

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

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:

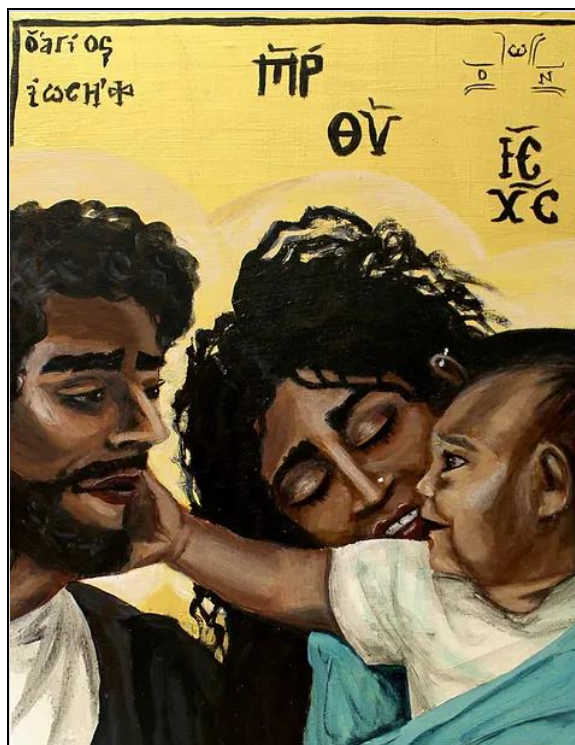


St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

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.



"Holy Family"
by
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Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. - Colossians 3

December 29, 2024

Feast of the
Holy Family

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. Dec. 28 Patricia Moore – Megan O’Connor
 Sun. Dec. 29 Lisa LoCastro – John & JoAnn DeMott
 Tues. Dec. 31 Linda Nash – Lynn Fulmore
 Wed, Jan. 1 All Parishioners
 Thur. Jan. 2 Royal Chamberlain – Sandy Chamberlain
 Fri. Jan. 3 All Parishioners
 Sat. Jan. 4 Joe Lynd – Jean Button
 Sun. Jan. 5 Royal Chamberlain – Sandy Chamberlain



St. Monica Financial Update

Over the past few months, our finance team, pastoral council (formerly facilitation team), development team, and staff team have worked to inform the parish that with the projected numbers, St. Monica has about 5 more years of financial solvency. With the collection in the red every week (see page 3), it is increasingly important for us to plan ahead and take measures to ensure the future of our beloved parish. Each of us can help, and there are many ways to do so:

1. Invite people to St. Monica’s Mass or events. We know how wonderful it is to be a part of this community. Let’s share it and grow it!
2. Give if you can to the weekly collection.
3. Put St. Monica Church in your will – see the pamphlet for details on how.
4. Memorial donations – invite people to give to St. Monica in memory of a loved one who has passed away.
5. Living legacy garden plot – “grow the parish” with a plot in our beautiful church garden to remember a loved one.
6. Seniors can give a QCD – see below.

Together, we can work to make sure that our parish continues living out our mission statement: to transform discouragement into HOPE, fear into LOVE, isolation into COMMUNITY.



Seniors May Donate and Save Taxes

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to St. Monica Church from your IRA could reduce your 2024 Taxable Income!

- You must be at least 70½ when you request a QCD.
- Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to St. Monica Church.
- A QCD will count toward your 2024 Required Minimum Distribution if the funds come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline (generally December 31 each year).

Consult your IRA administrator or financial advisor for details.



**Our Sick
Patricia Favilli**

**Our Deceased
Stephen Marling**

Greg and Dr. Karal Marling’s brother

**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 December

SANCTUARY LIGHT



**Higgins Family
Barbara Higgins**

**Fox Zahn Families
Pat Fox Zahn**

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



**Donald Wiegand, Sr.
John Delibert**

**Robert & Jean Vane
Children/Family**

This Week at St. Monica Church: Dec. 29, 2024-January 5, 2025

Sunday, 12/29	10:15 am – Mass, Church 10:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 12/30	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 12/31 Office Closed	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Wed., 1/1 Office Closed	10:00 am - New Year’s Day Mass, Church
Thurs., 1/2	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Friday, 1/3	8:00 – Mass, Church
Saturday, 1/4	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 1/5	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

WE NEED COATS

(AND WINTER ACCESSORIES)

WE ARE IN NEED OF WARM & CLEAN COATS, HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND CHILDREN.

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2:00-4:00 PM



BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND JANUARY 15, donations can be brought to the office:

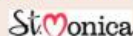
34 Monica Street
Monday-Friday
10:00am - 2:30pm

- ring the bell at the front office door -

or to Mass
to the box in the narthex.

To arrange another drop-off time, contact jessica.tette@dor.org.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!



Book Giveaway

Check out the two bookshelves in the narthex and take home your very own piece of the St. Monica library! We are cleaning out the library and want to share these wonderful books with our community. Take some for yourself or for a Christmas gift to give someone and know that each book comes with the prayers of our community.



Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Go to www.dor.org/cma • See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift

Save the Date

Winter Adult Hors d'oeuvre and Dessert Party
Saturday, January 25th, 2025
7:00 PM in the Rectory
More details to follow.



Looking for a few good people to join us in our social justice efforts in the new year. We'll start on January 15th with a 5PM meeting to discuss what programs to restart, how to help existing ministries and what programs we can add in 2025. Contact Dan Lill at (585)313-6027 or danlill126@gmail.com. New Year's blessings!

CAN You Help?



We are accepting, on a rolling basis, returnable cans and bottles as a source of income to fund our youth group dinner program and NCYC 2025. Donations can be brought to the office during the week or to the church or bring your cans & bottles directly to our donation center at 2374 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 and tell them it is for St. Monica's. Thank you for sharing your love!

Follow Jesus with us:

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/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

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. Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email 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 with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Collection numbers for December 22 will be published in a future bulletin.

Thank you for supporting our community!

CMA goal: \$25,000 | Pledged: \$10,223 (40%)

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 come 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, go to dor.org online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org 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 Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

As you ponder what resolution to make for 2025, how about one that involves cleaner living? By that, we mean “greener cleaning”: using cleaning products that don’t contain harmful ingredients for you or the environment. Many manufacturers of household cleaners don’t disclose all ingredients on product labels and are not required by law to do so, according to the Environmental Working Group. So why not resolve in 2025 to make your own cleaners? Here are some tips from EWG.

All-purpose cleaners: Mix hot water with ½ teaspoon of washing soda (a cleaning agent more abrasive than baking soda) and ½ teaspoon of liquid soap or dish detergent.

Kitchen cleaners: Mix vinegar and salt into a paste to produce a grime-fighting surface cleaner. For oven stains, sprinkle baking soda on them, moisten with water, let stand overnight, wipe and rinse. Skip using commercial oven cleaners that can burn your skin, eyes and lungs.

Bathroom cleaners: To create a soft scrub for surfaces, wet ½ cup baking soda with a little liquid soap to get a frosting-like consistency. For stubborn stains, try oxygen (color-safe) bleaches. Wear gloves.

Avoid these three categories:

- Bleach and quat-based(quaternary ammonium compound ((QAC)) disinfectants that can cause respiratory issues.
- Air fresheners that contain undisclosed chemicals. Open windows instead.
- Caustic drain cleaners. Make a fizzy drain cleaner with ½ cup baking soda and ½ cup vinegar.

EWG produces a pocket-size guide with tips for greener cleaning. You can access it here: <https://www.ewg.org/consumer-guides/guide-healthy-cleaning>

If you’re interested in purchasing healthier cleaning products, check out the 11 categories of cleaners at <https://www.ewg.org/cleaners/>. Download the free EWG app, and use it to scan bar codes to get the EWG ratings of products. The scanner also works on the bar codes of food products and rates those.

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 Tuesday, December 24:
4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church**

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

**New Year's Day Mass Wednesday, January 1:
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church**



ST. MONICA CHURCH
EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
34 GENESEE ST.
ROCHESTER, NY 14609



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

ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

JOIN OUR ST. MONICA FAMILY!

Pick up a registration form at the church doors,

call (585)235-3340,

or email Tracy:
tracy.jordan@dor.org

to register!

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ESPECIALLY YOU!



St. Monica
CHURCH

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!

with love from
St. Monica staff

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The Light of Christ's presence in our community will shine bright on the January 1 feast of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For those who might need them on New Year's Day, here are a couple of neighborhood restaurants that give up some of their holiday time to remain open to serve us.



Chili Family Diner at 945 Chili Ave. is open for full-service breakfast and lunch, dine-in and take-out, 365 days a year. The diner offers comfort food and great service. New Year's Day hours are 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 464-8820 to order.



The Wok restaurant at 912 Genesee St. will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on New Year's Day. The Wok features Chinese, Vietnamese and Thai favorites. Call 235-7888 to order take-out, delivery or catering. The Wok is famous for fast service.