

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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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.

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

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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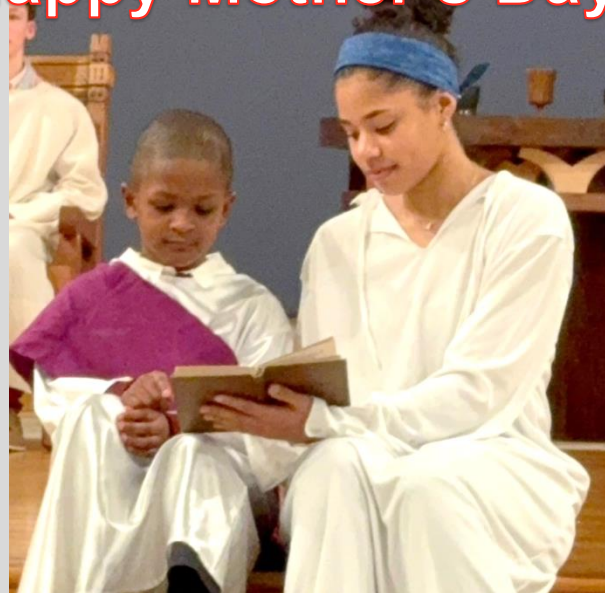
Mary Fran Kolbuc

Meg Lute

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Bob Passalugo

Happy Mother's Day!



St. Monica youth portray Mary and Jesus.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.

- Psalm 66

May 10, 2026

Sixth 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 9 Patti Grant-Zollo – Family
Rita Pugliese - Family
- Sun. May 10 All Living & Deceased Mothers
- Tues. May 12 Gladys Gaines – Nash & Fulmore Families
- Wed. May 13 No Mass
- Thur. May 14 Sr. Joan Margaret Kunz, SSJ – Ed & JoAnn McDonnell
- Fri. May 15 All Parishioners
- Sat. May 16 Lillian Kase – Children & Grandchildren
- Sun. May 17 Eleanor & Franklyn Engle – Bob & Karen Engle
Tom Diederich - Family



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

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.



Finance Committee Update

Thank you for your very generous support of St. Monica's and the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

- We achieved 100% of our goal!
- Our expenses exceed our revenues. We used our reserves to cover the excess. In the past the revenue from the school was used to cover the deficit.
- Average attendance is 188 with significant attendance on Palm Sunday and Easter.
- What can you do today to help us get to 200 people by the end of May?

Financial Report
for the period July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Operating Revenue

Parish Revenue \$185,619
 Dailey Trust \$71,941
Total Operating Revenue \$257,560

Operating Expenses

Salaries, Benefits & Shared Services \$224,143
 Buildings and Grounds \$85,054
 Insurance \$42,147
 School Assessment \$19,500
 Ministries and programs \$7,433
 Supplies \$10,679
 All other expenses \$22,609
Total Expenses \$411,565

Excess Expenses over Revenue (\$154,005)
Reserve (Patrimony) Funds Used \$154,005
Remaining Reserves \$1,628,643

**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!

This Week at St. Monica Church: May 10-17, 2026

Sunday, 5/10 Mother's Day	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 5/11	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 5/12	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 5/13	Office Closed No Mass or Communion Service 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 5/14	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 5/15	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 5/16	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/17	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

PRE-K TO GRADE 6: ENROLLING FOR 2026-27



NAZARETH OPEN HOUSE

FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026
9AM - 11AM OR 4PM TO 6PM

- ✔ **Guided Tours:** Discover Nazareth... Where faith, love, and learning thrive!
- ✔ **Our Mission:** Quality, Catholic, faith-based education. Pre-K to Grade 6
- ✔ **Enrichment to Curriculum:** Spark creativity, build problem-solving skills, encourage healthy habits, and teach financial literacy



NAZARETH ELEMENTARY

311 FLOWER CITY PARK
 ROCHESTER, NY 14615

585-458-3786

NAZARETHSCHOOLS.ORG



A ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester



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!

Hey parents of kids ages 0-4! When you come to Mass, feel free to take a Jesus for your child to sit with during Mass. Your child can hold Jesus, play with him, and pray with him, all which help build their relationship with him. When Mass is done, return him to the bucket to be washed for next week (if there is a tantrum, don't worry - take him home and bring him to Mass next week).



The box of Jesuses will be at the side door. Look for some of our helpful older kids handing them out!

What a great group for the Clean Sweep on Saturday, May 2nd!
 A big thank-you to all who helped clean up our street!



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

[@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

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

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

Growing in the Spirit, one week at a time.
Who can you invite to Mass next week?

Attendance May 2/ May 3	176
Attendance April 25/April 26	166
Attendance April 18/April 19	183
2026 YTD Average Attendance	188
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$25,000 • 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, 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.

Laudato Si': Care for our Common Home Gathering

"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together," (Col 1:16-17).

Our world, our lives and our actions are interdependent, and the outcomes of those actions have taken a toll on our planet in the past 100 years. Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is an urgent call to humanity to recognize how our behavior has so altered our common home that clean air and water and livable temperatures are not guaranteed for all, especially the poor throughout the world. And he asks us to commit to change.

The Finger Lakes Catholic Creation Care Covenant (FLCCCC), which has been meeting virtually for the past 2 years, would like to invite parishioners throughout the Diocese of Rochester to join us for an afternoon of discernment and fellowship regarding care for our common home. We will have guest speaker Nancy Burke, Assistant Professor of Theology from St John Fisher University, discuss the origins of *Laudato Si'*; as well as parishioners involved in this work who will share their personal and parish experiences and forecast where we may yet need to go.

Whether you currently have an active Care for Creation team in your parish and/or are interested in working with others to learn more, we would value your energy and input in this endeavor.

The gathering will be Wednesday, May 20th from 3-5:30pm at St. Cecilia's Church Newcomb Center, 2732 Culver Rd, Rochester NY. To assist us in our planning, we kindly ask that you register at: <https://evite.me/w9qVQR8J5Z> or scan the QR code below. If you do not have

internet access, you can call Lisa Cook at 585-752-0353 to register.



Social Justice News

Firing Squads? Last week, the federal government renewed its efforts to reinstate the death penalty by reintroducing death by firing squads. The death penalty is allowed in 27 states and even now some of those states have introduced a moratorium on its use. The federal government and the military still allow its use, but the suggested use of firing squads is a large step backwards if it is allowed. Pope Leo states, "We affirm that the dignity of the person is not lost even after very serious crimes are committed." In other words, we as Catholics believe that the death penalty is never allowed.

Social Justice Agencies: Continuing our listing of local social justice agencies, we have the following:

- *Family Promise of Greater Rochester* (FPGROC) focuses on assisting families with housing and support services.
- *Rochester Area Community Foundation* supports various racial equity initiatives, including the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity (RASE).
- *Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester:* Advocates for social justice, human rights, and policy changes.
- *First Universalist Church of Rochester:* Hosts social justice circles focused on issues like LGBTQIA+ rights, eco-justice, and immigration.

No Menthol Sunday: Next Sunday, May 17th, is No Menthol Sunday, an effort to bring attention to the fact that cigarettes are a major cause of death among people of color. Menthol is singled out because tobacco companies use the taste of menthol to entice new users to become addicted, thus increasing company profits at the expense of the users. This is an annual call to action by the Center for Black Health & Equity and is most certainly a social justice issue. For more information, visit www.nomentholsunday.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.

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!



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

St. Monica's neighborhood has actual "mom & pop" businesses offering products found nowhere else. They welcome a visit!

Bwata Accessories' cozy store at 378 Thurston Rd. is packed with gift ideas from handcrafted African-inspired jewelry and clothing to leather bags and unique fragrances. The variety must be seen to be appreciated.

Owner Ms. Dady Bwatanga also creates custom-made clothing with African fabrics and expert tailoring for one-of-a-kind fashions.

Bwata Accessories is open Tues.-Fri., 3-7 & Sat. 10-7. Call ahead at 585-410-8434.

