

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

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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.

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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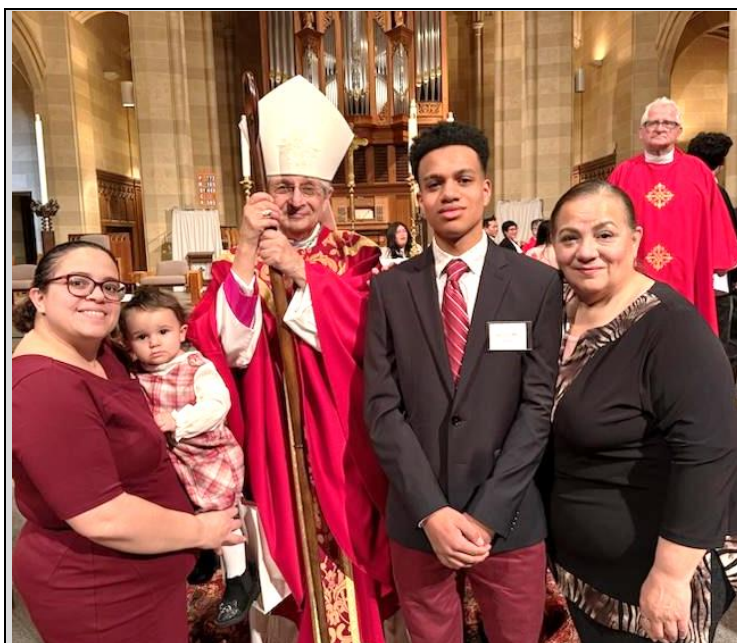
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Bishop Matano and the Torres/Rodriguez family with Emmanuel, who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation on April 16, 2024.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love!

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

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, May 18 Guy Pugliese - Pat & Larry Battisti
 45th Wedding Ann. Mark & Sharon Juba - Family
 Sun, May 19 Ray Tette - Jean Button
 Tues, May 21 Sheila Smyth - Donna Whitehair
 Wed, May 22 All Parishioners
 Thurs, May 23 David Divers - Jean Button
 Fri, May 24 Margaret Derleth - Gerry & Kathy Murty
 Sat, May 25 Daniel Tasciotti - Jane Tasciotti
 Sun, May 26 Betty Bunce - Jean Button



Mass intentions are needed for weekday and weekend Masses. Please call Tracy at the office to schedule a Mass said for a loved one or special intention. A Mass intention is \$10. Call (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

Rapids Cemetery Opportunities

The 19th Ward History and Archives group resumes its annual second and fourth Sundays community volunteerism to maintain the gardens and grounds at the 210-year-old pioneer Rapids Cemetery at 90 Congress Avenue off Genesee Street. Meet at the cemetery after 1:00pm until 3:30pm. Bring any perennials you can share.

Enjoy the chance to view the Spanish bluebells, forget-me-nots, vinca, tulips and Solomon's Seal before they fade. Walk the circuitous raspberry pathway system for a refreshing outdoor experience that culminates at the tranquil meditation garden with its bleeding-hearts and trillium in bloom. The hosta plants and day lilies there are off to a healthy start. The timing this weekend is perfect for our annual "garlic frolic" to harvest the invasive wild garlic.

3rd-graders from the Genesee Community Charter School planted three dozen blueberry bush varieties at the Rapids Cemetery food garden recently, which adds to our cultivated black cap raspberries food garden. Patty Love of Barefoot Edible Landscaping and Permaculture provided planning and logistical services. When they bloom in years to come, they will supply St. Peter's Kitchen at Bull's Head. This is an educational proactive response to food insecurity. *Submitted by John Curran*



Let Us Pray

Our Deceased
Barbara Cortese (DeCarlis)

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 May

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Johanna Finucane

Olga Welling

**Guy, Rita, Annabelle Pugliese & Norma
 Caiazza**

Pugliese Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Rhonda Neri

John Delibert

Coffee Hour May 26



If you can help with set up or clean up, please see Mary Ellen. If you can bring something, please let Mary Ellen know ahead of time!

This Week at St. Monica Church: May 19-26, 2024

Sunday, 5/19 Pentecost	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Communion Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 5/20	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 5/21	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 5/22	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 5/23	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 1:15 pm – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crochet Group, Dining Room
Friday, 5/24	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 5/25	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 – Coffee Hour, Dining room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

19TH WARD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

"Together We Are ONE Community"

SQUARE FAIR
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
ABERDEEN SQUARE PARK



Special Performance By:

iGNITE REGGAE BAND

"Coming Home To The 19th Ward"

PANCAKE BREAKFAST @ 8:30 AM • ALL BOOTHS OPEN @ 10:00 AM

SQUARE FAIR PARADE STARTS AT 11 AM

PARADE MARSHALL - DR. EVA THOMAS (PRINCIPAL OF DR. WALTER COOPER SCHOOL #10)

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH → BROOKS → WOODBINE AVENUE

MECHANICAL BULL PETER EVANS ARCADE ZONE OVER 30 VENDORS

**We need you,
St. Monica's!**

Our Eclipse Block Party was a great way to connect with our community. The Square Fair is a perfect opportunity to continue reaching out, showcase St. Monica's vitality, and invite people to get involved at St. Monica's.

Can you help at our booth for an hour or two on June 1? Talk to John DeMott: 313-2559.

**Black Catholic
Coalition
of Rochester**



Informational Meeting
Join us for breakfast on
Saturday, May 25th, 10:30am-
11:30am

St. Rita's Church
1008 Maple Dr, Webster, NY
14580
Learn more about the Coalition
Mission ~ Membership ~ Future
Events

All are Welcome!

Questions:

Email us:

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

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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.

Our Collection: Week of May 12, 2024

Physical collection:	3,876
Online giving:	197
Total collection this week:	4,073
Weekly expenses:	\$9,000
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit:	\$4,927

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 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

What can you do to “Break Free from Plastics”?

Use your purchasing power:

- purchase laundry detergent sheets & cleaners in cardboard boxes or non-plastic
- aim to purchase items in glass jars and bottles i.e.: drinks, jams, sauces
- purchase loose tea leaves — most tea bags are sealed with plastic – or check to see if your favorite brand of tea bags are plastic-free:
<https://www.greencompostables.com/blog/plastic-free-tea-bags>
- buy fruit and vegetables not packaged in plastic
- reuse and give plastic packaging a new purpose instead of throwing it away
- consider buying from local farmers’ markets instead of supermarkets (the Westside Farmers Market opens Tuesday June 4 in the St. Monica parking lot).
- Mobile device/iPad: download the *Clearya* app: helps determine safety of ingredients in everyday items packaged in plastics
 - Other label information: visit <https://www.sixclasses.org>
 - More on how to read the label:
<https://millionmarker.com/blogs/blog/reading-ingredients-labels-on-products>

Local Resources:

1. Abundance Food COOP
2. Loris Natural Grocers
3. Marilla’s Mindful Supplies
4. Impact Earth Zero Waste Shop
5. What’s Good (Fairport)

We welcome your input in sharing any other local stores to acquire these products. Please contact a member of the Creation Stewards team.

Resources for the 4/28 -- 5/19 Creation Corner articles:

- Catholic Climate Covenant (Franciscan Seculars’ Plastic-Free Lent & Earth Day 2018 program
- BeyondPlastics.org
- Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga - Justice, Peace, and Life Newsletter April 2024 (JPL April 2024.pdf) Other resources: coec@urmc.rochester.edu, nationaloceanservice.noaa.gov, Greatlakes.org



We are so lucky to have so many amazing youth ministry supporters! Here are some sporting the newest homemade youth group shirts!



Congratulations to parishioner Dr. Stanley Ekiyor who obtained his Doctoral Degree in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher University last year! His commencement ceremony was celebrated on 5/11/2024. Stanley has a new podcast named *Unstitching ADHD* which can be found across various social media platforms including Facebook. We praise and thank God!

Congratulations to all Sisters of St. Joseph celebrating their jubilees, especially two members of our community, Sr. Eileen Daly and Sr. Alice Kurtz! Both are celebrating their 60th jubilees. We love you and are grateful for and inspired by your ministry!



Sister Eileen Daly



Sister Alice Marie Kurtz

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?



Meeting and supporting St. Monica neighborhood businesses could not be easier or more fun than at the 14th annual **Ease on Down Thurston Road** sidewalk event Saturday, May 25, starting at noon.

This family-friendly community celebration comprises over 50 businesses, organizations, and vendors along 10 blocks of Thurston Road, starting at Brooks Avenue and extending to two blocks of Arnett Boulevard.

Visitors will find dozens of sidewalk sales, crafts, food, vendors, face painting, games, prizes, a show car parade, and music.

Ease on Down Thurston Road 2024 is sponsored by the Thurston-Brooks Merchants Association. Call 585-201-1133 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/304829413376731/>

