

# St. Monica CHURCH

*All are welcome here!*

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Rochester, NY 14619

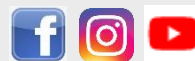
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Walk with us on:



## 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.**



*Our 5 NCYC pilgrims are very excited for their experience! Thank you so much for your support and encouragement. Shirts are available to order until October 22. See page 3.*

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.  
— Psalm 25

October 1, 2023  
26<sup>th</sup> 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](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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**Did you know?** Our website, [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

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

### Weekly Mass Intentions

- Sat Sept 30 Sister Arlene Semesky, Sister Joanne Deck, RSM  
Special Intention: Sister Katherine Ann Rappl,  
Sister Marissa Butler, RSM – 514 Oxford Street Community  
(Elaine, Connie, Monica)
- Sun, Oct 1 William & Joan Hannon - Barbara Higgins
- Tues, Oct 3 - All Souls
- Wed, Oct 4 -
- Thurs, Oct 5 - Richard Robinson - Mary Robinson
- Fri, Oct 6 All Parishioners
- Sat, Oct 7 Rita Pugliese - Pat Battisti
- Sun, Oct 8 George Miller - Barb Borgus



**We have several weekday openings for Masses.  
Please call Tracy Jordan at  
(585) 235-3340 to schedule a Mass.**

*Let Us Pray*

**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 October

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**



**Daniel Tasciotti**

*Jane Tasciotti*

**Frank P. Spena Sr.**

*John & JoAnn DeMott*

#### **CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**



**Norah June Mastandrea**

*John Delibert*

**Robert & Jean Vane**

*Children/Family*

## We Need YOU at the Westside Farmers Market!

**Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM • until October 10**



**We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth! Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up for ONE day (only 2 left!)**

*Left: Sunflower seed giveaway from the sunflowers we grew in the St. Monica gardens!*

Our chalkboard offers a reflection question each week where people can write their response at the market.

This week's chalkboard question:

**How do you care for creation?**

Judy Predmore has just published her second book on Amazon. *Going to the Border: Vaya con Dios* recounts her experiences volunteering at Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas. At the same time, she includes a riveting tale of a young teenage migrant who travelled north from Guatemala. Check it out:

<https://www.amazon.com/Going-Border-Vaya.../dp/B0CH2BSQTH>

### This Week at St. Monica Church: September October 1-8, 2023

<b>Sunday, 10/1</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 2:00 pm – Prayer Service for Creation, Staybridge dock (Genesee St. & Brooks Ave)
<b>Monday, 10/2</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, 10/3</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking lot
<b>Wed., 10/4</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Thursday, 10/5</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 10/6</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday 10/7</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 10/8</b>	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

**Faith Formation: Join us for faith and community!**  
**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation:** For ages 4-18.

Faith Formation, grades PreK4-5 <sup>th</sup>	Sundays after 10:15 Mass until 12:15 PM
First Reconciliation/First Communion, grades 2+	Contact <a href="mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org">jessica.tette@dor.org</a>
Middle School Youth Group, grades 6-7	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Dinner included
High School Youth Group/Confirmation Prep, grades 8-12	

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Jesus came from the Middle East.  
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 Visit the website for more info.



Dear St. Monica family,

My name is Lexi. I, along with Maddy, Bella, Charles, and Jessica, will be traveling to the National Catholic Youth Conference in just two short months. Our group is so excited for what is sure to be a meaningful and life-changing experience. We are extremely grateful for the support of our St. Monica community. Without you, this experience would not be possible for us. We are thankful for all your generosity, including the \$600 raised just from cans and bottles alone! Thank you so much for your kindness through gifts, prayers, and words of encouragement. To connect us with our community while we are at NCCYC and to complete our fundraising goal of \$500 additional dollars, we are offering shirts for purchase that were designed by us teens. The message "faith over fear" is important to us because it shows how faith can get you through any rough times and dark places in life. We will be wearing this shirt while we are at NCCYC, and we will say a special prayer for all who are wearing their shirts to support us from home. Thank you SO much for helping us be able to go on this pilgrimage. We feel so loved by our St. Monica family, and we love you!



How to order:

- Online at <https://forms.office.com/r/z27reEgyye>
- Call the office at 585-235-3340
- Order in-person after Mass

**Follow Jesus with us:**

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

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

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

[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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org) with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

**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.

**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!



**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](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) for a packet of information to help you.

**Our Collection: Week of September 24, 2023**

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
9/24/2023	3,113	2,600	(513)
Year-to-Date	41,650	42,980	1,330
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$652	



**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

Like individual tributaries coming together to form a mighty river, our collective action will form an unstoppable movement for ecological justice.

This week, let us pray:

*Creator of All*

*Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace,*

*and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.*

*Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.*

*Lord, hear our prayer.*



St Monica Church invites you to come celebrate with us!

The First Annual Prayer Service for All Creation:

### Let Peace & Justice Flow

Sunday, October 1

Staybridge dockside along the Genesee River

2:00-2:30 PM

Parking at Brooks Landing Plaza  
corner of Genesee St and Plymouth Ave

This event, to reflect on our place in Creation, is part of a global movement of the Season of Creation.

## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

We can bring the Light of Christ's presence to our neighborhood by supporting small businesses that are owned and operated by local residents.

**Southwest Merch** will be opening a showroom and workshop soon in a remodeled storefront at 134 Genesee St., across from the St. Mary's health campus.



Business owner Corey Nesmith invested in a computer-driven embroidery machine that will sew lettering and logos in as many as 15 colors for custom shirts, caps, and other

accessories. It is the only machine of its kind in southwest Rochester.

His hope is that businesses, organizations, churches, clubs, fraternities, and the like will want personalized apparel. Interested customers may call for quotes at 615-3012.



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

## Holy Beginnings

Join us for a series of welcoming gatherings to live out our call to be a Eucharistic people -- to **BE the living presence** for others, *most especially people who may not feel welcomed by the Church*: the LGBTQ+ community, women, people of color, the divorced, those with special needs.

These gatherings are inspired by the 4th pillar of the National Eucharistic Revival: Missionary Sending – "Invite One Back" and accompany those in need and on the margins. *We begin:*

**October 11, 7:00pm**

**St. Mary's Church - Dugan Center**

**A Holy Beginning for the LGBTQ+ community**

(Subsequent, focused gatherings will follow.)

The following parishes are collaborating on this and subsequent gatherings: St. Rita/Webster, The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community, Church of the Transfiguration, St. Anne, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. John of Rochester, St. Monica Church/Rochester, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf/Rochester, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget/Rochester, St. Joseph/Penfield, and St. Martin de Porres Parish (St. Columba/Caledonia, St. Mary of the Assumption/Scottsville, St. Vincent de Paul/Churchville).



To learn more about the local and national call for the Church to address these groups based on the Synod, to see Synod summaries from the Diocese of Rochester and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

<https://www.dor.org/synod/>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/us-national-synthesis-2021-2023-synod>

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2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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