

# 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](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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*Due by 4pm Sunday prior*

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Walk with us on:

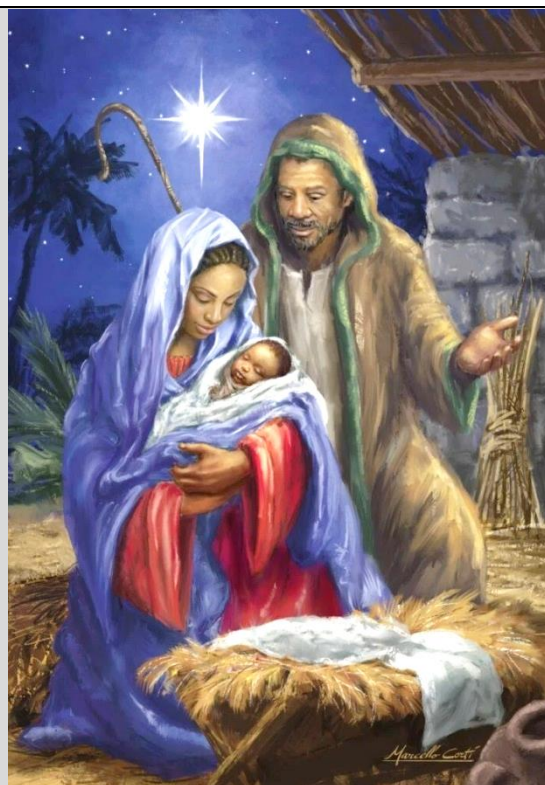


## St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

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.**



I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

— Luke 2

December 25 & 28, 2025  
Christmas & Feast  
of the Holy Family

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). 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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Wed. Dec. 24	All Parishioners
Thur. Dec. 25	Mass @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
Fri. Dec. 26	Judy & Paul Henderson – Mike Henderson
Sat. Dec. 27	Joseph Siracusa – Family
Sun. Dec. 28	Patrick Bertram – Patricia Mitchell & Family Special Intention for Jennifer Ertel – Bob & Joy Boyd
Tues. Dec. 30	Gregory Fox – Pat Fox Zahn
Wed. Dec. 31	No Mass, No Communion Service
Thur. Jan. 1	Mass @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
Fri. Jan. 2	Royal Chamberlain – Sandy Chamberlain
Sat. Jan. 3	Special Intention for Bernard Fischer – Fischer Family
Sun. Jan. 4	Special Intention for Alesha Paulk – Jean Button



**Congratulations and thank you to all who made our Christmas pageant possible – our youth, the gospel choir, parents, parishioners, friends, families, and especially our baby Jesus, William Meade! We are grateful for this special gift year after year!**



## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD HOLIDAY MASSES

**ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH**

*All Masses ASL interpreted.*

**Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24:  
4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church**

**Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25:  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**

**New Year's Day Mass Thursday, January 1:  
10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**



**St. Monica  
CHURCH**

ST. MONICA CHURCH  
EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
CORNER OF GENESEE & MONICA STREETS  
ROCHESTER, NY 14619



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/  
ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH  
445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.  
ROCHESTER, NY 14608

**ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!**

*Let Us Pray*



**Our Sick  
Officers shot on Chili Ave.**

**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 December**

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Battisti, Leonardo & Pugliese Families**

*Pugliese Family*



**Higgins Family**

*Barbara Higgins*

### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

**Don Wiegand, Sr.**

*Family*



**Robert & Jean Vane**

*Children/Family*

### **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: Dec 28, 2025 – Jan 4, 2026**

<b>Sunday, 12/28</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
<b>Monday, 12/29</b>	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)
<b>Tuesday, 12/30</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
<b>Wed., 12/31</b>	New Year's Eve – Office Closed
<b>Thurs., 1/1</b>	New Year's Day – Office Closed 10:00 am – Mass at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
<b>Friday, 1/2</b>	Office Closed 8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
<b>Saturday, 1/3</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 1/4</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church



**CMA Goal:**  
**\$25,000**  
**63 Donors**  
**\$14,637 pledged**  
**58% of goal**



*Together  
We Bring  
Hope*

*...and Hope does  
not disappoint*

**2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal**



Go to [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) - View the video  
 See how the funds are distributed  
 Make your gift



As of this date,  
 63 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!

### Seeking a Children's Liturgy Leader

Have you ever considered leading Children's Liturgy of  
 the Word? This is the Holy Spirit calling YOU! Jessica  
 is in search of a children's liturgy leader for one Sunday  
 of the month (either 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays). Lead by  
 yourself or bring a friend to help you. Help our young  
 children know the great love of God. CASE training is  
 required! Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to answer the  
 Holy Spirit's call!



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Thank you*

for helping us get to the  
 National Catholic  
 Youth Conference!



**Please join us at coffee hour on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 Mass,  
 where we will share photos and memories of the trip.**

**Merry Christmas**

from the staff of  
**St. Monica Church and  
 Emmanuel Church of  
 the Deaf**



### 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/stmonicachurch)

### Bulletin

Did you sign up to receive the bulletin by  
 email but are no longer receiving it?  
 Please check your email settings to ensure  
 you allow emails from  
[monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org). Be sure to  
 check your junk/spam folder. If the  
 problem persists, email  
[monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

**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.

### Our Collection: Week of Dec. 21, 2025

Physical collection:	\$1,558
Online giving:	\$908
Total collection this week:	\$2,466
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> :	<b>(\$8,050)</b>
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$14,637 • 58%	

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

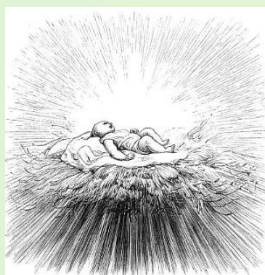
## Creation Corner

The Creation Stewards wish you a blessed Christmas season. We share this beautiful prayer with you from the Franciscan Action Network.

Most High and Good God,  
As we celebrate Christ's coming,  
we praise You with St. Francis—  
Through Brother Sun, Sister Moon,  
Wind, fire, water and all creation.

Like Francis, may we sing in suffering,  
Walk gently on the earth,  
Lift the lowly and speak with love.

Fill us, Lord Jesus, with Your light,  
And make us bearers of hope. Amen.



## LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

## JOIN OUR ST. MONICA FAMILY!

Pick up a registration  
form at the church  
doors,

call (585)235-3340,

or email Tracy:  
[tracy.jordan@dor.org](mailto:tracy.jordan@dor.org)

to register!

**ALL ARE WELCOME.  
ESPECIALLY YOU!**

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## St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Bringing the Light of Christ's presence to our neighborhood can support long-standing, home-grown businesses.

**Nick Tahou Hots** owner Alex Tahou carries on the iconic business his grandfather opened in 1918. Alex still serves the same affordable modest menu – including the original Garbage Plate. Residents, workers and visitors enjoy the no-frills setting.

Alex proudly displays this carved nativity scene, which, according to Greek Orthodox teaching, is awaiting the arrival of the baby Jesus on January 6.

Visit Nick's at 320 West Main St., on the edge of downtown. It is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 11-7 and closed on New Year's Day.



## Social Justice News

**Blue Bags/Christmas Baskets:** Thank you for your generosity in donating 53 Christmas baskets for our recent collection. That surpassed the goal of 40! Blue Bags for January will be incorporated into our annual MLK coat giveaway. Details to follow.

**Messages of Hope.** Thanks to all who took the time recently to send a message of hope to those incarcerated throughout NYS. This will be an ongoing effort for the parish in various ways

If you would like to be part of the Social Justice team at St. Monica or if you would like to be informed/updated on events, contact Dan at [danlill126@gmail.com](mailto:danlill126@gmail.com) or 585-313-6027.

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## BOARD GAME DAY AT ST. MONICA'S



**Sunday, February 1**

1:00-4:00 pm in the rectory dining room

For all ages!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pizza lunch will be provided.



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**We need warm & clean coats,  
hats, scarves, and gloves  
for adults, teens, and children**

**ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM**

**LAST DAY TO DONATE: JANUARY 14**

Donations can be brought to the office:

**34 Monica Street**

**Monday-Friday**

**10:00am-3:00pm**

-ring the bell at the front office door-

**or to Mass**

to the box in the narthex.

To arrange another drop-off time,  
contact [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org).

**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!**

