

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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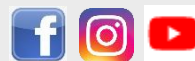
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Walk with us on:



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.



Our CYO Winter Basketball 2023-2024 season started with our first games on Saturday, December 2. This season is dedicated to our beloved David Divers, mentor, coach, friend, and champion for youth.

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.”
– Isaiah 40

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 9 Joan Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin
 Sun, Dec 10 Jean Kraus - Barb Borgus
 Tues, Dec 12 Deacon James Carra - Donna Whitehair
 Wed, Dec 13 Riley, Sara & Norman Will - Doris Will Meadow
 Thurs, Dec 14 Marlys Stober - Donna Whitehair
 Fri, Dec 15 Communion Service
 Sat, Dec 16 Manuel & Diomedes Rodriguez - Dorca Rodriguez
 Sun, Dec 17 David Divers - Donna Whitehair
 Thomas Bostick - Bostick Family



Let Us Pray

**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 December

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Caiazza, Leonardo, & Pugliese Families
Family



Higgins Family
Barbara Higgins

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Donald Wiegand, Sr.
John Delibert



Robert & Jean Vane
Children/Family

ST. MONICA VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

SWEM will be giving out Christmas Baskets to families in need in our neighborhood on Sunday, December 17 in St. Monica's parking lot from 1-4 pm. Your help for just an hour would be most appreciated. Please contact JoAnn Kane-DeMott at 313-2614 to schedule a convenient time to help. Thank you!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A CHRISTMAS BASKET FOR A FAMILY IN NEED

SWEM needs you to make a difference for our neighbors! The Christmas baskets are designed for families of 3 & 4 people, and for each basket, please provide the following:

- *Fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- *Soup (large can)
- *Fruit juice
- *Instant mashed potatoes
- *Large can of sweet potatoes (15oz)
- *2 canned vegetables
- *Cranberry sauce
- *Can gravy
- *Bag or box of stuffing (12oz)
- *Dessert (Jell-O, or pudding, or cake mix/ frosting, or pie crust/ & filling)
- *\$10 cash or a check written out to SWEM per basket to cover the cost of meat, eggs, and margarine that SWEM provides.



The baskets will be collected at St. Monica's on Dec. 16 & 17, 30 minutes before the 4 pm and 10:15 am Masses at the garage near the Monica Street entrance to the parking lot.

Please place your food in a box, tote or laundry basket and label it if you have all the supplies. Feel free to decorate your basket, box, or tote and include holiday touches of your own, such as coffee, tea, candies, mints, or napkins. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents always make an additional gift. Thank you for looking out for our community!

This Week at St. Monica Church: December 10-17, 2023

Sunday, 12/10	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 12/11	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 12/13	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 12/14	12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Lunch, Ezzy's 12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 12/15	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 12/16	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 12/17	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 1:00 pm – Christmas Basket Giveaway, parking lot 1:30 pm – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Church

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!

We have 4 "Faith Over Fear" shirts available for purchase! All size L. \$18 each. First come, first served. To purchase, email jessica.tette@dor.org.

FAITH
OVER
FEAR



Thank You, St. Monica's!

80 blankets have been delivered to Saint Peter's Kitchen as holiday gifts for their guests. This collection of blankets has been an annual event for several years, and this amount is an all-time record! It is truly amazing how St. Monica parishioners are always able to step up and help those less fortunate. Thank you so much for your kind generosity!



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

As of this date, 54 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 think 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! Visit www.dor.org to view the video and make your gift.



Go Forth With Christ



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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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

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

Bulletin

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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.

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.

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!



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 online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.

Our Collection: Week of December 3, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
12/3/2023	4,750	2,659	(2,091)
Year-to-Date	80,000	74,414	(5,586)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$472	
CMA	\$26,000	\$10,280	39%



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.

Laudate Deum Action Pledge

Would you like Pope Francis to know you are supporting his exhortation to do what you can to care for our Common Home and to repair the damage that has been done? Yes? Take the pledge. Visit <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/my-laudate-deum-action-pledge/> and check as many of the actions as you want - things you are already doing or others you plan to start. Fill it out and submit it. The Catholic Climate Covenant is collecting the pledges from all over the US and they will be presented to Pope Francis on the feast of the Epiphany. Don't miss out!

Laudate Deum

To all people of good will on the climate crisis



The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver

On November 19th, during our 2023 Black Catholic History celebration, Dr. Alberta Porter and Sr. Roberta Fulton from the Diocese of Buffalo's chapter of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver spoke on the relevance of this organization today and invited members of ICSB and St. Monica's churches to consider re-activating the Rochester chapter of this organization.

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver was formed in 1909 for service and outreach to the community. Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest, became patron of slaves because of his outreach and ministry to them. The Jesuits set up the Knights of Peter Claver for African Americans who could not join other fraternal organizations. The national goals involve addressing social justice issues, concentrating particularly on human trafficking, dignity, racism, environmentalism, and prison ministry. The Diocese of Rochester had a chapter that began around 1947 but went dormant in the '60's.

If you would be interested in being a part of the re-activation of the Rochester chapter of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver and a chapter for young people, please give Tracy Jordan (our church's secretary) your name and contact information by calling 235-3340. The Chapter is open to ALL regardless of race.

What's This QR Code in the Pews?

Scanning the QR code with your phone camera is a quick and easy way to give to the collection digitally by credit card or through your bank.

1. Open your phone camera and point it at the QR code in your pew – choose St. Monica's or ECD.
2. Click the link that pops up.
3. Enter your contribution.
4. Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!

Support Emmanuel Church of the Deaf



Support St. Monica's!



St. Monica CHURCH

An Advent Opportunity: Preparing for the Birth of Christ

St. Monica Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Zoom every Monday. We gather 4:35-4:45pm and begin promptly at 4:45 to sit in silence for half an hour, resting in the Lord and opening our hearts to God's presence and action within us. You are particularly welcome to join us this Dec. 11 and/or Dec. 18.

Contact Dorothy Siegel: kenanddor@yahoo.com or Marilyn Catherine: mcatherine@rochester.rr.com and we'll send you the link on Sunday night.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

Saturday, Dec 23: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Monica
Sunday, Dec 24: Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass with pageant @ St. Monica

Monday, December 25: 10:00 am Mass @ St. Monica

Saturday, Dec 30: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Monica
Sunday, Dec 31: Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule
Monday, January 1: 10:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's

ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses



Jesus, who is my neighbor?

St. Monica's neighborhood "mom & pop" stores offer holiday gift ideas and decorations not found at malls or big-box stores. Plus, 67% of local spending circulates in the neighborhood.

Christmas angel figurines and cuddly stuffed animals are just some of the many gift ideas at Terri Stith-Grannum's unique store called **Honey Child Productions**. Terri has a selection of African American



collectible figures, greeting cards, framed photos, and complete decorations for any party. Terri decorates for St. Monica's CYO events. Her store is at 497 Chili Ave. Hours vary,

so please call ahead: 235-4550. Visit them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HoneyChildProductions>