

# 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

34 Monica Street (at 831 Genesee St.)

Rochester, NY 14619

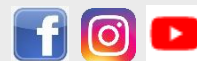
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[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://www.stmonicaofrochester.org)

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](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.

### Parish Office

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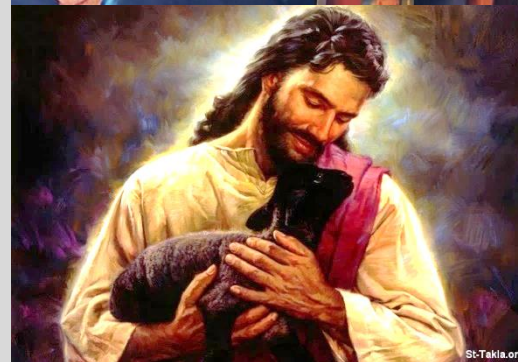
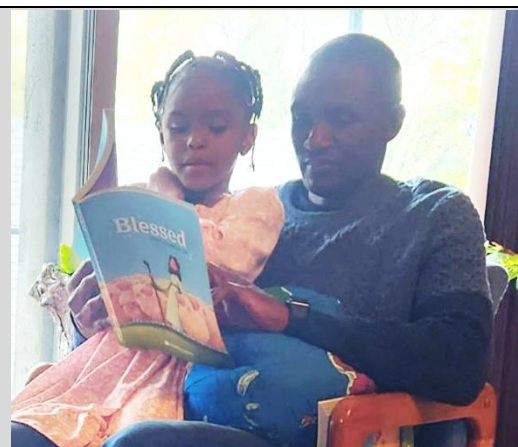
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Kathy Garrant

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Bob Passalugo



The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want. Only goodness and kindness  
follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come. – Psalm 23

April 30, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Did you know?** Our website, [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sat, April 29	Doris Graham - Donna Whitehair
Sun, April 30	Barbara Murty - Kathy & Gerry Murty
Tues, May 2	Linda Nash - Jean Button
Wed, May 3	All Parishioners
Thurs, May 4	Special Intention for Cindy Kellogg - Donna Whitehair
Fri, May 5	Carl & Bea Meir - Kathy & Gerry Murty
Sat, May 6	Rita Pugliese - Pat Battisti
Sun, May 6	Margaret Roehner - Barb Borgus Elsie Perryman - Sandy Chamberlain



*Let Us Pray*

**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 May**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**



**Guy, Rita, Anabelle Pugliese**

*Family*

**CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**



**Larry & Patty Battisti –**

**45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

*Family*

**Congratulations  
to our beloved  
Fr. Ray  
on 41 years of  
priesthood  
on April 24!  
We love you!**



If you are looking for a way to help others, make new friends, and stay busy and active – please join us at Monroe Community Hospital! Volunteers are needed to visit with residents; escort them to events and activities on-site; and work in our beautiful Gift Shop and Thrift Shop! To learn more please call Laurie at 585-760-6151 or visit <https://www.monroehosp.org/volunteer>. We can't wait to hear from you!

**This Week at St. Monica Church:  
April 30 - May 7, 2023**

<b>Sunday, 4/30</b>	<b>10:15 am – Youth Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room First Communion Prep, YG Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>
<b>Monday, 5/1</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, 5/2</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Wed., 5/3</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
<b>Thursday, 5/4</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 5/5</b>	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 5/6</b>	<b>4:00 pm – Mass, Church</b>
<b>Sunday, 5/7</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room First Communion Prep, YG Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>

**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](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

# 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/>



## Follow Jesus with us:

[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

## 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.

**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 23, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
4/23/2023	3,600	3,227	(373)
Year-to-Date	153,100	144,076	(9,024)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$420	
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](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

# Creation Corner

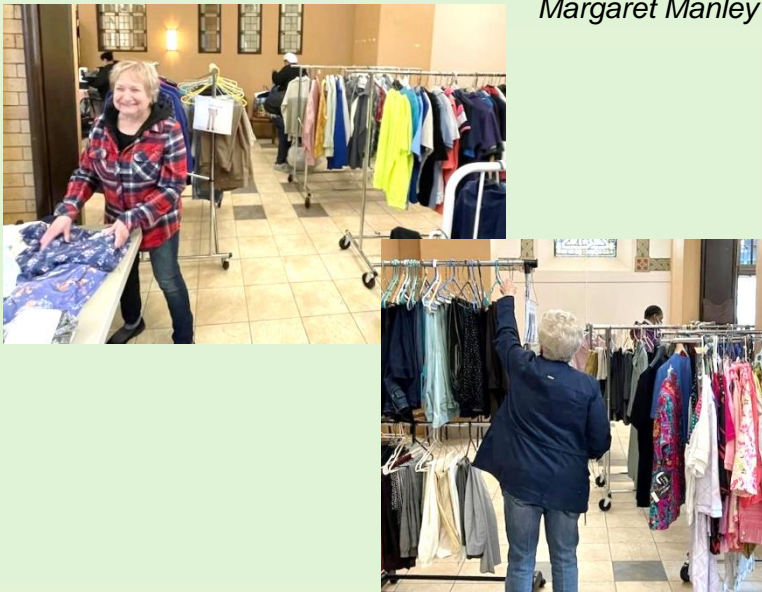
Last weekend, the people of St. Monica joined a very old tradition of repurposing clothing. In times past, and some of those times weren't so long ago, it was normal to pass along clothing. A garment would be passed on to as many people as possible until it could not be used for clothing anymore. And even then, the cloth served other purposes. My sister and I, and I'll bet many of you, had rag rugs next to our beds when we were young. My grandmother made those rugs, and believe me, you haven't lived until you finally get your driver's license and can take your grandmother to the rummage sale for her to haggle with the saleslady over the price of a wool coat or skirt. The price may have started at 25 cents, but the negotiation was part of the enjoyment for the ladies. That material was cut, sewn, and braided into rugs that would last more than 40 years in my mother's house.

One of the main objectives of our clothing giveaway was to prevent the cloth from ending up in landfills. It can take up to 200 years for the cloth to decompose. So, anything we can do to avoid that ending is all to the good. We are probably not going to return to making rugs, but we can find other uses for old clothing. I can't believe I ever used paper towels to clean windows now that I've found how much better - knit cotton fabric does the job. And for heaven's sake, don't buy cleaning or polishing cloths.

Thank you all for your efforts in this project. So many of you donated clothing (we didn't count how many items, but there were lots!) and sorted, hung, folded, and distributed the clothes. Most of the clothing was given away, but anything that was left over is still being used. It was donated to Blessed Sacrament Parish for their New-to-New sale on May 4-6, on the corner of Monroe and Oxford. More info:

<https://www.southeastrochester Catholics.org/spring-ntn>

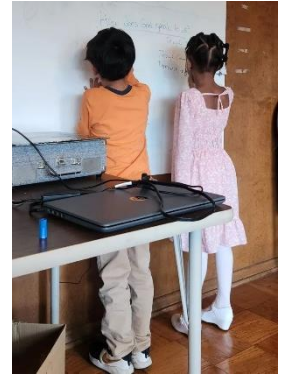
Margaret Manley



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



Parents are an important and beautiful part of our First Communion prep! ❤️ Join us for our First Communion Mass on June 11 at 10:15. Four of our kids will be receiving the sacrament.



**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 3 more  
dinners  
needed for  
youth group:**

- May 17
- June 7
- June 14

**Contact Jessica  
to sign up ☺**

**Thank you for spending time with us!**

## 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.

At 344 Thurston Road, **Supreme Salad Bar** 19th Ward resident-owners Antwaine and Khadedra Johnson offer the neighborhood's healthiest food choices. They prepare made-to-order take-home veggie salads, wraps, and pasta salads loaded with optional meats or shrimp, and fresh-cut fruit salads. There are infinite combinations of salad items and toppings to choose from. Desserts include home-made strawberry-banana pudding and cheesecake.



Supreme Salad Bar just celebrated its second anniversary on April 24. Their customers rate them a solid 5 stars! Check their Facebook page for menu offerings. They are open weekdays and alternate Saturdays, 11 to 7. Order at 235-4073.