

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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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.



*We celebrated St. Monica's feast day on August 27.
St. Monica, pray for us!*

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

- Romans 13

September 6, 2026
23rd 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. 5	Patti Grant-Zollo - Family
Sun. Sept. 6	Paige Livingston – Sandy Chamberlain
	Students of the Parish – Barbara Higgins
Tues. Sept. 8	Heather Affronte – Jean Button
Wed. Sept. 9	Henry McGinnis – Kathy & Gerry Murty
Thur. Sept. 10	Sr. Anne Martin Robinie, OSF – Sr. St. Luke Hardy
Fri. Sept. 11	Special Intention for Joseph McNulty - Brian McNulty
Sat. Sept. 12	Edward A. Giblin & Birthday Blessings Edward D. Giblin – Patty & Ed Giblin
Sun. Sept. 13	25th Anniversary of RCB – Dan Lill



Let Us Pray 

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

St. Monica Scholarships

Bless all students as they return to school. These students are continuing their Catholic education using awards from the St. Monica Scholarship Fund:

- Joshua Nkugwa, Nazareth Elementary
- Bella Nkugwa, Our Lady of Mercy
- Joseph Holmes, McQuaid Jesuit

Our donation envelopes include one for "School Tuition." Please use this envelope to provide funds for scholarships to Catholic schools. Thank you!

St. Monica parishioner Diane Zielinski is presenting her one-woman comedy show, *Clutter Is My Life Partner*, at September's Rochester Fringe Festival. A lifetime in the making, the show features Diane discussing ways she tried to get rid of her stuff from eBay to hiring a cleaning guy to only keeping things that "spark joy." The one-hour show is at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood Ave. in Brighton, at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 15 and 12:15 pm Saturday, Sept. 19. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online at rochesterfringe.com. Both shows will be ASL interpreted.



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 6-13, 2026

Sunday, 9/6	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 9/7	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/8	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 9/9	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Thurs., 9/10	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 9/11	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 9/12	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
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

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!**



St. Monica Church 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.



With gratitude,
Dr. Nicole L. Gibbons
Executive Director

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!

Don't miss your chance to make a difference!

Gather your team and join us for
a great day of golf while supporting
the mission of St. Peter's Kitchen.



Questions? Contact
Amy Mincer
Director of Community Services
585-235-6511
amy@stpeterskitchen.org



SWING for a CAUSE

★ 10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ★



FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026



MORGAN'S CROSSING
GOLF COURSE
760 Scottsville-Chili Rd
Scottsville, NY 14546



REGISTRATION: 7:45 AM
SHOTGUN START: 9:00 AM



Great golf.
Great people.
Great purpose.

**BRING A PARTNER OR
Rally Your Crew!**
Enjoy a great day of golf while
making a difference in our community!

**TWOSOME
\$300
\$150 PER GOLFER**

**FOURSOME
\$600
\$150 PER GOLFER**

Register Online
TODAY!
It's quick & easy!

SIGN UP ONLINE:
Scan the QR code
or visit the link below.
www.stpeterskitchen.org/golf-registration



**GREAT DAY
OF GOLF**
Enjoy a beautiful course,
friendly competitors,
and lots of fun!

**CONTESTS
& PRIZES**
Closest to the pin,
longest drive,
hole-in-one and more!

**RAFFLES &
GIVEAWAYS**
Exciting prizes
throughout the day!

**LUNCH &
AWARDS**
Delicious lunch and
awards celebration
after golf.

**MAKE AN
IMPACT**
Your support helps provide
hot meals, pantry access,
youth nutrition, and hope
to our neighbors every day.



Thank you for supporting St. Peter's Kitchen!
Together, we're building a stronger, healthier community.

NOURISHMENT • COMMUNITY • HOPE

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St. Monica Church - Mass

Bulletin

Did you sign up to receive the bulletin by
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Please check your email settings to ensure
you allow emails from
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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 August 29/30	194
Attendance August 22/23	176
Attendance August 15/16	231
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

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Gen 1:1-2 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Water Speaks: "I am ancient. I am everywhere. And I've been waiting, quietly and patiently, for you to really see me."

Reflection: Water itself does not speak, but by paying attention to it, we can learn more about God's creation, our dependence upon it, and our responsibility to care for it well. There is a kind of attention that changes everything. Before we can solve anything and before we even know what needs solving, we need to look deeply, we need to learn to notice what is happening around us. Sometimes the most important thing we can do is simply stop and pay attention.

Invitation: Slow down and pay attention to the gift of water and all the gifts water provides. Look at water as sacred and ancient. Let the wonder of it move you.

Take advantage of these upcoming opportunities:

1. Lake Ontario: A Body in Light. Fringe Festival Sept. 17, 5:30pm and Sept 19, 2:30pm. Free at the Central Library
2. Forest Bathing II - details to be announced.
3. Prayers For All Creation alongside the Genesee River Sunday Oct.4, 2:00pm.

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

St. Monica's neighborhood is home to numbers of micro-entrepreneurs who aspire to grow their businesses while augmenting their incomes selling creative products.

Rochelle Knight is the owner of **Rochelle Creative Designs**.

She designs and makes special-occasion gift baskets and unique desserts. We see Rochelle and her daughter (a St. Monica VBS camper!) selling at a bright red sidewalk tent in front of Monica



Place apartments at 837 Genesee St.

Read more about Rochelle Knight on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rochelle.knight.933297>. Also visit her GoFundMe site, where she raises capital for better baking equipment and supplies: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-rochelles-business-dream>

Currently, she offers special home-baked gift-wrapped cupcakes. They are perfect to take home after Mass. Look for the red tent.

Social Justice News

Blue Bags: After a summer when we were asked to provide much to many who have so little, we will be taking a short break in our BB collections. This will allow us to evaluate how much, how often, and to whom we ask you to contribute. Your generosity is seen and recognized but we know these are hard times for many.

St. Francis Prayer: "Where There Is Doubt, Faith": Faith can be a difficult commodity to come by in these trying times. We can struggle with doubt in times when tragedy strikes and we question even the existence of a good and faithful God. However, this doubt can then sometimes lead to an even greater faith. We must acknowledge that we will never know everything about everything especially around spirituality.

Midterms Our November elections will be coming up soon and local author, Bill Wynne, offers this question to ponder as we consider for whom we will vote: "Which candidates, local, statewide, or national, do you believe provide a message of hope, care, and compassion in the face of existential threats such as war, climate change, AI, as well as the ever-widening economic wealth divide?"

Our Social Justice Committee is always looking for new members so if you'd like to see what we do, contact Dan at 585-313-6027 or danlill126@gmail.com.

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 wariebi2001@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!

**Sign up today at the church doors!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**