs, April 18	Mary DeRouen - Jean Button
Fri, April 19	All Parishioners
Sat, April 20	Lillian Wray - Sheilla Wray
Sun, April 21	Betty Bunce - Denis & Charlene Lepel Ray Tette - Linda LoCastro, Brian Coughlin



Let Us Pray

**Our Deceased
Josie Finucane**

**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 April

SANCTUARY LIGHT

David Divers

John & JoAnn DeMott



Karen Scherzi

Children & Family

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Deceased members

of the Hauck Family

Diane Salamone



The St. Monica Eclipse Block Party was a huge success! What an awesome time with our neighbors. The only totality we saw was total cloud cover, but we had total fun together! A big thanks to everyone who helped make this party fun and successful, including attendees, volunteers, and community partners (19th Ward Community Association, St. Peter's Kitchen, and Nate Rawls Band). Check out our photos on Facebook and take a peek at the *Catholic Courier* article about the party: <https://bit.ly/3U9VXn9>



**This Week at St. Monica Church:
April 14-21, 2024**

Sunday, 4/14	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Communion Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 4/15	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 4/16	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 4/17	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 4/18	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 4/19	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 4/20	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 4/21	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Communion Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Our youth need you!

Bring your time and chef skills to feed the teens in our youth group. Can you give one Wednesday to help? Only 6 left!

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!

Congratulations to Ian Miller, one of our St. Monica teens who is getting confirmed this month! Ian is a star swimmer for McQuaid and went to nationals in his events, placing 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, and 9th, respectively. He set a record in the history of his team, and he is only a freshman! His future is bright, for sure. We are so proud to cheer you on, Ian!



Why Do Catholics Have Liturgical Colors?

"Liturgical colors are not selected arbitrarily, but instead signal specific meanings for certain seasons and occasions, according to Father Michael Witczak, associate professor of liturgical studies at Catholic University of America. He noted that the designation of liturgical colors goes back many centuries in Catholic Church history.

"The colors seemed to emerge out of people's reflection on the meaning of the season," said Father Witczak, who also is past president of the North American Academy of Liturgy."

Read the full article from the *Catholic Courier* here:

<https://catholiccourier.com/articles/liturgical-colors-hold-special-meanings-for-lent-rest-of-year/>


We will have a **coffee hour** on Sunday, April 28 after the 10:15 Mass. We need help! If you can help with set-up and tear-down or if you can bring something, please contact Mary Ellen. Thanks, and see you there!



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.

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!



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 online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.

Our Collection: Week of April 7, 2024

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
4/7/2024	3,688	4,320	632
Year-to-Date	136,638	133,719	(2,919)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$272	
CMA	\$26,000	\$26,000	100%



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.

Creation Corner

So, lawn mowing is a drag. Don't like watering? Would like something more interesting than a green rug in the yard? Join us on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM for *Beautiful and Better: Rethinking the American Lawn*. John Nelson, a master gardener, will present a workshop on how to have a more beautiful, healthier, and more attractive environment in our yards. He will tell us how to start a low maintenance flower garden with plants native to western New York. These plants grow easily and attract the all-important pollinators. He will include suggestions for sunny or shady areas, large or small yards, even flower boxes or pots. The evening promises to be fun and full of useful information. Please join in.

THE PACKAGING REDUCTION AND RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE ACT: The rates of reduction in both the amount of packaging and the amount that must be recycled/reused are phased in. Packaging is reduced 10% by weight every two to three years while the recycle/reuse percentage remains at 35% from year 3 through year 10 when it goes to 50%. These don't sound so impressive until you start applying them to the numbers. A hypothetical 200 pounds of packaging material is reduced to 180 lbs at 3 years; 142 lbs at 5 years; 96 lbs at 8 years and 59 lbs. at 10 years. At the third year, 117 lbs goes to a landfill; at year 5 the amount is 93 lbs; at year 8, it's 64 lbs and by year 10, it is down to 30 lbs to the landfill. Both rates reach 50% by year 12 and 75% by 2050.

By the beginning of the third year after promulgation of the Act, all of the named toxic substances (more than 15) are prohibited from being contained in any package sold or distributed in New York State. Most of these toxins are petrochemicals which have been found to cause multiple diseases. Current federal law does not regulate most of these chemicals and some are even allowed to be in contact with food. Experts, however, say that there is no safe level of exposure to these chemicals. The bill remains in the Senate Finance Committee.



ST. MONICA 2024
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL

THE MYSTERY
OF
FAITH

AUGUST 12-16, 2024

ONLINE REGISTRATION IN JUNE AT
STMONICAOFROCHESTER.ORG

You Are Cordially Invited



to a
Mass of Recognition
of the
Sacrament of Matrimony.

Please join
The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony

on
Sunday, April 28, 2024
at quarter after eleven in the morning

at
Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park • Rochester, NY 14615

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by registering at <https://shorturl.at/rEGL3>

Additionally, the June issue of the *Catholic Courier* will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email, or a letter with the following information:
Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and a wedding photo (optional).

Email: weddings@CatholicCourier.com Mail: Wedding Anniversaries
Catholic Courier
PO Box 24379
Rochester, NY 14624-0379

Submissions are due by **April 30**

Photographs must still be submitted by US Post or email.

Two members of "Pilots To The Rescue" attended St. Monica's Sunday Mass this past Sunday and were applauded for their efforts. They had just coordinated delivery of puppies needing shelter on the previous day. The group's efforts are shown periodically on the *CBS Today Show*.



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Buying from St. Monica's neighborhood businesses brings 'the light of Christ's presence', providing services, jobs, and income.

Supreme Salad Bar is celebrating its 3rd anniversary at 344 Thurston Road. 19th Ward resident-owners Antwaine and Khadedra Johnson offer the neighborhood's healthiest food choices.



The Johnsons create made-to-order veggie salads, wraps, pasta salads loaded with optional meats or shrimp, fresh-cut fruit salads. All come with a choice of toppings. Desserts include home-made strawberry-banana

pudding, cheesecake, and huge smoothies. Check their Facebook page for menu offerings. They are open weekdays and alternate Saturdays, 11 to 7. Order ahead at 235-4073.