

# St. Monica CHURCH

*All are welcome here!*

## Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 9am



## Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am

## Emmanuel Church of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11am



## Office Hours:

The office is currently closed.

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Rochester, NY 14619

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Fax: 235-8315

Emergency Line: (585) 723-6531

Emmanuel Church of the Deaf: (585) 235-1812

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

## 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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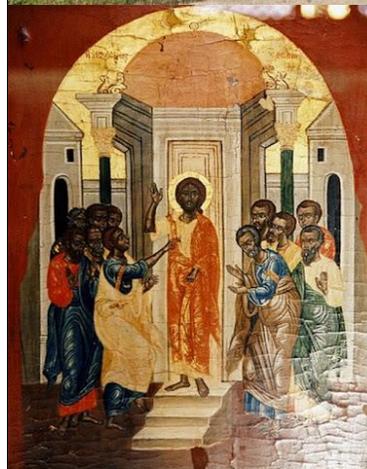
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Christ and his disciples.  
Painted wooden panel in the Coptic Museum, Cairo.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."  
– John 14

*Happy Mother's Day*

May 10, 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Weekly Mass Intentions

All public Masses are suspended until further notice, including daily and weekend Masses.

All Mass intentions that were scheduled for this time will be rescheduled for a time when we re-open for public Masses. If you had a Mass intention scheduled for this week, you will be contacted to reschedule.

During regularly scheduled Mass hours, the church will be open for individual prayer and Fr. Ray will also be available for those who wish to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The St. Monica Church office will be closed until further notice. In case of emergency or if you need to talk to someone, please call the emergency number: (585) 723-6531.

Follow us on social media to stay connected. You will find prayer opportunities, meditation and reflection videos, Masses, uplifting messages, and community. Need help? Email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

A weekly email will be sent to the parish email list with the bulletin. To add your email to the parish email list, email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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*Let Us Pray*



### Our Sick

All those who are suffering because of COVID-19

### Our Deceased

Elizabeth "Betty" Schauman  
(Cathy Bartlett's mother)



### THOSE IN THE MILITARY

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Stephen Brunshidle, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Andrea Christ, Terry Redfield, Jr. and Patrick Welling.



Lamp Intentions for May

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

Bostick & Johnson Families

*Families*



### CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Rita & Guy Pugliese  
& Norman Caiazza

*Family*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND LIGHT INTENTIONS:**  
Please email any sick or deceased prayer intentions to [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with subject line "Prayer Intentions" or call the rectory office (235-3340). Intentions are a way for the community to pray for loved ones and special needs.

## A Message from Fr. Ray

One of my favorite lines comes from T.S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*: Archbishop Thomas Becket's final Christmas homily. He said that Christians were strange people in that they can both mourn and rejoice at the same time. While we are in mourning and much anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic, we also find many reasons to rejoice in this Easter season. As we shelter at home, in isolation, the sun brings many reasons to "lighten up" and rejoice. Last week there was a very loud (even I heard it!) parade around the church. Many who joined this automobile parade expressed deep joy in being together again at St. Monica. Thank you for the reminder of my 38<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary.



The following day another joyful surprise. Donna Whitehair brought her new companion, Fifi, to St. Monica's. Most of us remember the tragedy of Gidget's death and how it touched us. Donna's willingness to take this next step is truly an inspiration, a sign of hope. Welcome, Fifi.

Peace,  
Fr. Ray

### This week at St. Monica Church: May 10-17, 2020

<b>Sunday, 5/10</b>	8:30 am – Fr. Ray's weekly Mass video posted online <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b> 9:00 am – Church open for private prayer 10:15 – Virtual Faith Formation 11:30 – First Communion home study
<b>Monday, 5/11</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 5/12</b>	12:00 pm – Pray Our Father for COVID-19 12:10 pm – Church open for private prayer 2:00 pm – Reflection video posted online
<b>Wed., 5/13</b>	8:00 am – Church open for private prayer 7:00 pm – Virtual prayer group (contact Bob Boyd to join: <a href="mailto:rboyd3@gmail.com">rboyd3@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Thursday, 5/14</b>	<b>Interfaith Day of Prayer for the end of the coronavirus pandemic</b> 12:10 pm – Church open for private prayer AM – Interactive social media post
<b>Friday, 5/15</b>	8:00 am – Church open for private prayer
<b>Saturday, 5/16</b>	3:00 pm – No Exposition & Benediction 4:00 pm - Church open for private prayer
<b>Sunday, 5/17</b>	9:00 am – Church open for private prayer 10:15 – Virtual Faith Formation 11:30 – First Communion home study



## Faith Formation Information

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation: For ages 5-18.

Join us for Faith Formation class via Zoom on Sundays from 10:15-11:00! Contact Jessica to sign up.

☼ Check out this week's Family Zone newsletter here: <https://www.smores.com/87z9n-the-family-zone?>

# The Family Zone

Happy Mother's Day/Issue 6/May 10, 2020

Includes a Mother's Day Blessing from Bishop Matano!

## To our amazing teachers and nurses:

Thank you to all our amazing teachers and nurses, who care for our minds, bodies, and hearts. You are doing amazing things, especially during this tough time. We love you!



## Do you need a face mask?

Let me know. I'll be happy to sew you some.

Contact me by email: [mcatherine@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mcatherine@rochester.rr.com) or leave a phone message: 585 328 9369

Marilyn Catherine

## 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.

**If you experiencing emotional distress related to the COVID-19 pandemic, crisis counselors are available 24/7, 365 days a year.**

Call 1-800-985-5990 or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746.



**If you are in crisis or or thinking about suicide, get connected to a local crisis center and get in touch with someone immediately.**

Call 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or text "MHA" to 741741.

## Follow Jesus with us:

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## What do I do about my offering?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold public Masses and unable to take up a collection. There are three ways to give during these unprecedented times:

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be mailed to **St. Monica Church**  
34 Monica St.  
Rochester, NY 14619

2. OSV Online Giving  
Visit our website ([www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://www.stmonicaofrochester.org)) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.

3. Text 2 Give  
Text your donation amount to 585-252-1154.

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!  
Did you miss a bulletin?  
Go to [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org) and read it online.

## CMA Update



Our Parish Goal: **\$20,622**

Current total: **\$20,105**

97% of our goal  
Only \$517 to go!

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send submissions by 4pm on Sundays: [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

## 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 stop by our rectory office for a packet of information to help you.



## 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).

## Social Justice Corner

### What Else Can I Do to Address Climate Change?

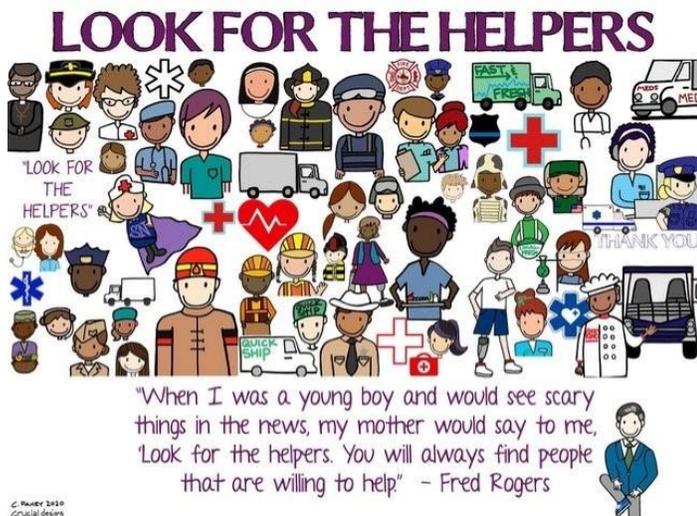
Climate scientist and devout Christian Katharine Hayhoe says the most important thing to do is to talk about climate change with friends and family. Check out her short TED talk at [ted.com](https://www.ted.com) and searching for her name. Reduce your meat consumption - go meatless at least on Mondays and Fridays. It is cheaper, healthier, and better for the planet. The Amazon Rainforest has been destroyed in part to make way for cattle farms. Take an hour to listen in on this webinar on How Our Food Choices Can Save the Planet from the Catholic Climate Covenant (<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/how-our-food-choices-can-save-planet>) and consider making some changes to your diet.

### Stand Up for Farmworkers

Farmworkers are essential workers who face risks of contracting COVID-19 because of a lack of hygienic conditions and protective equipment. Like so many mobile and itinerant populations, undocumented migrant farmworkers are particularly vulnerable to the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. Many migrant farmworkers lack access to health insurance, medical treatment, and sick or paid leave options. Farmworker housing conditions are often overcrowded with little opportunity for social distancing, including transportation to and from work, and personal protective equipment (PPE) is not always available. Additionally, conditions of their immigration visas can make them unwilling or unable to speak out about a need for protection because of the threat of losing their job or family.

### Songs for the Journey

This week's *Song for the Journey* is a brand-new song by Alicia Keyes called *Good Job*. You can listen to it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=N63tvQBwSSw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N63tvQBwSSw). As you listen, notice all the people mentioned who are doing a GOOD JOB during these trying days, and include them in your evening prayer.

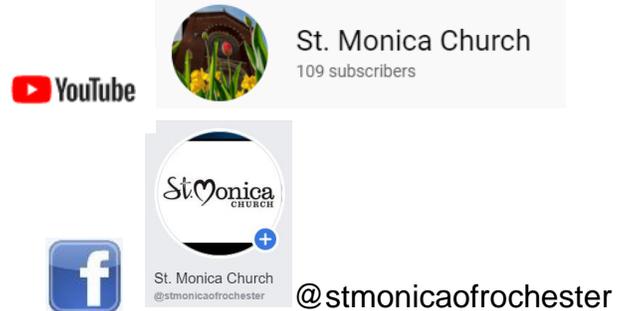


### Caring for our community

We are all in this together. If you know of someone in our community whom you have not heard from, please reach out to them. It is critical now more than ever that we stay connected and strong as our St. Monica's family - a family that reaches out to extend love to all.

## News from Facebook and YouTube

To stay connected, check out the St. Monica Church Facebook and YouTube pages. Fr. Ray and a dedicated team are offering Sunday Mass every week, and there are many reflections and activities. Tune in to participate.



Our Faith Formation class made representations of Jesus out of any material for Good Shepherd Sunday and shared them during our Zoom class. Everyone got very creative!



Deacon Brian shared a reflection for us this week.



### Mother's Day Blessing

May God bless all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and mother figures today and always. We are thankful for their love and guidance throughout our lives, and especially during this pandemic. Every day, moms are essential workers! May God keep them safe and fill them with strength and love! We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen!