St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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Rochester, NY 14619
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Emergency Line: (585) 723-6531
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf: (585) 235-1812
www.stmonicaofrochester.org
Walk with us on:

Weekend Masses
Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 9am + Live-stream

Daily Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm
Wednesday & Friday: 8am

Emmanuel Church of the Deaf:
Sunday at 11:00 AM

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.

Celebrating Black History Month

The leaders of our book sale to celebrate Black History Month and support St. Monica's Black Catholic Ministry pose for a picture on February 13. Catch book sale again during our Black History Month celebration on Sunday, February 27 after the 9:00 Mass.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven.
Give, and gifts will be given to you."
- Luke 6

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

COVID Updates

- All are welcome to attend our regularly-scheduled Masses in-person.
- We follow the NYS and Monroe County guidelines, and while masks are no longer required, **if you are comfortable wearing a mask, please do so for the protection of your fellow community members.**
- *We will have a designated section in church for social distancing.* In accordance with New York State law, please continue to socially distance if you have not been vaccinated.
- Please continue to use hand sanitizer.
- The Sign of Peace will remain contactless.
- Congregational singing is welcome!

Thank you for helping to maintain the safety and love of our community!

Confessions by appointment. Please contact the office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

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 Fr. Ray's 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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 19	All Parishioners
Sun, Feb 20	100th Birthday Carl Zahn - Pat Zahn
Tues, Feb 22	Tom Hosie - Michael & Jeanne May
Wed, Feb 23	All Parishioners
Thurs, Feb 24	Sr. Ann Marie Lennon, RSM - Donna Whitehair
Fri, Feb 25	Joan Giblin - Giblin Family
Sat, Feb 26	Chuck Callari - Bill & Kathy Ripperger
Sun, Feb 27	Cladice Calixte - Button & Favata Family

DEACON PREACHING PRACTICE: Monday, Feb. 28, 7:00 PM
Four candidates from the diocesan diaconate program will be coming to St. Monica's to practice preaching, and we need your feedback! Please join us to listen to their homilies and offer suggestions. Your responses will inform their education and help prepare them for their ministry in Rochester!

Dear friends,

I am writing to ask you for your help. St. Monica Parish has not yet completed its CMA goal for this year. We are still $5,354 – 25 percent - away from our goal of $21,454. Any deficit in our CMA must come out of our parish budget, which takes those funds away from ministry.

So far, 99 donors have participated in the CMA. If you have not yet done so, please consider making your pledge/donation today. Thank you very much for all you do for St. Monica's. We are truly blessed – and we continue to be a blessing.

Thank you,
Fr. Ray

Let Us Pray

Our Sick
Marcia Lambert
Peggy Gall Reigelsperger
All who are suffering because of COVID-19
An end to racist beliefs and systems
All those affected by violence

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 February

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Robert Elkie
John & JoAnn DeMott

Anne Mrugala
John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Kevin Welling
Wife, Olga & Family

Carol Wightman
John Delibert

St. Monica clothing orders are in! If you placed an order, please see Mary Ellen at a weekend Mass to pick up your order or call the office to come pick it up. Thanks!

This week at St. Monica Church: February 20-27, 2022

Sunday, 2/20	9:00 am – **Youth Mass, Church & live-stream** 10:00 am – No Faith Formation 11:00 am – **ECD Mass, Church**
Monday, 2/21	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 2/22	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 2/23	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thursday, 2/24	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 2/25	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday, 2/26	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/27	9:00 am – **Mass, Church & live-stream** 10:00 am – Black History Month celebration, narthex 11:00 am – **ECD Mass, Church**

Congratulations to those who received their First Reconciliation on Sunday, February 13!

Ethan Bradberry

Evelyn Rathfelder

Carter Smith

We are proud of you!

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

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

8:00 am	Mass + Ashes	St. Monica Church
11-11:15 am	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
12-12:15 pm	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
1-1:15 pm	Ashes	St. Monica parking lot
6:00 pm	Mass + Ashes	Immaculate Conception/ St. Bridget's Church 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

♫ Holy Week Choir ♫

We are forming a special choir for Holy Week, and we are looking for **singers AND instrumentalists**! The Holy Week choir will sing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. This is the perfect opportunity to dip your toe into our music ministry. You are welcome even if you are only available for one or some of the services. Contact Angela, Music Director, at angela.nkugwa@dor.org if interested in joining.

Follow Jesus with us:

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St. Monica Church - Mass

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.

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.

What do I do about my offering?

Life looks different during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are three ways to give during this time:

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to

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2. OSV Online Giving: Visit our website (www.stmonicaofrochester.org) 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 February 13, 2022

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/13/2022	$3,538	$3,022	($516)
Year-to-Date	$116,576	$ 114,389	($2,187)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		$166	
CMA	$21,454	$16,100	75%

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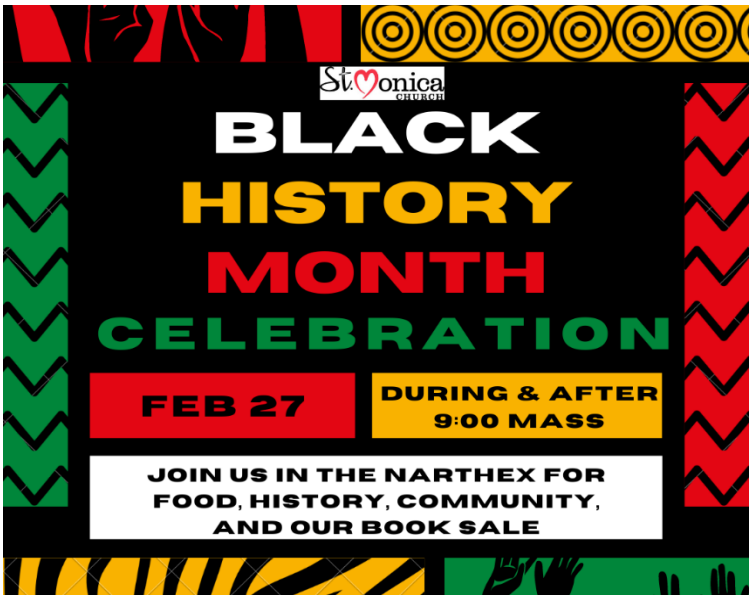
Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.
To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimsassistance@dor.org.



Unsung Sheroes in Black History

https://josephitepastoralcenter.org/resources/black-catholic-history/

Dorothy Height: In 2010 the world lost one of its best, with the death of civil rights activist, Dorothy Height. Among many of Ms. Height's colleagues were Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. While her passing evoked sadness, many celebrated her life in recognition of her ardent selflessness.

Phillis Wheatley: You may not see Phillis Wheatley's books at a Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com, but this writer paved the way for every other one on this list. As the second published African-American poet and first published African-American woman to make a living from her passion, Wheatley's *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* garnered international attention in England and America when it was published in 1773.

Sojourner Truth: A preacher, gender and racial equality activist born into slavery, Sojourner Truth spread the word of God and equality throughout her lifetime. She is best known for her 1851 speech titled, *Ain't I A Woman?*

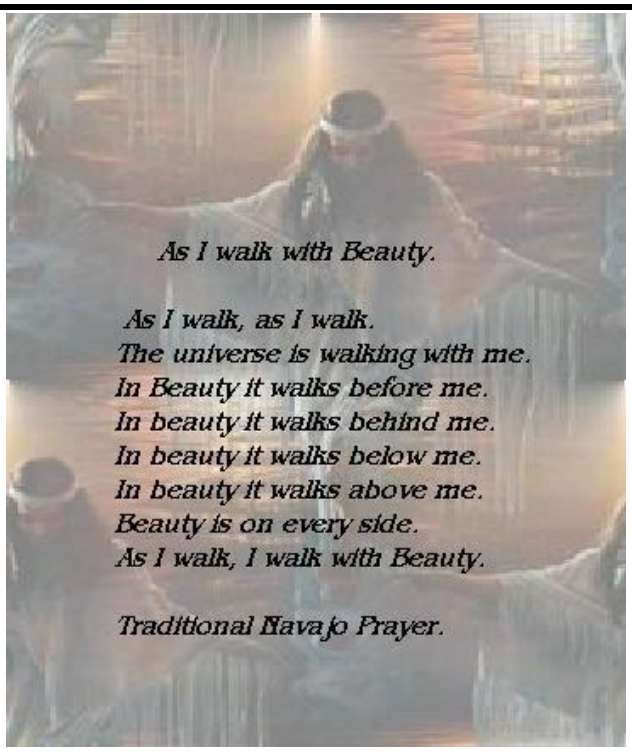
Terri Sewell: A Democrat, Terri Sewell is the representative in Congress for Alabama's 7th district. She is an accomplished attorney and was educated at Princeton, Harvard, and Oxford University. Sewell was the first African-American woman elected to represent Alabama in Congress.

Toni Morrison: Chances are, if you're a writer or consider yourself even close to one, you've been inspired by Toni Morrison. The Pulitzer Prize-winning storyteller is known for famous works, including *Beloved* and *The Bluest Eye*, and is a Nobel Prize recipient.

A Thank-You to the Community

This past 2 months were not how my family and I were expecting to be bringing in and living the new year. I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and constant check-ins with me and my family to hold us up and see how we are doing. It is because of your support that we are moving forward. May God bless every one of you abundantly. As my dear friend, St. Francis de Sales said, "Hearts speak to hearts; lips only speak to ears." And I am grateful for your support and kindness. Once again thank you from our hearts to yours.

Sandy Chamberlain



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

One way to 'bring the Light of Christ's presence to St. Monica's neighborhood' is to support local business owners. Here are two who emigrated from Central America and the Caribbean.

Chili Family Diner at 945 Chili Ave. has served American comfort-food for breakfast and lunch for over 25 years. Owner Carlos Rodriguez, a native of El Salvador, started as a cook. Dine in or take out 365 days-a-year.

Louisiana's Haitian Restaurant is at 1172 South Plymouth Ave. Jenny Metales and her family serve genuine flavorful Haitian dishes to take home for lunch and dinner. The restaurant is named for their mom, Louisiana. Everything is home-made. Call 363-5484 to order.