

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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Rochester, NY 14619

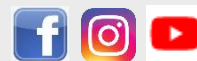
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Walk with us on:



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.



*Community Voices choir provided Mass music on February 25.
We are so grateful for our musicians!*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

– John 3:16

March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday
of Lent

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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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 Saturdays during lent from 2:30-3:30 or by appointment – call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, March 2	Daniel & Anjanette Danieu - Patty Danieu
Sun, March 3	Lorraine K. Yanz - David Yanz
Tues, March 5	All Souls
Wed, March 6	Peter Will – Doris Will Meadows
Thurs, March 7	All Parishioners
Fri, March 8	Robert, Doris & Peter Will - Doris Will Meadows
Sat, March 9	Guy, Gary, Mike Pugliese - Pat & Larry Battisti
Sun, March 10	Kathy Bender Gall - Peggy Reigelsperger



Let Us Pray

**Our Sick
Sean Butler**

John & Katie Shelly Butler's son

**An end to racism
All those affected by violence
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 February

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Vivian Rightmeyer

John & JoAnn DeMott



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert, Doris, & Peter Will

Doris Will Meadows

Carol Wightman

John Delibert



Holy Week 2024

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

Palm Sunday Mass: 9:00 am - Immaculate Conception
March 24 10:00 am - St. Monica Church & Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: 7:00 pm
March 28 Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

Good Friday Service: Noon - Immaculate Conception
March 29 445 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
March 30 St. Monica Church

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS
SUNDAY, MARCH 10.
SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
ONE HOUR!**

Easter Sunday Mass: March 31

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church
10:15 am - St. Monica Church + Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am - Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

All are welcome, especially you!

**ST. MONICA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL:
\$26,000**

As of this date, 91 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 diocese and our parish minister to others. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and think how the Church has brought goodness into your life. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work! Visit www.dor.org to view the video and make your gift.

Go Forth With Christ

**This Week at St. Monica Church:
March 3-10, 2024**

Sunday, 3/3	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 3/4	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 3/5	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Wed., 3/6	8:00 am –Mass, Church
Thurs., 3/7	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Friday, 3/8	8:00 am –Mass, Church
Saturday 3/9	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 3/10	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 2:00 pm – First Reconciliation Celebration, Church

JOIN US APRIL 8TH, 2024

Eclipse Block Party

2:00-4:00 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT
831 GENESEE STREET

Excitement and entertainment,
and blessings from our ministers!
Eclipse glasses available.

St. Monica
CHURCH

This Lent, give to those in need right here in our own community! All you need to bring is your time and chef skills to help feed the teens in our youth group. St. Monica can pay for ingredients. Can you give one Wednesday to help our youth?

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!

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioner Cristina Paulk, who made the NYS Championship meet and set a new high jump school record at Greece Olympia! We are so proud of you!!



Parish Bookkeeper - seeking qualified applicants for this 25-hr position that will oversee all disbursement and collection activities of multiple parishes. Degree in accounting or finance required. Please send resume to Carol Wynne at carol.wynne@dor.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)

Emergency Food: If you are in need of emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

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!

How do I give my offering?

- Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to **St. Monica Church, 34 Monica St., Rochester, NY 14619**
- OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.
- Text 2 Give:** Text your donation amount to 226-7514.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!



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.

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.

Our Collection: Week of February 25, 2024

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/25/2024	2,875	5,580	2,705
Year-to-Date	121,350	117,685	(3,665)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$776	
CMA	\$26,000	\$19,675	75%



**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.

Panhandling in Our Neighborhood

If you have been to St. Monica's, you have likely encountered someone in the church or parking lot asking for money. Parishioners have been asked to refrain from giving out money for several reasons, including:

- Giving money is not a sustainable ministry that St. Monica's can offer. There are other organizations that are set up to help people in the ways that they need.
- We do not want to encourage repeated visits to ask for money or word getting around that "St. Monica's gives out money."
- We have multiple programs for youth and vulnerable adults that operate in our spaces, and any present adults require *Creating a Safe Environment* training. We want to discourage people from visiting during those times.
- We know the situations of several of the people who ask for money, and they are connected with organizations that can help them.

We **DO** want to maintain human dignity in our interactions with others. If someone asks for money, please:

1. Respond with kindness while maintaining the boundary: "I'm sorry, but we don't give out money here."
2. You may invite them to stay for Mass or coffee hour if applicable.
3. Inform a staff member so we can reinforce the boundary with individuals that we do not ask for or give money out in church, and so we can connect them with appropriate services, if applicable.

For further information, speak with any of the parish staff. Thank you!



Creation Corner

Come and have dinner with Fr. Ray! He will be speaking about Franciscan Spirituality at a soup supper on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the rectory.

There is a sign-up sheet on the easel by the parking lot door in the church. If you would like to bring a pot of soup, please let Margot VanEtten, Kathy Garrant, or Margaret Manley know - or you can write it on the sign-up sheet by your name. Hope to see lots of you there.



Client Choice Volunteers Needed

The SWEM Emergency Food Cupboard, located now at the Gates Presbyterian Church at 1049 Wegman Road, is looking for volunteers to assist clients with shopping at the cupboard.

Here are the times needed for volunteers:

- Tuesdays - 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Wednesdays - 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Thursdays - 11 AM to 1:30 PM

Training will be provided. Volunteers can work once a week, once a month or at whatever schedule is convenient. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jody LaRose at 247-5932 or jbowenlarose@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross will only be online this year. Please join us virtually:

<https://bit.ly/49fh9xc>

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Bringing the Light of Christ's presence to St. Monica's neighborhood are many non-profits that welcome our support.

Sew Green at 438 West Main Street teaches people all ages to make and repair clothing using recycled materials and sewing machines. The space is packed with sewing machines on tables and all kinds of materials.



Sew Green offers "sewing 101," knitting, quilt-making, crocheting, fiber arts, embroidery, making mittens, blankets, t-shirts, bags, dresses, pillowcases, and more. It especially works with the many nearby immigrant families.

Director Deacon Georgia Carney welcomes students, volunteers, and donations of sewing machines and materials. It is open Tuesday - Thursday 11am-5pm, and Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm. Call 328-2642 or visit www.sewgreenrochester.org.



BCCR
BLACK CATHOLIC COALITION
OF ROCHESTER

Meet & Greet
Informational Meeting

Join us for Breakfast on:
Saturday, March 16th, 10:30a-11:30a

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parish
445 Frederick Douglass Street
Rochester, 14608

Learn more about the Coalition
Mission ~ Membership ~ Future Events

Questions:

Email Us: blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com

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