

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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*Congratulations to our three newest altar servers!
We look forward to seeing them in action at Mass!*

“Rise, and do not be afraid.”
– Matthew 17

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday
of Lent

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. Feb. 28	Diane Salamone – Jean Button
Sun. Mar. 1	Willie Mayhill – Jean Button
Tues. Mar. 3	Greg Fox – Pat Fox Zahn
Wed. Mar. 4	All Parishioners
Thur. Mar. 5	Bernardine Gordon – Glen & Anne Johnson
Fri. Mar. 6	All Souls
Sat. Mar. 7	Madelyn Juba – Mark & Sharon Juba
Sun. Mar. 8	Lawrence Walsh – Sandy Chamberlain



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!



Needed: Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt



Help us reach 1,000 eggs for our joint Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and St. Monica Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5!

We need small, individually-wrapped candies that can fit into small eggs.
PLEASE, NO PEANUTS.

Candy can be donated anytime before March 18 to the office. Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org with questions. Thank you for helping make Easter special!

Let Us Pray



Our Sick Mark Hare

Kam-Shun Chau
Connie Chau's father

Our Deceased Chay Chamberlain

Lea Chamberlain-McCrory's child,
Sandy Chamberlain's grandchild

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 March

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Robert, Doris & Peter Will

Doris Will Meadows



Steve Moss

Kris & Jeremy Moss

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Riley, Sara & Norman Will

Doris Will Meadows



Robert & Jean Vane

Children/Family

Holy Week 2026

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

Palm Sunday Mass: 10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
March 29 831 Genesee St.
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Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 2 7:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

Good Friday Service: Noon - Immaculate Conception
April 3 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter: 6:00 pm
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Easter Vigil: 7:01 pm
April 4 Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Sunday Mass: April 5
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
All are welcome, especially you!

This Week at St. Monica Church: March 1-8, 2026	
Sunday, 3/1	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 3/2	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 3/3	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 3/4	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 3/5	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 3/6	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 3/7	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 3/8	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 3:00-8:00 pm – Youth Group Retreat

CMA Goal:
\$25,000
82 Donors
\$22,526 pledged
90% of goal



As of this date, 82 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!

We braved the rain, sleet, and ice on Ash Wednesday to bring you drive-through ashes! As you can see, the weather didn't stop our big smiles (and the cold inspired some dance parties to stay warm). A big thanks to our youth group for helping. We pray that you feel ever closer to God this Lent!



HELP FEED OUR TEENS
YOUTH GROUP DINNER PROGRAM

Wednesdays during the school year, 6:30-7pm

- Cook and serve,
- send a meal,
- or give a \$ gift

Feed physical and spiritual hunger

Studies show that food is an important factor in youth group attendance!



Let's support our teens on their faith journey!
 Contact jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up.

Empowering Growth in Ghana

By supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

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)

Worship Participants

Last week's attendance	167
Prior week's attendance	165
Three weeks ago attendance	102
2026 YTD Average Attendance	146
2025 Average Attendance	189

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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..

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. Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email 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 with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

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.



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

Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister, Mother Earth, who sustains us and directs us bringing forth all kinds of fruits and colored flowers and herbs.

We confess to Almighty God and to you, our sister, that we have sinned against you: Roughly 39% to 45% of the world's plant species are estimated to be at risk of extinction due to human activities like habitat destruction, agriculture practices, and climate change.

- Around half of our ancient forests that clean our air and store carbon are being removed.
- For every 10 species of endangered plants that go extinct, at least seven more species like butterflies or wasps that rely on them could be affected.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more.

Would you like to learn to tend a garden? Blocks in Bloom is a local program designed to build a community of neighbors involved in planting flowers in their front yards. The program provides everything you need to get started: plants, compost, mulch, tools, and mentors. Or volunteer to help care for the gardens on the St. Monica grounds. Gardening is a great way to nurture an appreciation of the Gift of Mother Earth.

For those who already have an established garden or lawn, here's an Examination of Consciousness for you: In your personal relationship with Mother Earth, what's the place of pesticides? Native plants? Water conservation? Lawn mowing? Soil enrichment? How does your involvement with each of these affect the breaking down or building up of a healthy relationship with our sister, Mother Earth, and the glory and honor of our Lord God?

Needed: CLEAN plastic food containers with lids to send food home with youth group teens. New or used, but CLEAN, please! Thank you!



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

This coming Friday, bring the Light of Christ's presence to yet another St. Monica neighborhood business and enjoy a great meatless dinner.



At **Killa's Kitchen**, 1172 South Plymouth Ave., chef Cam Arterberry has an ever-changing Friday menu featuring fresh haddock, whiting, scallops, shrimp, catfish, snapper, clam strips, plus salads and sides. He is known for generous portions,

reasonable prices, and friendly staff.

Killa's has counter service for take-out, and a few tables for dining in. Order delivery with DoorDash or Uber Eats.

Killa's opens Tues.-Sun. from 7am-12pm for breakfast. On Thurs., Fri., & Sun. they reopen for dinners until 7:30pm. Call 319-3648 for daily specials.



Social Justice News

Soup Suppers change of schedule: We will now have a monthly soup supper. See below for information on the next one on March 21. Last week's supper featured a St. Monica friend and advocate, Joyce McAndrew, who spoke enthusiastically about her work with Prison Ministry of Upstate NY (PMUNY). We will have her back again!

Social Justice Saint of the Week: As we complete Black History Month, it seems appropriate to honor St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947). She was born in the Darfur and was abducted by slave traders at an early age. That was the first of 4 times that she would be bought and sold. She lived the horrifying life of a slave, even being forced to espouse a faith she did not believe in. She eventually encountered Christianity and then converted to Catholicism in 1890. She was a member of the order of Canossians and despite a lifetime of having experienced pain and brutality, she remained cheerful and optimistic even saying that if she could meet her captors, she would "kneel and kiss their hands" because, as she put it, "were it not for them, I would never have been a Christian or be who I am today." She was canonized in 2000, and her feast day is February 8.

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.

Lenten Soup Supper Saturday, March 21 after 4 pm Mass



The Welcome and Social Justice Committees would like to invite everyone to a simple soup supper in the narthex. The Blue Bag collection for that weekend March 21 and 22 will be for St. Joseph's Northside and our speaker will be William Camp, the Program Coordinator at St. Joseph's Northside. Bill will be sharing the many services that they offer for their guests. Look for the signup sheets and sign up to attend, or help with set up, take down or bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a salad. Please plan on coming to share this simple meal during our time of reflecting on the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Any questions: call JoAnn DeMott at 313-2614.

St. Monica
CHURCH

Save the date

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026

AUGUST 10-14

8:45am-noon * Grades K-7

Free + lunch included

Registration to come at stmonicaofrochester.org

**LIGHT OF THE
WORLD**