

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 9am + Live-stream



Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am

Emmanuel Church

of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11:00 AM



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.



We remember and honor the 10 people who were killed in the horrific, racially-motivated Buffalo shooting last weekend:

*Celestine Chaney
Roberta Drury
Andre Mackniel
Katherine Massey
Margus Morrison
Heyward Patterson
Aaron Salter
Geraldine Talley
Ruth Whitfield
Pearl Young*

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of
Easter

COVID Updates

- All are welcome to attend our regularly-scheduled Masses in-person.
- We follow the NYS and Monroe County guidelines, and while masks are no longer required, **if you are comfortable wearing a mask, please do so for the protection of your fellow community members.**
- In accordance with New York State law, please continue to socially distance if you have not been vaccinated.
- Please continue to use hand sanitizer.
- The Sign of Peace will remain contactless.
- Congregational singing is welcome!



Thank you for helping to maintain the safety and love of our community!

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

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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, May 21	Alice Miller - Anne & Glen Johnson
Sun, May 22	Royal Chamberlain - Mark & Sharon Juba
Tues, May 24	Deborah & Louis Trombino - Debbie Millet
Wed, May 25	All Souls
Thurs, May 26	Special Intention – 58th Ann. Bernard & Dorothy Fischer 25th Ann Glenn & Lisa Nowakowski - Mary Ellen Fischer
Fri, May 27	All Parishioners
Sat, May 28	Lillian Kase - Margaret Reigelsperger
Sun, May 29	Royal Chamberlain - Jean Button



Let Us Pray

Our Sick
Lawrence Brewley
Terry Watson's son

Our Deceased
The victims of the Buffalo shooting
All who are suffering because of COVID-19
An end to racist beliefs and systems
All those affected by violence

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. and
Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for May
SANCTUARY LIGHT

Guy, Rita, & Annabelle Pugliese
Family

Kevin Welling
Family

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT
Riley, Sara, & Norman Will
Doris Will Meadows

The Building and Grounds Committee has been working on a plan to repair and refinish the side doors of the church. We expect to start the project on the morning of June 1st, about 8:30 AM. We expect that it will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete all the doors. We will need 6 to 8 volunteers to help with the removal, sanding, repair and refinishing of the doors. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mark Juba, jubamark@gmail.com for details.



Memorial Day Celebration

Please join with neighbors on Memorial Day, May 30th at 9:00am at Rapids Cemetery (90 Congress Avenue off Genesee Street) for a commemoration with music and Civil War re-enactors.



This week at St. Monica Church: May 22-29, 2022

Sunday, 5/22	9:00 am – Mass, Church & live-stream 10:00 am – Faith Formation/First Comm. Prep 11:00 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 5/23	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 5/24	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 5/25	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thursday, 5/26 Ascension Thursday	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 6:00 pm – Ascension Thursday Mass, Immaculate Conception Church
Friday, 5/27	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday, 5/28	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/29	9:00 am – Mass, Church & live-stream 10:00 am – Faith Formation/First Comm. Prep 11:00 am – ECD Mass, Church



OPEN HOUSE *and* BLESSING

please join us at
Nielsen House
Thursday, May 26

OPEN HOUSE: 3-6 PM
 BLESSING: 6 PM
parking:
 ST. MONICA'S CHURCH
 831 Genesee St, 14611
 there is a path from the parking lot to the House



BUFFALO: A Prayer for Victims of Racism and Gun Violence

God of abundant love, in the aftermath of another horrific act of violence and racism in which human lives, sacred and precious, were lost, we pray for blessing and healing in the Buffalo community. In a special way we pray for:

- Celestine Chaney**
- Roberta Drury**
- Andre Mackniel**
- Katherine Massey**
- Margus Morrison**
- Heyward Patterson**
- Aaron Salter**
- Geraldine Talley**
- Ruth Whitfield**
- Pearl Young**

And the three individuals who were injured during the attack. We pray for their loved ones and for all who were present during the attack and who are grappling with its aftermath.

We hold in our hearts all those killed by gun violence and who are victims of racism.

God, wrap your healing love around these individuals and their families and communities, and inspire each of us to act with prophetic love so that racism and violence have no place to grow in this world. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2022

AUGUST 15-19

St. Monica @ Redwings game: August 12

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[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 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.

What do I do about my offering?

Life looks different during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are three ways to give during this time:

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 (www.stmonicaofrochester.org) 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.

Our Collection: Week of May 15, 2022

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
5/15/2022	\$3,450	\$3,054	(\$396)
Year-to-Date	\$163,800	\$156,598	(\$7,202)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$141	
CMA	\$21,454	\$21,538	100.39%

One Square Foot

In the previous articles, we've emphasized how nature will heal itself once the damaging activity ceases. Where we have explored human intervention to help remediate problems, we have looked at the work of very small companies. This week, the focus is on a project jointly sponsored by AirWick and the World Wildlife Federation.

Since 2009, the Northern Great Plains have lost 33 million acres of wildflower and grassland habitat. These meadows and grasslands provide homes for pollinators and songbirds. They store and filter water within the soil, store carbon and build relationships with the environment through their root systems - relationships which often cannot be duplicated with non-native plants. So WWF and AirWick have teamed up to sponsor the OneSquare Foot initiative. The aim is to plant one billion square feet of wildflowers and grassland by 2024, principally in North Dakota and Montana. Fifty million square feet have already been planted.

Clay Bolt, a WWF official involved with the project says "Let's face it...pretty big issues...can feel too big to deal with. This initiative is really unique because it puts conservation back into the hands of individuals."

And this is where we come in. First, visit either the AirWick or WWF web site and sign up to receive a free packet of wildflowers native to our area. Whether we plant them in a pot, a yard or a field, the flowers will provide food for our local pollinators. Even one square foot makes a difference.

Secondly (and the order of these steps doesn't matter) post a photo, drawing, video of any wildflower to Instagram Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest with the hashtag #SquareFootSuperBloom by June 1. Then, AirWick and WWF will plant the additional square foot in the Great Plains.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Locally-owned businesses provide goods, services, and jobs. Bring the Light of Christ's presence; buy from a neighbor!



Pomodoro Pizza, Wings & Subs just opened their 3rd Rochester location at 337 Genesee St. They serve fresh craft pizzas, calzones, subs, burgers, fried chicken, appetizers, seafood, plates, and desserts.

Manager Karim completely remodeled his building inside and out. He always hires staff from the neighborhood. Call 413-1156 to order lunch or dinner any day of the week. pomodoropizzaroc.com/



Youth Discuss Homelessness

This week in youth group and Faith Formation, we talked about homelessness: causes, stigmas, and solutions. Through Catholic Social Teaching, our faith teaches us to give special care to the poor and vulnerable in our world (Learn more: <https://youtu.be/c3gxBjtOzNM>)

We heard stories of those suffering in order to understand what they went through to be put in these situations - many have experienced trauma that we could never imagine. A 12-year-old girl whose mother chose a boyfriend over her daughter, forcing her out to the streets. A man who got beat up waiting for the bus and got hooked on the drugs the hospital used to treat his life-threatening injuries. A mother fleeing an abusive situation with her two children. A senior who doesn't have enough money to pay rent, buy the medication he needs, and eat.

Stigma around homelessness can keep us from helping others, but it is most often situations outside of someone's control that cause them to become homeless.

We discussed several organizations around Rochester that help people who need food or shelter, including Bethany House, House of Mercy, Open Door Mission, Saint Peter's Kitchen, Foodlink, REACH, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. We were inspired by the example of St Francis Inn Ministries, a soup kitchen in Philadelphia that serves its guests restaurant-style: <https://vimeo.com/42306390>

The Inn is a reminder of what our faith teaches us to live out: all people have dignity regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and life circumstances.

Homelessness and poverty are complicated issues affected by society, politics, economics, and individuals. But we decided this week that we can help by learning about the issues and spreading awareness. If you are at church this week, be sure to visit our mini-Cardboard City in the narthex created by our youth. The houses have messages of hope and encouragement, reminders that each person is a child of God. If you don't feel right about giving money, give a smile and acknowledgement. Give a list of resources that can help people (several listed here!). Volunteer at one of these awesome organizations. Write to your representatives for housing reform so people can afford rent. Above all, remember how blessed you are, and look for ways to spread those blessings to others. Thank you to all the amazing organizations and individuals who inspire us to be generous every day! God loves everyone, no exceptions!

