

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

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Rochester, NY 14619

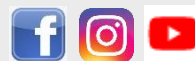
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.

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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Happy Mother's Day!



Our First Communion class is getting ready to receive their sacrament on June 11!

And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you
always, the Spirit of truth.
- John 14


May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

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, May 13	Rev. Thomas Statt - Betsy Romson	
Sun, May 14	Gladys Gaines - Lynn Fulmore Linda Nash - Lynn Fulmore & Shlonda Nash Lucille McGinnis - Henry McGinnis & Family	
Tues, May 16	Mary Ann Collet - Jeanne Blackburn & Martha Lockwood	
Wed, May 17	Robert, Doris & Peter Will - Doris Will Meadows	
Thurs, May 18	Guy Pugliese - Pat Battisti	
Fri, May 19	Riley, Sara & Norman Will - Doris Will Meadows	
Sat, May 20	Lillian Kase - Children & Grandchildren	
Sun, May 21	George Miller - Barb Borgus	

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. and Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for May



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Guy, Rita, Anabelle Pugliese
Family

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Larry & Patty Battisti –
45th Wedding Anniversary
Family

Dear St. Monica family,

On Sunday, July 9, you are invited to celebrate St. Monica's first annual **Barry Day!** Barry Bedford was a beloved St. Monica parishioner who passed away in 2022. Barry was a loving supporter of our St. Monica youth and families, and he continues to watch over us from heaven.

To honor Barry's legacy, we will be having a special Mass at 10:15 followed by a trip to Seabreeze! St. Monica gets a group rate discount on Barry day, and the ticket cost is \$43 per person. This includes a Ride & Slide pass and catered buffet lunch. Children 2 and younger are free.

We hope you can join us for Barry Day! Here are the details:

- 10:15: Attend 10:15 Mass to commemorate Barry Day with a special blessing
- 11:30-9:00 pm: Enjoy a day at Seabreeze
- 12:00-2:00 pm: Catered buffet lunch at Seabreeze (vegetarian and vegan options available)

You must provide your own transport to and from Seabreeze. Lunch is included with the ticket, and you are responsible for any other food needed. Be sure to bring whatever you need for a day at the park, including bathing suits/towels if you would like to utilize the water park. St. Monica's is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

And remember – we are representing St. Monica's, so come with a positive attitude and kindness!

RSVP by May 26. TO RSVP, all attendees must read and sign the Code of Conduct, which must be returned to Jessica by May 26. The Code of Conduct was emailed to parishioners. Checks can be made out to St. Monica Church with "Seabreeze" in the memo line. Thank you and we hope you can join us!




Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, stepmothers, and mother figures! May God bless you all the days of your lives. We thank God for the blessing of YOU in our lives!

**This Week at St. Monica Church:
May 14-21, 2023**

Sunday, 5/14 Mother's Day	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room First Communion Prep, YG Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 5/15	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 5/16	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 5/17	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
Thursday, 5/18 Ascension Thursday	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 5/19	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 5/20	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/21	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, outside First Communion Prep, YG Room Book Signing, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

Can you help our 5 participants go to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, Indiana this November to connect, pray, learn, grow, and celebrate with thousands of other young Catholics from across the nation? There are many ways to help!

- Donate **empty printer/copier ink of any kind** to the box in the narthex or the side door 📦
- Bring your cans and bottles to **Bottle & Can Retrieval Center** at 2374 Chili Ave (3 miles from St. Monica). Tell them it's for St. Monica Church and we will receive \$0.06 for every bottle/can! 
- You can also donate online: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds/national-catholic-youth-conference-ncyc>

Thank you for supporting our youth on their faith journey! ❤️

Learn more about NCYC: <https://ncyc.us/>



Come join us at the Westside Farmers Market!
Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM
June 6-October 10



We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth, new this year!
Contact Jessica Tette at Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up for a day.

GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!
St. Monica 2023
Vacation Bible School
AUGUST 14-18
8:45 am - noon * Grades K-12
 Register at stmonicaofrochester.org

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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

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

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 and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624, please contact the **SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491**. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

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!

Our Collection: Week of May 7, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
5/7/2023	3,513	2,388	(1,125)
Year-to-Date	160,213	151,110	(9,103)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$242	
CMA	\$23,000	\$23,000	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, go to dor.org online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.



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.

Creation Corner

What is happening to our common home?

In chapter one of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reviews the latest scientific research regarding the specifics of how we are damaging our planet. This damage includes the effects of global warming, pollution, decreasing water resources, loss of biodiversity, decline in the quality of human life, and resource inequality. He notes how we are in an unprecedented period of human history defined by "rapidification" - accelerated changes affecting humanity and the planet coupled with an intensified pace of life and work. The rapid pace of technological progress is not always geared to the common good. Human activities must be balanced with an increasing awareness, sensitivity, and concern for real environmental and societal issues. We must alter our mindsets from the "throwaway culture" and convert to models of resource preservation and renewal, moderate consumption, reuse, and recycling. A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; in our approach to environmental debates, we must "hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." Finally, Pope Francis reminds us that "we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness."



Congratulations to parishioner Donnell Evans for winning two medals in the Special Olympics last weekend! Donnell took 2nd place in the 50-meter dash and 3rd in the softball throw. Way to go, Donnell!! 🏆🏆

19th Ward Square Fair – Save the date, Saturday, June 3
The 19th Ward Community Association annual Square Fair and parade invites neighbors and visitors to its celebration of diversity at Aberdeen Square. It's a perfect opportunity to engage neighbors, sign up youth for our July CYO Summer Basketball Clinic and August Vacation Bible School. Interested in helping create a booth or recruit youth for an hour or two on June 3? Talk to Tami Divers, John DeMott, or Jessica Tette.



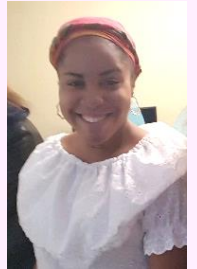
Genesee Street Youth Flower Project Invitation

For 2 hours on Saturday, May 27, youth from several Genesee Street organizations will plant flowers all along Genesee Street. It's a great project for St. Monica



families! Grades 4 & up are welcome. To register, contact JoAnn DeMott at joannkanedemott@yahoo.com or 464-9503.

Congratulations to Chari Peter, who earned her master's degree in chemistry from the University of Rochester and who is now a PhD candidate! Chari accomplished this while finding time to share her many gifts with our community by singing in the Gospel Choir and helping with Faith Formation. We are so proud of you, Chari!



From Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's:

Bishop Salvatore Matano will celebrate the 9:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church on Sunday, May 21, 2023. The Bishop will also bless those going to the 2023 National Black Catholic Congress in Maryland. Please join us!

Sister Joan Sobala will present "The Journeys of Our Life: Pace, Crossings and Dreams 2.0" at Cobblestone Springs on Tuesday, May 17 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The program will offer participants an opportunity to take a long loving look at the pace, crossings and dreams of their lives. More information and registration: <https://mailchi.mp/1d7e9adae5c1/joan-sobala-workshop?e=3134c58bc2>



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

In support of St. Monica's neighborhood, here is a passionate young chef who would love to make your next take-out meal or cater a dinner event of any size.

Karen's Jamaican Kuisine features authentic recipes learned from her Jamaican parents and grandparents – stews, curries, and steamed.

Her cozy takeout at 507 Chili Ave. has a neat kitchen, a counter and a few seats. She first leased her shop in 2018 but bought the entire building last December. She is here to stay!



Karen serves lunch and dinner with a changing daily menu Tuesday through Saturday. Call 413-0275 for choices of the day.