St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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Rochester, NY 14619
Office: (585) 235-3340 Fax: 235-8315
Emergency Line: (585) 412-3913
www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Walk with us on:

Weekend Masses
Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 10:15am + Livestream

Daily Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm
Wednesday & Friday: 8am

Emmanuel Church of the Deaf:
Sunday at 11:30 AM

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:00am-3:00 pm

Join us Online!

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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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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



Our youth group grows every year!
Last week, we gave four new members their official youth group sweatshirts. What a blessing!

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart.
Great are the works of the LORD,
exquisite in all their delights.
- Psalm 111

November 8, 2026

32nd 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. Nov. 7	Ray Tette – Peggy Reigelsperger
Sun. Nov. 8	Carol DiFiore – Bob & Karen Engle
	Aunt Ann Klinkiewicz – Sr. St. Luke Hardy
Tues. Nov. 10	No Mass or Communion Service
Wed. Nov. 11	No Mass or Communion Service
Thur. Nov. 12	No Mass or Communion Service
Fri. Nov. 13	No Mass or Communion Service
Sat. Nov. 14	Ellen Lill – Peggy Reigelsperger
Sun. Nov. 15	Mario & Ann DiMasi – Barbara Higgins
	Jean Raisbeck – Sr. Ann Regina



As we celebrate the month of November for all our departed loved ones, we ask that you bring in a photo of your departed loved one(s) for a special display during the month of November. Photos can be brought in during any Mass and placed on the table.

Fr. Ray Update:

Fr. Ray continues to heal at home and appreciates all of your prayers. We need help with meals for him. Please schedule with Mary Ellen at 412-3913 or call the office. Thank you for helping us care for him!

All weekday Masses (Tuesday-Friday) and communion services are canceled for next week. We will update the communities as soon as we have more information. Thank you for your love!





Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Fr. Ray Fleming

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 November



SANCTUARY LIGHT
Higgins Family
Barbara Higgins

Joe & Marge Ochs
Barbara Klein & Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT
Elnora & James F. Delibert
Family

Fr. Ray Fleming
Patricia Mitchell



This Week at St. Monica Church: November 8-15, 2026

Sunday, 11/8	**10:15 am – Mass, Church** **11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room** **11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church**
Monday, 11/	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 11/10	6:00 pm – Parish Life Committee Meeting, Rectory
Wed., 11/11	6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 11/12	**12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Restaurant on Buffalo Road** 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 11/13	
Saturday, 11/14	**4:00 pm – Mass, Church**
Sunday, 11/15	**10:15 am – Mass, Church** **11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room** **11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church**

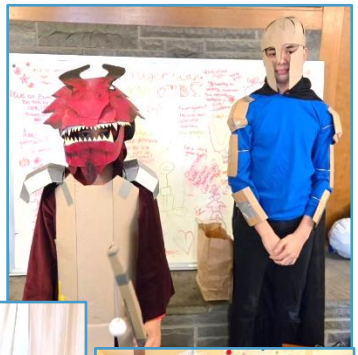
Congratulations to parishioner Bob Burns for being recognized in an official room dedication ceremony by Monroe County Executive Adam Bello last week! See Adam Bello's statement below. What an amazing accomplishment. We love you, Bob!

Robert Burns dedicated himself to a career in public safety for four decades, rising from probation officer to Chief Probation Officer, eventually culminating in his leadership as the Director of Public Safety in Monroe County. Today (Oct. 29), we honored Robert by dedicating a training room in his honor that will serve as a lasting testament to our gratitude for his years of service.



We had a blast at our youth Halloween party on Oct. 25. A big thanks to all the adult and teen volunteers who helped make it special. Check out those awesome costumes! What a blessing to have joy in community!













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St. Monica Church - Mass

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.

Let's invite friends to experience God's generous love at St. Monica's!

Attendance Oct 31/Nov 1	164
Attendance October 24/25	214
Attendance October 17/18	212
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

CMA Goal: $26,000 Pledged: $6,920 27%

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..

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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 victimsassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) was named a patron saint of ecology, the environment, and the environment's protection by Pope John Paul II in 1980. This patronage stems from her deep traditional Indigenous connection to the land and her spiritual relationship with nature.

As a Mohawk woman (the Haudenosaunee phonetic pronunciation of her name is GO-da-LEE-got-GWEED-ah), she lived in harmony with the natural rhythms of North American woodlands, viewing the creation around her as a direct reflection of God's handiwork.



Lacking a formal church for much of her life, she frequently used the quiet forests of New York and Canada as her sanctuary, placing wooden crosses on trees to create natural spaces for reflection and prayer. Finding the voice of God in the whisper of the trees and the rhythms of the rivers, her faith and her love of nature were inseparably intertwined.

Her life reflected traditional ecological knowledge, viewing the natural world with gratitude, reciprocity, and a profound responsibility toward the Creator and all living things.

Her legacy bridges traditional Native American values of environmental stewardship and respect for the earth with Catholic theology regarding the care of creation.

Today, her patronage inspires Catholic environmental organizations. Numerous eco-justice initiatives, native plant gardens, and conservation groups bear her name, positioning her as a spiritual symbol for modern climate action and conservation efforts.

Social Justice News

Not In My Name? The question was recently asked about the meaning of this phrase and so it warrants some explanation. "Not in my name" is a slogan used by individuals and groups to dissociate themselves from actions, wars, or policies carried out by a government which supposedly is acting on behalf of a group of citizens. One of the original uses of the phrase was in the early 2000s in reaction to "our" war on terror after 9/11. The thought was "No it is not OUR war as we oppose it. Hence "Not in My/Our Name."

PMUNY: Last Sunday at the Penfield Palmyra Presbyterian church, Prison Ministry of Upstate NY held a prayer service asking God's blessings on all those involved in the prison system in NYS. Included were the guards, the employees, the prisoners, and the victims of crimes committed. The opening presentation was made via ZOOM and featured Father Greg Boyle from Homeboy Industries in CA (homeboyindustries.org) which attempts to locate, educate, and rehabilitate members of gangs throughout California. One of his themes and those of other speakers who followed was the blessings that come to both the giver and the receiver in their ministry.

Social Justice Quote: "How beautiful will be the day when all the baptized understand their work, their job is a priestly work, that just as I celebrate Mass at this altar, so each carpenter celebrates Mass at the workbench." – St. Bishop Oscar Romero.

Want to be part of the Social Justice team here at St. Monica or be informed and updated on events? Contact Dan at danlill126@gmail.com or at 313-6027.

A Black Catholic History Month Event

St. Rita Church
1008 Maple Dr., Webster

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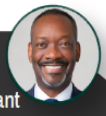
Our Shared Future: Courageous Stories About Race and Belonging

An Evening of Witness, Prayer, & Reflection on Our Call to Justice & Love

Monday, November 9
7:15 pm in church
and livestreamed at
saintritawebster.org/watch-live.html

Refreshments to follow.

Featured speakers:



Dr. Robert Chalwell
Webster Central School District Assistant Superintendent for Achievement & Student & Community Engagement

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."
1 John 4:12



Nky McGinnis, PhD
St. Rita Parish Council Chair, Office of Alumni Relations at University of Rochester

Anne Thomas
St. Rita Faith Formation Director





sponsored by the St. Rita Racial Justice Ministry

Save the Date!
Saturday, December 12th
9:00am:
Church cleaning for the Bishop's visit!



St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

This local business brings unique skills, dedication, experience, and a strong desire to serve St. Monica's neighborhood.



Unified Taekwondo at 202 Scottsville Rd. is Rochester's longest-operating martial arts school. For the past 35 years, owner Dwayne McKinney's passion has been teaching physical and mental fitness.

Unified Taekwondo offers martial arts, self-defense, and cardio kickboxing programs for men, women, and children, from preschool on up. The school emphasizes good health, physical and mental conditioning, awareness, strength of character, self-confidence, and moral values.



McKinney especially enjoys teaching focus and goal-setting skills that transcend the physical aspects of martial arts to youth. Call 436-8330 for after-school and Saturday programs.