

# 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.**

## Black Catholic History Month



Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.  
- Psalm 85

November 30, 2025  
First Sunday  
of Advent

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). 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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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

## Weekly Mass Intentions

- Sat. Nov. 29 Lynn Fender – Jean Button  
 Sun. Nov. 30 Mary Walker – Bob & Joy Boyd  
 Tues. Dec. 2 Aonica Chamberlain – Sandy Chamberlain  
 Wed. Dec. 3 All Parishioners  
 Thur. Dec. 4 Joyce Walsh – Sandy Chamberlain  
 Fri. Dec. 5 Joseph Gould – The Carlson Family  
 Sat. Dec. 6 Royal Chamberlain – Sandy Chamberlain  
 Rita Pugliese - Family  
 Sun. Dec. 7 Deceased Members of the Bodensteiner & Reifsteck Families – Family  
 Marcy Kessler – Cheryl Bazil-Vasko



**NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONIC BAND**  
**HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
 The Joys of the Holidays all wrapped  
 up in a magnificent package of  
 music

Please join us  
 Brighton High School  
 1150 Winton Road  
 Rochester, NY

At 4 pm  
 December 6, 2025

Free Admission

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

**EASTMAN  
COMMUNITY  
MUSIC SCHOOL**

*Let Us Pray*



**Our Sick**  
**Bob Mulcahy**

**Our Deceased**  
**Diane Salamone**

**Sr. Grace Miller, RSM**

**Those who are housing vulnerable**  
**An end to racism**  
**An end to war**  
**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 December**

### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Battisti, Leonardo & Pugliese Families**

*Pugliese Family*



**Higgins Family**

*Barbara Higgins*

### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

**Don Wiegand, Sr.**

*Family*



**Robert & Jean Vane**

*Children/Family*

**Save the Date:**  
**Rusty Haloos Senior Christmas Party**  
**Thursday, Dec 11 at Ezzy's Restaurant on Buffalo Road**  
**@ Noon**

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

## HOLIDAY MASSES

**ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH**

*All Masses ASL interpreted.*

**Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24:**  
**4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church**

**Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25:**  
**10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**

**New Year's Day Mass Thursday, January 1:**  
**10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**



**St Monica**  
 CHURCH

ST. MONICA CHURCH  
 EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
 CORNER OF GENESEE & MONICA STREETS  
 ROCHESTER, NY 14609



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/  
 ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH  
 445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.  
 ROCHESTER, NY 14608

**ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!**

### **This Week at St. Monica Church: November 30-Dec 7, 2025**

<b>Sunday, 11/30</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
<b>Monday, 12/1</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, 12/2</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 6:00 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting, Rectory
<b>Wed., 12/3</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 PM – Youth Group, Dining Room
<b>Thurs., 12/4</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
<b>Friday, 12/5</b>	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
<b>Saturday, 12/6</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 12/7</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church



**CMA Goal:**  
**\$25,000**  
**51 Donors**  
**\$10,577 pledged**  
**42% of goal**



As of this date,  
 51 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

### Advent Soup Supper, Saturday, December 13

After the 4 pm Mass on December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Welcome Committee would like to invite everyone to a simple soup supper in the narthex. Sister Carol Cimino will be our guest speaker reflecting on Advent: "A Time of Watching and Waiting." Look for the signup sheets to attend and sign up if you would like to help with a pot of soup, bread, salad, or a dessert. Please come and share this simple meal as we await the coming of the baby Jesus. Any questions call JoAnn DeMott at 313-2614.



**Mass, Vigil Participants Pray for Immigrants** (*From the Catholic Courier, 11/14/25*): Rochester's St. Monica Church invited the community to participate in "One Church, One Family: Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants" Nov. 13 as part of a nationwide show of support for refugees and immigrants. Father Raymond Fleming celebrated Mass, which was followed by a prayerful vigil outside the church. The date coincides with the feast day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the patroness of immigrants who was an Italian immigrant and the first U.S. citizen to become a saint.



### Follow Jesus with us:

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

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

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

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

### Our Collection: Week of Nov. 23, 2025

Physical collection:	\$2,918
Online giving:	\$803
Total collection this week:	\$3,721
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> :	<b>(\$6,795)</b>
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$10,577 • 42%	

### 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](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) for training instructions..

### 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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org). Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

### 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.



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



## Creation Corner

### Strategies for Creating Your Holy Advent

Holiness is about being in union with God's purposes, not about reaching perfection. The goal is not to wait for life to calm down, but to actively seek the sacred in the middle of the everyday chaos.

#### Plan ahead.

- Prioritize what matters. Examine your "to do" list.
- Budget your time, energy, and money realistically.
- It's normal to feel sad, lonely, or tired during the holidays. Allow yourself to feel these emotions without judgment.
- Dedicate a quiet time for prayer, even if it's just a few minutes at a time.
- Post reminder notes to "savor the season."

#### Incorporate Holiness into your holiday activities.

Wrapping Gifts: How has the person who this gift is for been a sacred gift to you? Write a blessing inside the wrapping paper.

Christmas Music: Before "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," there was "O Holy Night". Make a playlist of Christmas hymns to listen to while you're baking, cleaning, or decorating. Remember, "she who sings prays twice."

Christmas Lights: Enjoy their beauty and whisper this affirmation: "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Charlie Brown, Rudolph, Cindy Lou Who and other favorites: Jesus was a captivating storyteller. Watch these with your kids; imagine them as parables Jesus might have told the little children. Invite them to share their take-away.

Shopping: Think of all the strangers you'll be interacting with this December (store clerks, other shoppers, drivers...) who may be just as stressed as you. Before you leave your house, take time to center; ask for the grace to be a channel of God's peace and joy to whomever you encounter.

Get-togethers: Around the table or sending a Christmas card, share when you experience the presence and care of God.

A Blue Christmas: Richard Rohr reflected, "We all need to feel and know... that we are not the first ones who have suffered, nor will we be the last. We are all partners with both the living and the dead...longing for healing." Practice solidarity. Be on the lookout for how you might be a help to another.

### Social Justice News

#### Please consider donating a Christmas basket for a family in need.

Our December Blue Bag collection will in the form of Christmas meals provided to SWEM. The Christmas baskets are designed for families of 3 & 4 people, and for each basket, please provide the following:

- Fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- Soup (large can) \*Fruit juice \*Instant mashed potatoes
- Large can of sweet potatoes (15oz), \*2 canned vegetables
- Cranberry sauce, Can gravy, \*Bag or box of stuffing (12oz)
- Dessert (Jell-o, or pudding, or cake mix/ frosting, or pie crust/ & filling)

The baskets will be collected at St. Monica's **Dec. 13 & 14 a half hour before the 4pm and 10:15am Masses at the detached garage. Enter from Monica Street and the garage will be on your left.** If you are able, a box will be available for submitting \$10 cash or a check written out to SWEM per basket to cover additional expenses.

C Please place your food in a box, tote or laundry basket and label it if you have all the supplies. Feel free to decorate your basket, box, or tote and include holiday touches of your own, such as coffee, tea, candies, mints, or napkins. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents always make an additional gift.

MIREMBE'S PRESENTS:

# THE PEPPERMINT CABARET

A cozy evening of live music, holiday pours, savory bites, and signature style all wrapped in peppermint twist.



Featuring: Angela Nkugwa (vocals & piano), Alison Rouse Monte (vocals), and Deanna Dudley (vocals). Live ensemble includes drums and bass.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025  
6:00 PM  
RTT INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
HENRIETTA, NY

**Tickets: \$75 per guest**  
Includes dinner, dessert, libations, live music, a chance to win in our holiday raffle, and access to a curated selection of local vendor tables.  
**VIP seating available.**  
Dress Code: **Peppermint energy.**  
Proceeds benefit Nkugwa Team Impact, expanding access to youth sports across Greater Rochester.

Scan to RSVP or visit:  
[www.angelankugwa.com/thepeppermintcabaret](http://www.angelankugwa.com/thepeppermintcabaret)  
Limited VIP & General Admission Available

### First Fridays

On the first Friday of each month, Mass is followed by the Anointing of the Sick and afterward a simple shared breakfast in the rectory dining room. The group is small which allows for meaningful and interesting conversation. Call Kathy or Gerry Murty if you would like more information: 585-436-1284.

### St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Shopping? Here are a couple of true neighborhood "mom & pop" businesses that could help with Christmas gift-giving! Both offer gift certificates that can be used any time in the next year.

**1872 Café** at 431 West Main St. serves breakfasts and lunches. Paul and Mae Gersonia make their own pastries, sandwiches, croissants, pizza, soups, salads, coffees & teas, with gluten free & vegan menu options. The café is open Mon-Fri 7-2, Sat & Sun 8-1.



**Arnett Café**, at 334 Arnett Blvd., has the neighborhood's most enjoyable breakfasts and lunches. Norman and Kim Brown feature southern favorites served with soft jazz in the air and local art on the walls. They're open 8am to 2 pm, Tuesdays through Saturdays.

