

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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Rochester, NY 14619

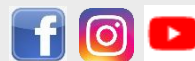
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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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One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

- Psalm 27

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday
of Easter

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. May 16 Lillian Kase – Children & Grandchildren
 Sun. May 17 Eleanor & Franklyn Engle – Bob & Karen Engle
 Tom Diederich - Family
 Tues. May 19 Joyce Burns – Bob Burns
 Wed. May 20 No Mass or Communion Service
 Thur. May 21 All Parishioners
 Fri. May 22 Bob Mulcahy – Linda Pugliese
 Sat. May 23 Special Intention for Bernard & Dorothy Fischer – Mary Ellen Fischer
 Special Intention for Glenn & Lisa Nowakowski – Mary Ellen Fischer
 Sun. May 24 Bill Clarke – Chuck & Ruth Petersdorf
 Ann Marie Drobach – Brian McNulty



Let Us Pray



Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism
An end to war
Caregivers
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 May



SANCTUARY LIGHT

**Guy, Rita, Annabelle Pugliese
& Norma Caiazza**
Pugliese Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Rhonda Neri
John Delibert

YOGA AT THE MARKET
 LED BY KENYA FROM TRU YOGA
 TRU YOGA
 831 GENESEE ST.
 JUNE-OCTOBER
FIRST TUESDAYS | 5:00 PM
 CALM YOUR MIND - MOVE YOUR BODY

The Westside Farmers Market starts in June!

We are once again looking for 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth each week. **Please sign up** by emailing Jessica.tette@dor.org – we want to make sure we evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday from June 2nd-October 6th.



We Need Weekly and Weekend Mass Intentions!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a birthday, anniversary, etc. Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

About the Prayer Shawl Ministry: One went to Norway. One calmed the restless roommate of a parishioner in rehab. One was buried with the recipient. All were prayer shawls made by the hands and prayers of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Each one arrived with a card reading, "You are in the prayers of the people of St. Monica Church." Each week, knitters and crocheters meet to work on the shawls. Patterns are personal choices and yarns are available. The work carries on at home between meetings. There's a rhythm to the work, both on the needles and on the calendar. In winter, work starts on the baptismal shawls for those entering the church at Easter. In the fall, plans start for the scarves included in the Martin Luther King Day Coat Giveaway. Throughout the year, there's always a shawl on the needles for the next request. A shawl brings comfort and connection in a tangible way. If you know someone going through a tough time, call the office and a shawl will be on its way. If you are knitter or crocheter, drop in to a meeting on Tuesdays at 1:30 in the rectory. Got a question? Contact Margaret Manley: 585-467-6328.

This Week at St. Monica Church: May 17-24, 2026

Sunday, 5/17	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 5/18	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 5/19	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 5/20	8:00 am –No Mass or Communion Service 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 5/21	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 5/22	8:00 am –Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 5/23	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/24	10:00 am – Pentecost Mass, Church 11:00 am – Reception, Narthex

Garden Helpers Needed

We all enjoy the beautiful gardens around the church; however, it does take a little effort to maintain their beauty. Do you like to garden and spend time outdoors caring for plants? Would you be able to help keep our parish grounds welcoming by spending a few hours a week on small tasks in God's creation? Please contact JoAnn DeMott at (585) 313-2614 for more information.



ST. MONICA SUMMER CONCERT

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Join us for our fourth annual showcase of the talented musicians from our parish and community.

Refreshment reception to follow.
Free will offerings accepted.



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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

[St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

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.

Transforming isolation into community. Invite your family to Mass next week!

Attendance May 9/May 10	216
Attendance May 2/ May 3	176
Attendance April 25/April 26	166
2026 YTD Average Attendance	189
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$25,000 • 100%	

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.

No Menthol

SUNDAY

MAY 17, 2026

WE ARE THE MOVEMENT

NOMENTHOLSUNDAYWI.COM



No Menthol Sunday is an annual national day of action, usually held on the third Sunday in May, led by The Center for Black Health & Equity to highlight the harmful impact of menthol tobacco products on Black communities. It engages faith leaders to educate communities, promote quitting, and challenge tobacco industry targeting. www.nomentholsunday.org.



We are still collecting cans and bottles as an ongoing fundraiser for our youth programming! Bring your cans and bottles to the office or church or bring them directly to the donation center at 2374 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 and tell them it is for St. Monica's. Thank you for your generosity! We love you!

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.

Creation Corner

There are many opportunities to learn about what's happening in the world of climate news, including through webinars and in-person talks. Here are two upcoming programs:

Explore the unseen impacts of Great Lakes plastic pollution, inspiring a movement for systemic change and a plastic-free future. *Ripples of Plastic* is a 22-minute documentary film. There will be a free viewing and discussion at 3 p.m. on May 22, sponsored by WNY Environmental Alliance and two groups of religious sisters. To register: <https://www.ripplesofplastic.com/>

The Sisters of St. Joseph Justice & Care for Creation Committee offers weekly programs from 1-2 p.m. Mondays in the Holy Family chapel at 150 French Road. You can also watch on [youtube.com/ssjsroch](https://www.youtube.com/ssjsroch). The topic for June 1 is Sr. Joana Dalva Alves Mendes reporting on the UN Climate Conference Cop 30.

Here's other environmental news of note:

The largest offshore wind project under construction in our country has nine turbines in the water and is on track to begin operating next year, according to Energy and Environment News by *POLITICO*. The Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project, which successfully beat back the Trump administration's effort to halt construction, is on track to install all 176 turbines by June 2027.

Many of humanity's most important crops — including wheat, potatoes, beans — contain fewer vitamins and minerals than they did a generation ago. The *Washington Post* reports that surging concentrations of carbon in the atmosphere, caused largely by burning fossil fuels, have produced potent changes in the way plants grow — from increasing sugar content to depleting essential nutrients.

Despite a federal funding freeze to pay for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, states that received funding before the freeze spent \$94 million in 2025 on public charging ports, according to *Inside Climate News*. New York was not on the list.



MAY 24, 2026 · PENTECOST

St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

10:00 am Mass

@ St. Monica Church
831 Genesee St.

Join us for a special multicultural liturgy
and coffee hour to celebrate the coming of
the Holy Spirit.

Wear clothing from your culture or red
to join in the fun!



Social Justice News

Mary's Place and Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services are two affiliated agencies that work directly with incoming refugee families. Many have helped them in various ways in the past including sponsoring a family. They are now coming to us in dire need of financial support due to cutbacks by the federal government. These organizations work closely to provide services that ensure assimilation into our community. Some of those services include housing, employment, and education to assist in the development of independent and self-sustaining citizens in our community. You can find information and ways to help at their respective websites: marysplaceoutreach.org and rochesterrefugeeservices.org.

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 Lill at danlill126@gmail.com or 585-313-6027.

Save the date:

St. Augustine School Reunion

September 13, 2026

Twin Silos Barn

6758 Big Tree. Rd

Livonia, NY 14487

Time 1:00 -6:00pm

\$35 catered lunch

More details to follow

**Happy 40th Anniversary of Deacon
Ordination to Deacon Brian McNulty!**
**Thank you for 40 years of ministry at
St. Monica and St. Augustine!**



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Nonprofit "businesses" serve our neighborhood with goods and services. Some, like this one, also provide residents with jobs.

The Salvation Army Thrift Store at 745 West Ave. is a huge 11,000-square foot shopping opportunity for budget-minded families. The store has clothing, footwear, housewares, books, furniture, appliances, music, videos, toys, and more. There is also a donation center where neighbors can drop off gently-used articles.



Proceeds from the store sales fund the adjacent Salvation Army Adult Rehab Center, where men struggling with drugs and alcohol find a second chance at life. There is also a nearby women's shelter.

The Salvation Army Thrift Store is open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Wednesday is 50% day!

