

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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VBS 2023: God's Love is SWEET!

We are so blessed by our neighbors from near and far.

Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.
– Romans 13

September 10, 2023
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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, Sept 9 Betty & Ed Bazil - Cheryl Bazil-Vasko
 Sun, Sept 10 Edward A. Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin
 Special Intention Edward D. Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin
 Birthday Blessings
 Tues, Sept 12 Thomas Statt - Betsy Romson
 Wed, Sept 13 All Parishioners
 Thurs, Sept 14 All Souls
 Fri, Sept 15
 Sat, Sept 16 Siracusa Family - Family
 Sun, Sept 17 David F. Booth - The Booth Family



Let Us Pray

Our Sick
Barbara Borgus
Ray Tette

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 September



SANCTUARY LIGHT
All Parishioners



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT
All Parishioners

We Need YOU at the Westside Farmers Market!

Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM • till October 10



We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth! Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up for ONE day (only 5 left!)

Our chalkboard offers a reflection question each week where people can write their response at the market.
 This week's chalkboard question:

What is on your bucket list?

St Monica Scholarships

Please bless our students as they return to school. The following students have been awarded the St Monica Scholarship for 2023-24 to continue their Catholic education:

- * Gianna Glasgow, Aquinas Institute
- * Micah Anderson, Aquinas Institute
- * Emmanuel Torres, Aquinas Institute
- * Marley Knapp, Aquinas Institute
- * Bella Nkugwa, Nazareth Elementary
- * Joshua Nkugwa, Nazareth Elementary



The Rusty Halos senior luncheon has been changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month. Join us for the next one: Thursday, September 14, noon @ Ezzy's: 885 Buffalo Rd, Rochester, NY 14624.

Emmanuel Church of the Deaf now has online giving!

1. Visit the website:
<https://www.stmonicaofrochester.org/emmanuel-church-of-the-deaf>

2. Click the link to give online.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministry!



**This Week at St. Monica Church:
September 10-17, 2023**

Sunday, 9/10	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 9/11	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/12	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking lot
Wed., 9/13	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thursday, 9/14	12:00 – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's 12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 9/15	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 9/16	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 9/17	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 10:00-1:00 pm – Faith Formation Kickoff Potluck, Dining Room

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

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

Register at stmonicaofrochester.org

NCYC UPDATE

THANK YOU so much for your support of our pilgrims attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November! We are closer to our goal with \$800 left to raise. We are still collecting returnable cans and bottles, empty ink cartridges, monetary gifts, and prayers to raise funds for our pilgrimage. We are SO grateful for our community! ♥



Summertime Building Improvements at St. Monica



A new mesh screen has been added to the rose window facing Genesee Street to enhance and preserve its beauty.

Repair work and a primer coat of paint prepares the front doors for a final coat of dark brown paint that will match the color of the gutters.



New metal flashing has been added over the chapel area.

A big thanks to our Buildings & Grounds team for these improvements!

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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

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

Our Collection: Week of September 3, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
9/3/2023	3,113	3,544	432
Year-to-Date	32,313	34,321	2,009
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$117	



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 Huseel
 585-328-3228, ext. 1555
 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

The Prophet Amos cries out: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24).

We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

We at St. Monica's are each invited and challenged to add a drop of water to the river: one action that you will do during the Season of Creation on behalf of all Creation. Together we will widen the stream into a mighty river.

This week, let us pray:

*Creator of All,
You called human beings to till and keep your garden.
You placed us into right relationship with each creature,
but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable.
We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.
Please help us repair our harm and care for your Creation.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy.*



Season of Creation 2023

An Opportunity to Act on Behalf of All Creation

Join the global community in
The March to End Fossil Fuels

On Friday, September 15
From City Hall 3pm. (30 Church St.) to
Washington Square Park.

Interested in joining the SSJ delegation?
Email Sister Phyllis Tierney:
ptierney@ssjrochester.org

September Men's Retreat

*Give yourself the gift of a weekend away with God
to start fall in peace and hope*

Come to beautiful Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua for our **September Men's Retreat: Keep Hope Alive** with Fr. Anthony Michalek, CSsR, Fr. Daniel Ruiz, Deacon Brian McNulty, Nancy Lynch, and Jodie Scordo. The retreat begins **Friday, September 22 at 7 pm and ends Sunday, September 24 at Noon.**

To register, contact us at 585-394-5700.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

We can bring the Light of Christ's presence to our neighborhood by supporting its long-standing institutions.

The Thurston Road YMCA Neighborhood Center at 597 Thurston Rd. provides education, health, dance, yoga, social and wellness programs for all ages.



Jean Calder leads the popular Silver Sneakers fitness group of about 30 with ages from 60 to 88. The D&C featured them in a May issue: <https://bit.ly/3L9FKJG>



Jean ends each workout with a prayer.

The Thurston YMCA is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., plus Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is minimal – in fact it's free for most seniors. Call 328-9330.

We can also support members in our very own St. Monica community!

Rochelle Creative Design is run by Rochelle Knight, our neighbor whose daughter is involved in VBS. Rochelle specializes in gift baskets, jewelry, and centerpieces. Contact 585-363-9221 for one of these beautiful gifts. 📞

