

# 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](http://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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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.**



*Youth members of Community Voices choir pose with our St. Monica statue on her feast day on August 27, 2023.*

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

– Ephesians 1

September 3, 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

**Did you know?** Our website, [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sat, Sept 2 Sr. Marion Hoctor, SSJ – Donna Whitehair  
 Sun, Sept 3 Special Intention – In thanksgiving 40th Wedding Ann.  
 Ed & Patty Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin  
 Tues, Sept 5 David Simon - Karen & Bob Engle  
 Wed, Sept 5 First Responders - Barbara Higgins  
 Thurs, Sept 7 Paige Livingston - Sandy Chamberlain  
 Fri, Sept 8 Joseph Robinson - Mary Robinson  
 Sat, Sept 9 Betty & Ed Bazil - Cheryl Bazil-Vasko  
 Sun, Sept 10 Edward A. Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin  
 Special Intention Edward D. Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin



*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 September**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

All Parishioners



**CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

All Parishioners

**The office will be closed Monday,  
September 4 for Labor day.**

**Join St. Monica 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! Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up for ONE day (only 5 left!)**

Our chalkboard offers a reflection question each week where people can write their response at the market.

This week's chalkboard question:

**Who would you like to pray for?**



St. Peter's Kitchen is at the Westside Farmers Market on Tuesdays for its satellite food pantry. The kitchen are helping increase access to fresh fruits & veggies! Visit the booth to sign up or learn more.

**Emmanuel Church of the Deaf  
now has online giving!**

1. Visit the website:  
<https://www.stmonicaofrochester.org/emmanuel-church-of-the-deaf>

2. Click the link to give online.

*Thank your for supporting our community and ministry!*

**This Week at St. Monica Church:  
September 3-10, 2023**

<b>Sunday, 9/3</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
<b>Monday, 9/4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)
<b>Tuesday, 9/5</b>	12:10 pm –Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking lot
<b>Wed., 9/6</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:00 pm – Growing the Parish Meeting, Rectorly
<b>Thursday, 9/7</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 9/8</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 9/9</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 9/10</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

**Faith Formation: Join us for faith and community!**  
**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation:** For ages 4-18.

Faith Formation, grades PreK4-5 <sup>th</sup>	Sundays after 10:15 Mass until 12:15 PM
First Reconciliation/First Communion, grades 2+	Contact <a href="mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org">jessica.tette@dor.org</a>
Middle School Youth Group, grades 6-7 High School Youth Group/Confirmation Prep, grades 8-12	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Dinner included

Register at [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

## NCYC UPDATE

**THANK YOU** so much for your support of our pilgrims attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November! We are closer to our goal with \$800 left to raise. We are still collecting returnable cans and bottles, empty ink cartridges, monetary gifts, and prayers to raise funds for our pilgrimage. We are SO grateful for our community! ♥



## Why do Catholics have a Sunday Mass obligation?

Reporter Mike Latona takes a closer look at Sunday Mass as the "foundation and confirmation" of our faith in the latest entry in the Catholic Courier's "Why do Catholics...?" series.

*"The basis for such observances goes all the way back to Genesis 2:3: "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation." Many subsequent references on the importance of Sabbath observance are made throughout Scripture.*

*"God's action is the model for human action," catechism No. 2172 states, adding, "The sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money."*

*...Ultimately, Father Michael Costik [pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Canandaigua and Bloomfield] said he hopes people will return to church not just out of obligation — "that's a word I never use," he said — but also because they realize they're a necessary part of their parish communities.*

*"I'm more like, 'Please come because it's wonderful when you're here,'" Father Costik said.*

Read the entire story at

<https://catholiccourier.com/articles/sunday-mass-is-foundation-and-confirmation-of-our-faith/>

### Follow Jesus with us:

[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://www.stmonicaofrochester.org)

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

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

[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](mailto: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!



### 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](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) for a packet of information to help you.

### Our Collection: Week of August 27, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
8/27/2023	3,238	2,760	(478)
Year-to-Date	29,200	30,830	1,630
<b>Online Giving/week (included in actual total)</b>			<b>\$321</b>



### 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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

# Creation Corner

Last week, we asked you to stay tuned for what you might be able to do to increase your care for creation. Well, here it is. You will no doubt have noticed that a river has been added to the sanctuary. Also, included with this bulletin is a chart with two columns. In the right-hand column are practices to help the earth. You might add one of these to any activities you are already doing. In the left-hand column there are a few words in the column headed Your Water Words. Next week, after you have chosen a practice (you can do as many as you want), please take a water drop with the water words corresponding to your activity and put it in the basket hanging from the chalk board. You can add your water drop any time during the month of September. Let's swell that river and let it flow on out of St. Monica.

It's the Season of Creation.  
This week let us pray:

Creator of All,  
From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being.  
On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.  
We praise you and we thank you. Amen.



## St. Monica Neighborhood Opportunity

Rochester Academy Charter Middle School, our tenant at 841 Genesee St., has invited us to welcome back their students for the 2023-2024 school year.



Wednesday, September 6, from: 7:00 to 7:45 am

Join other neighbors to greet, celebrate & cheer arriving students on the 1st day of school.

## Thank you so much, St. Monica!

As a result of your generosity, 60 filled backpacks for families in need in our neighborhood were collected. The backpack giveaway was held on Monday, August 21st at St. Peter's Kitchen, where 90-plus filled backpacks were given away. Many very excited young people will be ready to begin the new school year because of your appreciated support.

Thank you again, St. Monica family, for your help in reaching out to those less fortunate.



*We pray that all of our students, teachers, and those who work in education have a safe, meaningful return to school this fall!*



## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Bringing the Light of Christ's presence to our neighborhoods can be as easy as visiting our unique neighborhood businesses.

This past week, newly-arriving University of Rochester students visited Genesee Street businesses on their August 25th Wilson Day of Community Service.

Mrs. Deloris Hamilton, owner of **D&L Groceries** at 1005 Genesee St., welcomed this group of students from 5 different nations.



Students were amazed to find friendly neighbors, and foods they never expected to see in the US. And they found products on Genesee Street that they would never have found in the UR's College Town.

D&L Groceries has supplied the favorite foods of our West Indian and African parishioners since 1986. Visit Monday to Saturday, 9am to 7pm, at 1005 Genesee St. [www.dltropical.com](http://www.dltropical.com)