

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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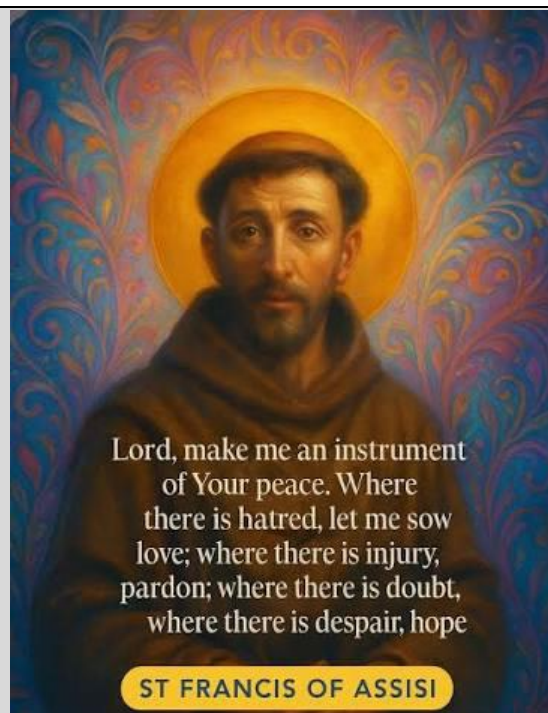


St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

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.



Lord, make me an instrument
of Your peace. Where
there is hatred, let me sow
love; where there is injury,
pardon; where there is doubt,
where there is despair, hope

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"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered,

"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times"

- Matthew 18

September 13, 2026
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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. Sept. 12 Edward A. Giblin & Birthday Blessings Edward D. Giblin – Patty & Ed Giblin
 Sun. Sept. 13 25th Anniversary of R Community Bikes – Dan Lill
 Tues. Sept. 15 Special Intention for 70th Wedding Anniversary for Gerry & Kathy Murty – Sr. St. Luke Hardy
 Wed. Sept. 16 All Parishioners
 Thur. Sept. 17 Special Intention for Mary Ellen Fischer
 Fri. Sept. 18 Ellen Lill – Dan Lill
 Sat. Sept. 19 Finucane Family - Dey Family
 Sun. Sept. 20 Barb & Frank Weingartner – Bob & Karen Engle
 Joseph Augustine – Family



Let Us Pray



**Our Sick
Donnell Evans**

**Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism and 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 September



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Mary & Joseph LoCastro

Linda LoCastro



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

For students returning to school

Congratulations to Richard McCullough!

Meet Richard McCullough. He is at the Westside Farmers Market every week selling teas made from organic berries he grows at his Weatherfield Farm in Conesus, NY.



Unless you ask, he won't volunteer that he is also chief meteorologist for WDKX for the past 20 years, with roles at TV 10 and 13 before that. In fact, Richard's broadcast journalism career stretches 47 years across several cities. He is in the NYS Broadcaster's Association Hall of Fame.

This month, the Rochester Association of Black Journalists and Mayor Evans will honor Richard with a well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations!!

There are only a few more market days!

We need 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth. Please sign up by emailing Jessica.tette@dor.org – so we can evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday until October 6th. For some neighbors, this is the first time they experience St. Monica's – help make it a positive one for them!



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: September 13-20, 2026

Sunday, 9/13	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church 1:00-4:00 pm – Tri-Parish Picnic, Genesee Valley Park Roundhouse Shelter
Monday, 9/14	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/15	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 9/16	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Thurs., 9/17	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 9/18	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 9/19	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 9/20	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

About the First Friday and Rusty Haloes Ministries

Some ministries don't have an agenda or a report; they are called into existence by people gathering at a certain time and place. St Monica's has two ministries that act in this way: **First Friday Breakfast** and **Rusty Haloes Lunch**. On the first Friday of each month, Mass is celebrated in the chapel at 8:00 AM, followed by Anointing of the Sick for those who desire it. Then attendees gather in the rectory dining room to share a simple breakfast of items they bring, usually sweets and fruit, and to enjoy conversation. This is the ministry of the **First Friday Breakfast**. Another monthly activity is the **Rusty Haloes Lunch**. On the second Thursday of each month at 12 PM, everyone heads to Ezzy's at 885 Buffalo Rd. Each person orders and pays for their lunch, but all sit at the long tables in the back room and share company with each other. Attendees trend to the senior side, but all are always welcome. If you are interested in either ministry, just show up. To get a monthly Rusty Haloes reminder by email, contact Kathy Murty at momdadmurt@frontiernet.net. Being in the company of others to worship or to share food and news is comfort and joy.

Registration for 2026-2027 Family Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and Youth Group is now open!

To register, visit stmonicaofrochester.org
or check your weekly email.

A registration form is required each year for youth
participants.

Our youth programs remain
free thanks to our generous,
amazing community. We can
always use donations of
snacks that are **PEANUT-
FREE AND TREE NUT-FREE!**



Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

At the Masses on Sept. 19 & 20, we'll be taking up a collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provided employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner-city Rochester. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. You can give at church or online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections."

September: "Growing Older Gracefully, with Grace" is an invitation to embrace our age as a natural part of life, "both active and contemplative, reflective and deeply rewarding." Become aware of our profound purpose, cherish the blessings of aging, overcome challenges, and discover this special part of life. Life isn't about the length of years but about the quality of life and love we live. Come, be surprised! Call 585-473-6893.

Facilitator: Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ

Date: Saturday, September 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Mercy Spirituality Center Fee: \$60 (lunch included)

Sr. Elaine has been a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester for 57 years. For 50 years, she was devoted to the ministry of Catholic Education as Teacher, Principal in elementary and secondary schools, Assistant Superintendent, Diocese of Rochester, and Creator of SSJ Women's Leadership Program for/in a co-ed Catholic High School. She then served three years in ministry to those underinsured and uninsured at St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center. She is also a beloved part of our St. Monica community!

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.

Follow Jesus with us:

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St. Monica Church - Mass

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.

Let's invite friends to experience God's generous love at St. Monica's!

Attendance September 5/6	176
Attendance August 29/30	194
Attendance August 22/23	176
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

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.

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..



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.



Living Water Season of Creation 2026



I Have Tasted What You Throw Away

Bible verse: Amos 5-24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.

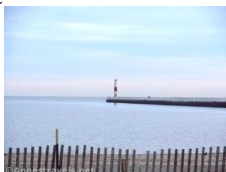
Water Speaks: I need to tell you something hard, and I need you to listen without turning away. I have been carrying things I was never meant to carry: chemicals, plastic, waste from cities, poison from factories. I'm not angry; I'm tired, and I'm asking you – like I have for a long time – to please stop.

Reflection: Amos spoke very clearly when he saw unfairness. He said, "Let justice roll like a river." The Book of Amos was written in a period of prosperity. But God sees that the prosperity was limited to the wealthy, and it fed on injustice and oppression of the poor. Jesus identified Himself with the thirsty and vulnerable, teaching that caring for those in need is an act of service to Him. Today, many people around the world still do not have clean water. Too often, this is due to our not caring enough to help others and our failure to make fair choices.

Invitation: Speak out in opposition to projects in our communities that will pollute our waters. Consider a gift to a charity that brings clean water to people who have none. Positive change often begins as a small stream before it becomes something much larger. God invites us to be a part of that journey.

"Lake Ontario: A Body of Light"

This event weaves together photography, poetry readings, and live music. The result is an immersive, place-based gathering that invites audiences to slow down and meditate on their relationship to the water that defines our region. All ages, tickets not required.



When: Thursday, 9/17, 5:30 pm. And Saturday 9/19, 2:30pm.

Where: Central Library, Rundel Arts Room.

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection • Jesus, who is my neighbor? Visitors to St. Mary's Medical Campus at 89 Genesee St. will see this statue of St. Martin de Porres in the main lobby He is the patron saint of Black and mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, plus all those seeking racial harmony and social justice. St. Martin died in 1639 and was canonized in 1962.

Inspired by St. Martin's care for the poor, St. Mary's retains valuable services in our neighborhood:

- Adult Day Services 368-3942
- Unity Dental Group 368-3800
- Unity Dialysis Center 368-3934
- Unity Family Medicine 368-3031
- Unity Living Center 368-3411
- Unity OB/GYN 235-4860
- Lipson Cancer Institute 368-3591
- Children's Clothes Closet 368-3030
- Unity Specialty Hospital 723-7000
- Urgent Care 368-3531

Just as important, St. Mary's is Genesee Street's oldest (1857) and largest employer, with hundreds of jobs at all skill levels.



Social Justice News

Prayer of St Francis: "Where there is despair, hope." The prayer does not suggest that there will be no more despair, but that in those situations, we try to bring the hope that Jesus provides to ourselves and others who need it. Of note, this prayer was not written by St Francis but is attributed to him because of the way he lived.

Voting in November: As we prepare for our midterm elections in November, let's analyze which candidates most closely align with our Catholic/Christian values. Which of them represent not only us but also our brothers and sisters in need, our desire to protect Mother Earth and our opposition to war? Variations of these concepts can be seen at all levels of government from local to federal.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the poorest and most vulnerable. Let us not speak of justice but let us rather act in just ways. May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality and experience a world without hunger and poverty.

If you would like to be part of the Social Justice team here at St. Monica or if you would like to be informed and updated on events, contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or at 313-6027.

Welcome, College Students!

St. Monica's welcomes any new or returning college students! Are you looking to connect with other students? Are you looking for any social, service, or spiritual activities? If so, contact Stanley Ekiyor at (585) 478-9372 or wariabi2001@yahoo.com. Look for Stanley in the narthex at the back of church before and after the 10:15 Sunday Mass. We're glad you're here!

Tri-Parish End-of-Summer Picnic

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

Sunday, September 13 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Genesee Valley Park Roundhouse Shelter

RAIN OR SHINE... You don't want to miss the fun!

We provide hot dogs, sausage, rolls, and condiments. You bring chairs (if you don't want to sit on picnic benches), place settings, and drinks for your family, plus your favorite picnic dish to share (don't forget serving utensils):



- Last names beginning with A-L bring a favorite picnic side dish.
- Last names beginning with M-Z bring a dessert or favorite sweet.

Games, Food, Fellowship: Got a favorite oatmeal cookie you like to bake? Think it can win a competition? What makes your cookie stand out from all the rest? Make it and submit it to the



Oatmeal Cookie Challenge. No store or bakery purchased cookies can be submitted. Cookies will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, and creativity. **PLEASE NOTE: Because of allergies, NO peanut butter or nuts can be used in your recipe.**

We will have a TV set up with the Bills Game!

ALL ARE WELCOME!