

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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Then they said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to
us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" - Luke 24

April 23, 2023

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 22 Lillian Wray - Sheilla Wray
 Sun, April 23 Sharla Davenport - Lynn Fulmore
 Tues, April 25 Bernard & Theresa Higgins - Barbara Higgins
 Wed, April 26 Karen Jackson - Jean Button
 Thurs, April 27 Fr. Paul Brennan - JoAnn & Ed McDonnell
 Fri, April 28 All Parishioners
 Sat, April 29 Doris Graham - Donna Whitehair
 Sun, April 30 Barbara Murty - Kathy & Gerry Murty



Need a summer wardrobe refresh? Join us Sunday, April 23 from 2-4 PM for our Earth Day Summer Clothing Giveaway! Find t-shirts, shorts, pants, jackets, and more. Join us at 831 Genesee Street

Volunteers welcome! Contact Margaret Manley at 467-6328 or memanley18@gmail.com.



A big thanks to the UR Ambassadors for helping sort and prepare the clothing for the giveaway!



Let Us Pray

**Our Sick
David McCrary**

Lea Chamberlain-McCrary's husband

**Our Deceased
Thomas Bostick**

Sheila Clements's father

Deatta Hart

**An end to racist beliefs and systems
All those affected by violence**



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. and Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for April

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Carl & Pat Zahn

Pat Fox-Zahn

Karen Scherzi

Children & Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert Mitchell

Patricia Mitchell & Family




**This Week at St. Monica Church:
April 23-30, 2023**

Sunday, 4/23	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Youth Mass Rehearsal, Dining Room First Communion Prep, YG Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 4/24	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 4/25	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 4/26	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
Thursday, 4/27	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 4/28	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 4/29	8:00 am-Noon – Clean Sweep Genesee St. 4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 4/30	10:15 am – Youth Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room First Communion Prep, YG Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

National Catholic Youth Conference

We have FIVE participants for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2023! We will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana this November with thousands of other young Catholics from across the nation to connect, pray, learn, grow, and celebrate!

To help our youth offset expenses, you can support in several ways:

- Donate **empty printer/copier ink of any kind** to the box in the narthex or the side door 📦
- Bring your cans and bottles to **Bottle & Can Retrieval Center** at 2374 Chili Ave (3 miles from St. Monica). Tell them it's for St. Monica Church and we will receive \$0.06 for every bottle/can! 
- You can also donate online:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds/national-catholic-youth-conference-ncyc>



Thank you for supporting our youth on their faith journey! ❤️



Learn more about NCYC:
<https://ncyc.us/>



GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!
St. Monica 2023
Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 14-18
8:45 am - noon * Grades K-12

Register at stmonicaofrochester.org



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/StMonicaChurch)

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!

Our Collection: Week of April 16, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
4/16/2023	3,600	4,991	1,391
Year-to-Date	149,500	140,849	(8,651)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)			\$825
CMA	\$23,000	\$23,000	100%

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.



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

Creation Corner

For the past year-and-a-half or so, we have been writing about nature and our connection to it, the degradation of the Earth and what we can do to stop it and repair damage already done. This has been in conjunction with St. Monica's *Our Common Home* project. Beginning this weekend, we'll be looking at the genesis of all these concerns, that is, Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

Pope Francis published his encyclical *Laudato Si'* in the spring of 2015. This is not only an encyclical regarding care for our planet, but also a social encyclical. The title *Laudato Si'* recalls the canticle of St. Francis of Assisi written in the Italian language: *Laudito si', mi Signore* - Praise to you my Lord...through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us". This encyclical's subtitle reads "On Care of Our Common Home." The encyclical examines consumerism and the imbalance inherent in technological advancement. It notes the selfish harming of our environment and the dangers posed by real global warming for ourselves and future generations. In the coming weeks, we will share some of the highlights from this encyclical that will help to raise awareness of both practical and spiritual considerations for us as responsible Christians. As caretakers of God's Creation, what can we do as individuals and as a larger society to help promote efforts to save our planet for future generations? In subsequent entries, we will summarize the important points from the six chapters of *Laudato Si'*. These six chapters are: (1) What is happening to our common home? (2) The Gospel of Creation (3) The human roots of the ecological crisis (4) Integral ecology (5) Lines of approach and action (6) Ecological education and spirituality.

Clean Sweep Genesee Street, April 29

Parishioners are again invited to join the mayor's annual clean-up next Saturday morning, April 29, 8am-noon. The City provides tools, bags, gloves and an optional free Red Wings game afterwards. To join a Genesee St. team call John & JoAnn DeMott, 464-9503.



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!

Only 5 more dinners needed for youth group this year!

Contact Jessica to sign up 😊

Thank you for spending time with us!

We have reached our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$23,000. THANK YOU for this Easter miracle!



TIME FOR ACTION: Greening our Congregations Sunday, May 7, from 1-4:30 P.M. Temple B'rith Kodesh, Elmwood Ave. Rochester, NY

Our goal is to energize and inspire the faith community to confront the challenges of climate change. We will provide specific and practical information on greening your house of worship and by extension, your congregants' homes. Currently, new laws have passed and resources have been allocated, making it possible for houses of worship to receive rebates for implementing measures to reduce their carbon emissions. Learn how to navigate this new world of sustainable choices.

Opening Remarks

Muhammed Rashid Reverend Myra Brown Rabbi Peter Stein

Keynote Address

Abigail McHugh-Grifa, Executive Director of the Climate Solutions Accelerator

Workshops

Solar Installations	Sustainable Landscaping
Geothermal Heating and Cooling	Youth Climate Action
Congregational and Household Composting	
Climate Justice and Advocacy	Energy Audits

In addition, there will be representatives of many environmental organizations and services present to answer questions and inspire action. We welcome everyone in your congregation to attend this summit, **especially those involved in making decisions regarding facility management, landscaping, waste management, and education.**

The summit is **free**. Further information is available at www.raica.net. To register: <https://www.raica.net/event-details/raica-annual-summit-2023>

Join us for an afternoon of inspiration and action.

The RAICA Summit Planning Committee

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Here is a St. Monica neighborhood business at Bull's Head that welcomes our support in a struggle for its continued existence.

Andy's Automotive Enhancements is a small auto body repair shop at 22 York St., across from St. Mary's Hospital. Owner Andy Winterkorn has skillfully restored neighbors' damaged vehicles there for over 25 years.

The City of Rochester is threatening eminent domain to acquire his building, demolish it and relocate his business.



Until negotiations are finalized, income from the repair shop enables Andy as a single dad to provide for his 3 daughters. He welcomes our fender-bender repairs as well as wishes of support weekdays 9 to 5 at 436-3330