

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



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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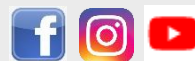
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Walk with us on:



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.

Black Catholic History Month



Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- Corinthians 3

November 9, 2025
Feast of the Dedication
of the Lateran Basilica
in Rome

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. Nov. 8	Lynah Family – Dey Family
Sun. Nov. 9	Sue Virgilio – Dan & Maureen Angeline
	Mario & Ann DiMasi – Barbara Higgins
	Evelyn Keegan – Sandy Chamberlain
Tues. Nov. 11	Donna Whitehair – Jean Button
Wed. Nov. 12	Doris, Robert & Peter Will – Doris Will Meadows
Thur. Nov. 13	All Parishioners
Fri. Nov. 14	Special Intention for the End of Gun Violence – Jean Button
Sat. Nov. 15	Finucane Family – Dey Family
	Manuel Rodriguez Colon – Dorca Rodriguez
Sun. Nov. 16	Ann Moss – Kris Moss



As we celebrate the month of November for all our departed loved ones, we ask that you bring in a photo of your departed loved one(s) for a special display during the month of November. Photos can still be brought to Mass and placed on the table on the altar.

Let Us Pray



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 November

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Reilly Family

Barbara Passalugo

Fox & Zahn Family

Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Elnora & James F. Delibert

Family

Special Intention-Bob & Barbara Passalugo
John & JoAnn DeMott

**Friday, November
14, 2025**

**Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**

**445 Frederick
Douglass St.
Rochester, NY
14608**

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Refreshments
after the event!**

**Co-Sponsored by
the Black Catholic
Coalition of
Rochester (BCCR)
and Immaculate
Conception / St.
Bridget's Church**



**African Americans
on the Road to Sainthood**

CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Please come to experience, learn, and celebrate the rich gifts of our Black Catholic heritage as we present a cultural dramatization that brings to life the seven Black Americans on the Road to Sainthood.

This dramatization will be presented by the acclaimed playwright and actor, David Shakes; the North Star Players; and local poets and singing talents.

THERE WILL BE A FREEWILL OFFERING

WE NEED WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions during the week.
Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

This Week at St. Monica Church: November 9-16 2025

Sunday, 11/9	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 11/10	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 11/11	Veteran's Day – Office closed 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 11/12	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:00 pm – Youth Group, Rectory
Thurs., 11/13	12:00 pm – Rust Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Restaurant Buffalo Road 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Friday, 11/14	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 11/15	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 11/16	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

CMA Goal:
\$25,000
37 Donors
\$7,207 pledged
28.83% of goal



As of this date,
 37 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!

Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua offers a **free luncheon** and speaker once a month. One must register. People are welcome to leave a donation if they choose.

SENIOR LUNCHEONS:

11:30 am Luncheon 12:15-1 pm Presentation

- November 21: Planning Your Funeral and Liturgy
- December 19: Enjoy Christmas Caroling
- January 16: Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft

Notre Dame Retreat House
 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua
 585-394-5700 info@notredameretreat.org

Thank you to everyone who made last weekend's board game day a great success. Thank you to those who planned the event, did setup and tear down, provided the games and refreshments. Thank you also to everyone who attended, enjoyed both familiar and new games while getting to see old friends and to meet new ones. Keep an eye out for the next board game day in February!



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/StMonicaChurchMass)

Our Collection: Week of Nov. 2, 2025

Physical collection:	\$4,993
Online giving:	\$362
Total collection this week:	\$5,355
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit :	(\$5,162)
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$7,207 • 28%	

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.

Although we've yet to celebrate Thanksgiving, the stores are full of enticing products for you to purchase to have the perfect Christmas celebration. Yet producing the plastic packaging and even the products themselves are taking a toll on our planet.

The website for the organization One Tree Planted offers 15 ways to have an eco-friendly Christmas. Since 2014, this non-profit has planted more than 135 million trees with partners in 82 countries. Here are just a few ideas to celebrate in an environmentally friendly way.

1. Use sustainable holiday gift wrap. Most wrapping papers and gift bags are printed with unsustainable inks and coated with shiny foils, reducing their recyclability. Get creative and use paper materials you already have like old magazines, newspapers, shopping bags or clean fabric like scarves or dish towels.
2. Switch to LED holiday lights, which use 95 percent less energy and release very little heat. These last about 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs, making them safer and more cost-effective.
3. Give sustainable Christmas gifts. Keep your holiday footprint small by purchasing items from local merchants rather than shopping online. Every week, our St. Monica bulletin features local businesses. How about shopping at some of them this season for hand-crafted gifts and restaurant gift certificates?
4. Do a gift swap. You may have a gift or two tucked away or you might have items that are like new that you no longer want, such as clothes, jewelry, pottery, housewares, etc. Suggest to your family and/or friends that you do this type of gift exchange.

For more ideas, go to the One Tree Planted website: <https://onetreeplanted.org/> and type "sustainable holidays" in the search box. Please consider adopting one or two ideas this year and trying more next year so we can answer our Catholic call of caring for creation.

St. Monica Weekly Email: Were you receiving the weekly parish email and bulletin by email before and now are no longer receiving it? Please check your email settings and make sure that emails from monicabulletin@dor.org are allowed in your mailbox. Tip: Check your junk folder to see if the weekly parish email is going there and then allow the emails from monicabulletin@dor.org.

What a great 2025 season at Westside Farmers Market! We are grateful to be part of such awesome community happenings. Congratulations to the WSFM family for a successful year!

Westside Farmers Market set to reopen June 9 in 2026

Justice Marbury
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle | USA TODAY NETWORK

Another season is in the books for Rochester's Westside Farmers Market, a favorite summer and early fall spot for fresh, local produce, homemade goods and family-friendly activities.

Known for its community-centered atmosphere and located at St. Monica's Church on Genesee Street, the market runs from early June to mid-October. The market also features live music, community organizations, bike repair, kids' activities and special events.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, marked the last day of the season, and the Democrat and Chronicle spoke with vendors about market highlights from 2025.

Colette Muhammad, owner of Canning with Colette, expressed it was difficult for her to choose just one great moment of the season.

"They had a children's rodeo here, where children

could come here and ride their bikes and get free helmets for all the children that came, so that was pretty fun for the community," she said. "I did also love all the samples that some of the vendors had for us to partake in."

Jesse Knoth, 19th Ward Community Association president and Health Kids PlayROCs project coordinator, explained how he was happy that the market was growing, as there were more participating vendors than last season.

For Dan Lill of R Community Bikes, a highlight was reconnecting with a former student of his from 50 years ago. "He needed his bike fixed and we were able to help him - it was nice to reunite with him," Lill said.

If you didn't get the chance to visit the market this season, the 2026 season is set to open on June 9.

Customers start arriving right when the Westside Farmers Market opens. SHAWN DOWD/
ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE FILE



Social Justice News

Blue Bags: The answer to last week's question, "mayo or blankets?" has been resolved. The answer is both!! Our November collection will be for St. Peter's Kitchen, and you can give **mayo** in regular or large sizes, or new **blankets** for the winter months. You will receive your bag on the weekend of the 8th/9th to be returned the following week and as always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. St. Joseph's Northside was overwhelmed in the best way with the generosity of our "Sock and Undie Sunday." They are also looking for volunteers in many areas. If you are interested, you may contact them at 585-482-1494.

Catholic Witness: On Thursday, November 13th, we will participate in a nationwide show of support for our refugee and immigrant brothers and sisters. We will begin with the 12:10 Mass at St. Monica, followed by a prayerful and peaceful vigil on Genesee Street outside church. Please consider joining us for either or both as you are able.

SJ Quote of the Week: "Every gun that is made, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense the theft from those who are not fed who are not clothed, who are cold. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross iron."

- General/President Dwight D Eisenhower

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

One way we can share the Light of Christ's presence in our community is by connecting with neighbors at long-standing institutions - like the YMCA. The YMCA has been drawing 19th Ward people together for over 100 years.

The Thurston Road YMCA Neighborhood Center offers education, fitness, dance, yoga, social, and wellness programs for all ages. The very popular Silver Sneakers fitness group with ages from 60 to 90 meets 3 times a week. The YMCA Active Older Adults program offers social events, workshops and talks on topics like scam prevention.



The Thurston YMCA at 597 Thurston Road is open M-W-F from 6am-8pm and Tu-Th 8am-8pm. Cost is minimal or free for seniors. Call 328-9330, or just stop in. And wear your St. Monica t-shirt.