

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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Rochester, NY 14619

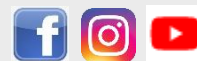
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.



Our Gospel Choir kicked off Black Catholic History Month with an awesome setlist on Sunday, November 5.

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.

— Wisdom 6

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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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 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.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Nov 11 David Divers - Sheilla Wray
 Sun, Nov 12 Raymond N. Tette - Mark & Sharon Juba
 Tues, Nov 14 All Parishioners
 Wed, Nov 15 Communion Service
 Thurs, Nov 16 Communion Service
 Fri, Nov 17 Communion Service
 Sat, Nov 18 John Greene - Patricia DeMers
 Sun, Nov 19 Mario & Ann DiMasi - Barbara Higgins



Musicians! Lectors! Greeters! Ushers!

Reminder that you ***must*** be CASE trained to do your ministry.
 This is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester.
 Contact jessica.tette@dor.org if you need to be trained or
 update your CASE training, which must be done every 3 years.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



If you were unable to pick up your shirt Nov. 11 or 12, you may visit the office during office hours to pick it up. Please bring a cash or check payment of \$18/shirt. Thank you for supporting our youth pilgrims for the National Catholic Youth Conference!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

St. Monica Church Parish Goal: \$26,000

As of this date, 39 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 think 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! Visit www.dor.org to view the video and make your gift.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
 2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Go Forth
 With
 Christ*



Go to www.dor.org
 • View the video • See how
 the funds are distributed
 • Make your gift



Let Us Pray

Our Deceased

Deacon James Carra

at St Monica for deacon training in 2009

Lily May Wray

Sheilla Wray's sister

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 November

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Reilly Family

Barbara Higgins



Catherine Ann Kress

John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Elnora & James Delibert

John Delibert



Marjorie Ochs

Your loving children

This Week at St. Monica Church: November 12-19, 2023

Sunday, 11/12	10:15 am – Mass, Church NCYC shirt pickup following Mass 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 11/13	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 11/14	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 11/15	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church 6:30-8:30 pm – Youth Group, Rectory
Thurs., 11/16	12:10 pm – Communion Service, Church
Friday, 11/17	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church
Saturday 11/18	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 11/19	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

CHEFS NEEDED

YOUTH GROUP DINNER



Wednesdays
6:30 pm



Cook and serve
dinner to teens



Feed physical and
spiritual hunger!



Donate ingredients
or let St. Monica's
buy them

CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO SIGN UP!



CYO: Remembering David Divers

This 2023-2024 winter CYO basketball season is dedicated to David Divers, long-time pillar of our St. Monica basketball and parish community, who passed away in August. We mourn our loss of a friend, husband, coach, father, grandfather, and parishioner. We honor David by carrying out his vision was to bring basketball and community to our neighborhood. Can you help our youth have positive experiences in one of the following ways?

- Collecting admissions
- Selling concessions
- Setup
- Tear-down
- Running the time clock



We have 3-6 Saturdays that have home games scheduled at our gym at 841 Genesee St. Help with one Saturday or all of them. If you can help, contact jessica.tette@dor.org. Thank you for giving your time to help our community!

Prayer for Peace

On Friday, November 3, several of our St. Monica family gathered for an hour of prayer for peace in the Gaza, the Ukraine, and throughout the world. It was a quiet time of contemplative prayer, music, and community petitions for peace. The time was an oasis of quiet and peace in our busy lives. We continue to join with the rest of our Church, all people of faith around the world, and in our neighborhoods, to pray and live lives of peace.



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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

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

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 with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Emergency Food: If you are in need of emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

How do I give my offering?

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 (<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 online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.

Our Collection: Week of November 5, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
11/5/2023	4,313	2,652	(1,661)
Year-to-Date	62,313	62,923	611
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$335	



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.



The second section of Pope Francis' *Laudate Deum* letter describes the state of the global climate crisis today. A friend who read it called this section "a punch in the gut." She's not wrong. This is difficult to read but it clearly lays out our current situation.

Pope Francis writes "Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over, or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are already here and are increasingly evident," particularly as evidenced by the more frequent extreme weather phenomena. If we continue on our current path unabated, the temperature will continue to increase and heat waves will become more frequent and hotter. Icecaps of Greenland and Antarctica will melt completely and will result in immensely grave consequences for everyone.

Some choose to deride these facts. They point out that the Earth has always experienced periods of warming and cooling. They ignore, however, that instead of occurring over centuries or millennia, we have been able to perceive a rise in sea levels and melting of glaciers within a lifetime. Still others would hold the poor responsible since they have more children. "Yet the reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more of the planet than the poorest 50% of the total world population." As Pope Francis concludes, "It is no longer possible to doubt the human...origin of climate change."

It is frequently heard that reducing the use of fossil fuels and developing cleaner energy sources will lead to job losses. However, as Pope Francis states, as a result of the effects of climate change such as rising sea levels and droughts, millions of people are already losing jobs. But, he says, if properly managed, the transition to renewable energy is capable of generating countless jobs in different sectors.

The link between the climate phenomena and increased greenhouse gas emissions, especially since the mid-twentieth century cannot be ignored. Pope Francis writes "I feel obligated to make these clarifications, which may appear obvious, because of certain dismissive and scarcely reasonable opinions that I encounter, even within the Catholic Church. Yet we can no longer doubt that...these dangerous changes...have to do with unchecked human intervention on nature in the past two centuries."

"Some effects of the climate crisis are already irreversible, at least for several hundred years, such as the increase in the global temperature of the oceans, their acidification and the decrease of oxygen." Quoting further, "the same can be said about the decrease in continental ice sheets. The melting of the poles will not be able to be reversed for hundreds of years" and "we are now unable to halt the enormous damage we have caused. We barely have time to prevent even more tragic damage."

"Finally, we can add that the COVID-19 pandemic brought out the close relation of human life with that of other living beings and with the natural environment. But in a special way, it confirmed that what happens in one part of the world has repercussions on the entire planet. This allows me to reiterate two convictions that I repeat over and over again: 'Everything is connected' and 'No one is saved alone'."

SSSS

Soup, Salad, Song and Sweets

Come join the fun on Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM (Right after 4:00 Mass). There will be a soup and salad supper followed by great singing entertainment by our very own Brian Coughlin and Linda LoCastro. We'll top off the evening with an assortment of delicious desserts.

All adults are welcome. Please bring a dessert to share. Although not required to attend please help us estimate food quantities with an RSVP by calling Bob Engle at 329-6313 or by signing up on the board in the narthex by Sunday, November 26th.



ST. PETER'S KITCHEN

St. Peter's Kitchen will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets on November 17, 2023 - if you need a basket or someone who does contact the Kitchen at (585) 235-6511.

Donations of full/queen size NEW blankets would be most appreciated to give as Christmas gifts to the guests at St. Peter's Kitchen. The collection at St. Monica will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, November 25 & 26** 30 minutes before the 4 pm and 10:15 am Masses.

Please drop off your donation at the small garage near the St. Monica Street entrance.

Thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate be able to keep warm during the cold Rochester winter nights.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The Light of Christ's presence shines brightly at neighborhood institutions that continue to serve residents for decades.

The **Thurston Road YMCA Neighborhood Center** at 597 Thurston Road is offering FREE MEALS for everyone twice weekly. Free lunches are every Wednesday from 11:30am to 12:30pm and free dinners are every Thursday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Take meals home or enjoy them at the "Y."



Meals are pre-packaged and delivered by Foodlink. Their goal is to expand food access to quality, nutritious meals using relationships with organizations like the YMCA that work with multi-generational families.



Costs are paid by Monroe County using American Rescue Plan Act funding. The free meals are planned for at least 3 years.