

WHO WE ARE:

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.

MARCH 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23 – Lenten Weekday – Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

4:00pm: Margaret Heinrich – Karal Ann Marling & Cathy Ripperger

Sunday, March 24– Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

9:00am: Lorraine Cristantiello – Jean Button

Monday, March 25– The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, March 26 – Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

12:10pm: Angela Sanzotta - Family

Wednesday, March 27 – Lenten Weekday

Dn 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

8:00am: All Parishioners

Thursday, March 28– Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

12:10pm: Charles F. McGinnis – Henry & Lucille McGinnis

Friday, March 29 – Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

8:00am: Marie Dell'Anno - Family

Saturday, March 30 – Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

4:00pm: Paul Perotto - Family

Sunday, March 31– Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

9:00am: Paul Perotto – Family

9:00am: Special Intention for Lucille McGinnis – Sandra Spacher

You are welcome at St. Monica!

Do you want to know more about how to join the parish?

Call the parish office today at 235-3340. It's that easy!

Or go to stmonicaofrochester.org.

Did you miss a bulletin? Go to stmonicaofrochester.org to catch up on any bulletins you have missed.

MARCH LIGHT INTENTIONS

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Guy, Gary & Mike Pugliese

from the Family

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Joseph LoCastro, Jr.

from Linda LoCastro

Robert & Jean Vane

from their Children

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR OUR SICK

Rick Ensman

Lou Lombardo

Sr. Dolores Anne Huether, SSJ

(Anne Johnson's aunt)

Sr. George Madeline Bartolomeo, SSJ

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Thomas Kimmes, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Terry Redfield, Jr. and Patrick Welling.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF ROCHESTER PRAYER MINISTRY

Sister Jean Rodman is praying for Emmanuel Church of the Deaf.

Sister Diane Branch is praying for St. Monica Parish.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send submissions by 9am on Mondays: monicabulletin@dor.org with 10-point black Arial font, please.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please call the rectory office (235-3340) or stop by Monday - Friday, 10am-2pm. Intentions are a way for the community to pray for loved ones and special needs.

ST. MONICA CHURCH CALENDAR

Do you have meetings or an event that should be on our office calendar? Please call Deborah and secure your spot on the calendar. For events that are not regular meetings, but require communications and/or set-up, please come in the office and fill out the Event Form.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MONICA CHURCH MARCH 24 - 31, 2019



Sunday, 3/24	9:00 am - Mass 4:30 pm - Hope for Spring Dinner, Valicia's Restaurant
Monday, 3/25	5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer, Chapel 7:30 pm - Contemporary Choir, Church
Tuesday, 3/26	12:10 pm - Mass, Chapel 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, Rectory
Wed., 3/27	8:00 am - Mass, Chapel 1:00 pm - Legion of Mary, Rectory 6:30 pm - Lenten Series with Margot, Rectory dining room 7:00 pm - Gospel Choir
Thursday, 3/28	12:10 pm - Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm - Prayer Shawl Group, Rectory
Friday, 3/29	8:00 am - Mass, Chapel 6:45 pm - Stations of the Cross, Church
Saturday, 3/30	1:00 - 4:00pm - Exposition 4:00 pm - Mass, Church
Sunday, 3/31	9:00 am - Mass, Church



LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Ministers	March 30, 2019	March 31, 2019
Hospitality	Kathy & Mark Bianchi, Luis Gonzalez	Judy Predmore, Gerry & Kathy Murty, Diane Salamone
Welcoming	Meg Lute	Debbie Diederich
Sacristan	Cathy Ripperger	Mary Ellen Fischer
Altar Servers	Missy Adams	Cristina Paulk, Jonathan Urbaniuk
Lectors	Karal Ann Marling, Sr. Eileen Daly	Doris Meadows, Mark Shevlin
Communion Ministers	Garry Cranker, Michelle Resavage	Ellen & Dan Lill, Gerry & Kathy Murty
Music	Contemporary Choir	Youth Choir
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Lynn Fulmore
Coffee Hour		Team 5 - Sandy Chamberlain

OUR STEWARDSHIP

We couldn't do it without you!

Attendance for March 16-17, 2019: 225
Collection: \$4,153

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
3/17/19	\$3,560	\$4,153	\$593
July, 2018 - present	\$129,430	\$141,018	\$11,588

Our Lenten Theme is
"NO TURNING BACK"



**Stations of the Cross -
Fridays at 6:45pm**

Come and join us to pray the Way of the Cross with Deacon Matt in Church. This is a beautiful way to experience prayer and devotion to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Lenten series:

CALMING THE STORM, ACTING IN LOVE



In the swirling storm of stress, anger and fear, how do we find the still point to act from? How do we go about

loving? Forgiving? How do we become a source of peace in times of conflict? How do we open our hearts to God's immense love and then allow that love to move through us?

Join us this Lent to explore a powerful spiritual practice which can help us to do just that. With Margot VanEtten we will engage in a way of meditation which allows us to unleash a deeply wise, enduring power of love and compassion for every part of our lives and work.

Wednesday, March 27 and April 3, 6:30 -- 7:30 PM in the rectory dining room

For more information, contact Margot—margot.vanetten@dor.org

BULLETIN CORRECTION:

Margot VanEtten's phone extension is 115.

Compassion:

Muslim and Christian Perspectives

Both Christianity and Islam see **compassion** as an attribute of the Divine.

Come to this session to learn what that means to people of each tradition. Learn skills and you will leave a more compassionate person, which will make you a better friend. **Our afternoon will be led by Kit Miller of the Gandhi Institute and her colleagues.**

March 31, 2019
3-5pm

Islamic Center of Rochester

727 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620

For more information, contact Nick Frega at nicholas.frega@dor.org or 585-328-3228 ext. 1287

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HOW CAN WE HEAL TOGETHER FROM THE WOUNDS OF SEXUAL ABUSE?

A COMMUNITY GATHERING



APRIL 2ND | 7:00 -9:00 PM
ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH
401 ROGERS PARKWAY

DAY OF PRAYER

Join us on **Tuesday, April 16th** during Holy Week for our monthly **Day of Prayer at Notre Dame Retreat House (Canandaigua)**

Theme :“Praying the Psalms”

Presented by: Dr. Joseph Kelly, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at St. Bernards Seminary
9:00am – 3:00pm (Morning coffee & conference/lunch/Reconciliation/Mass)
There is a \$25.00 fee. Please call 585-394-5700 or email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com to register.



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you stopped talking to each other?

You Can Help Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. So many couples struggle alone with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover a loving relationship in their marriage.

You are NOT alone. This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House on **April 12, 2019**, please call **585-293-1552** or at www.HelpOurMarriage.com



Spring 2019 Rochester Campaign

Take part in the Rochester Spring 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **March 6 through April 14**. Through prayer and fasting embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Ave.. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/Rochester for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or Roc40DFL@gmail.com.

Social Justice Corner

GUNS INTO PLOWSHARES

Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin will bring their "Beating Guns" tour to Rochester on Thursday, April 18. The 90 minute event at Greece Baptist Church (1230 Long Pond Rd.) will include music, art, and stories of people impacted by gun violence, culminating with an invitation for the audience to take the hammer and transform a gun into garden tools. There is no charge for admission, but people should register by going to: <https://www.beatingguns.com/tour> and clicking on the April 18 date.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN ACTIVITIES

March 25th - Pray for those most affected by climate change -climate refugees, animal species also lose their habitat as a result of deforestation.

March 26th - St Joseph whose feast we celebrated earlier this month, can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us.

March 27th - Have you ever mentioned an ecological sin in confession?

March 28th - Read a nature poet – Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry, Emily Dickinson, Gerard Manley Hopkins.

March 29th -Drink a glass of water with reverence as you recall the waters of your birth and baptism.

March 30th - Turn your thermostat down a few degrees and pray for those who do not have easy access to energy.

RICE BOWL INFORMATION



This week we join in spirit with the people of Sri Lanka and befriend Christyan, a farmer who fled his homeland because of civil war but returned only to find his farmland

devastated. With the help of CRS, he was able to restore his farm so he could provide for his family and could also send his children to school, a luxury he never had. If you choose to go meatless for a day, consider depositing whatever money you might have saved into your Rice Bowl as a measure of solidarity with Christyan. You can get more information about Christyan from CRS on their website CRS.org

St. Monica Youth

You are invited to be a part of the Presentation of the Life and Passion of Jesus



Practice - Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation - Sunday, April 14, 9am Mass

Please contact Jennifer to be in the presentation:
jennifer.lafler@dor.org or 235-3340 ext 124 by April 7



Congratulations to Deacon Matt and his wife, Jeanne as they welcome their newest grandchild. Hildegard Elaine Lynch is surrounded by mother and father Christina and Christopher and 2-and-a-half-year old brother Bernart.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON MARCH 31

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection will be held in many dioceses across the country on Laetare Sunday, March 31. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports the work of several Catholic organizations serving some of the most marginalized communities in the world. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for people in poverty; pastoral services for rural workers and legal support services for poor immigrants in the United States; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence and religious persecution; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



*May the Lord
be near to us and
bless us on life's way,
and may St. Joseph
guide us and inspire
us today.*

*St. Joseph's Feast
Day: March 19*