

# St. Monica CHURCH

*All are welcome here!*

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

Walk with us on:   

## 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](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.

## 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.**



*Deacon Pat and Fr. Ray receive a special blessing at their 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 24, 2022.*

Jesus said to him a third time,

“Do you love me?” and he said to him,  
“Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him,  
“Feed my sheep.”

– John 21

May 1, 2022

# Third Sunday of Easter

## Parish Office

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## 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.**
- *We will have a designated section in church for social distancing.* 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](http://stmonicaofrochester.org), is your one-stop shop for all our online offerings. On our homepage you will find links to Fr. Ray's 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).

### Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, April 30	Anne Cassidy – Betsy Romson
Sun, May 1	Helena Button - Favata & Button Families
Tues, May 3	All Souls
Wed, May 4	Johanna LaRussa - Bequest
Thurs, May 5	Ellen Pesce - Bequest
Fri, May 6	All Parishioners
Sat, May 7	Eugene Nagel - Anne & Glen Johnson
Sun, May 8	Rita Pugliese - Family
	Gladys Gaines - Beloved Grandmother of Lynn Nash-Fulmore



*Let Us Pray*



**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, & Norma Will**

*Doris Will Meadows*



Please raise up in your prayers  
the **Reverend David P. Reid, SS.CC.**

(Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary)

who entered eternal life on April 20, 2022.

Father Reid had been pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Rochester and for a time during those eight years also was interim Director of St. Peter's Kitchen, open six days a week. Previous to coming to Rochester Father Reid had been a seminary professor of Old Testament at various institutions for eighteen years, and also taught at the former Saint Bernard's Institute. His most recent book is *The Rosary*. Upon leaving Rochester Father Reid was elected Provincial and later also served in Rome at his Congregation headquarters. Most recently Father Reid has resided in Waltham, MA.

*May Father David Reid and all the faithful departed  
rest in peace. Amen*

### **This week at St. Monica Church: May 1-8, 2022**

<b>Sunday, 5/1</b>	9:00 am – Mass, Church & live-stream <b>10:00 am – Faith Formation/First Comm. Prep</b> 11:00 am – ECD Mass, Church
<b>Monday, 5/2</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, 5/3</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Wed., 5/4</b>	8:00 am – Mass, Church
<b>Thursday, 5/5</b>	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 5/6</b>	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Church
<b>Saturday, 5/7</b>	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
<b>Sunday, 5/8</b>	9:00 am – Mass, Church & live-stream 10:00 am – Faith Formation/First Comm. Prep 11:00 am – ECD Mass, Church



Congratulations to our 5 teens who were confirmed on Wednesday, April 27! We are so proud of you. Continue to share your wonderful lights with the world!



### Help Feed our Teens' Faith and Hunger

Volunteers needed to make dinner and spend time with our teens in youth group! Food is provided by St. Monica's, or you can bring your own – we just need you to prep, serve, and clean up. Time slot is **5:30-7:30 PM on Wednesdays**. This is a great way to connect with the future leaders of our church and help build their faith. Contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to help. Only 7 slots left this year! Thank you!



**Foodlink:** Some of our youth group members volunteered at Foodlink over their April break. We learned about food insecurity and the programs Foodlink has in place to serve people. We are grateful for this opportunity to learn and help!



### Follow Jesus with us:

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

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

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

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

### 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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org). Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto: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](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.

### 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

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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 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 April 24, 2022

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
4/24/2022	\$3,663	\$3,415	(\$248)
Year-to-Date	\$153,454	\$148,980	(\$4,474)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$428	
CMA	\$21,454	\$21,538	100.39%



### 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

## Plastics

Remember the career advice Dustin Hoffman received in *The Graduate* (the advice was one word: "Plastics.")? Fast-forward 50 years and we are all aware of the Texas-sized plastic island floating in the Pacific Ocean. So, hope is not the word that jumps to mind at the mention of plastic. But, surprisingly, even here there is hope to be had.

ByFusion is a California company which produces a machine that converts any plastic waste, including non-recyclable plastic, into cinder-block sized building blocks. Boise, Idaho, is partnering with ByFusion in a project demonstrating the usefulness of the product. The plastic blocks are being used to build structures in a local park. Boise residents can see where their recycling is going - and it's not into a landfill.

According to ByFusion's founder, Heidi Kijawa, the process creates zero emissions. "It's only steam and compression. We don't sort, we don't clean. We just literally take the plastic waste, throw it in the machine, make a block and throw it in a wall." *KTVB7, Boise, Idaho*

Another company, Newlight Technologies, is removing methane from the air and generating a product with the potential to reduce plastic use. The company sources methane from landfills, coal mines and agricultural digesters. The methane is pumped through a bioreactor filled with microorganisms that feed on the gas. They grow and start to build up this product, which the company calls AirCarbon, inside their cells. It is then extracted, purified, and melted into pellets. These pellets form the basis for a nature-based, environmentally degradable polymer that can replace oil-based plastics. Some available products using AirCarbon are sunglasses, wallets, drinking straws and cutlery. *Fast Company*

Ohio State scientists have developed a plastic from natural rubber. This new plastic has the potential for use in food packaging. It is bio-degradable and is strong enough to withstand the demands of shipping, handling, microwaving, and freezing. The researchers are looking at other materials to make the product stronger. These include tomato skins, eggshells and even invasive grasses being removed from waterways. *dw.com*

Other source materials being explored or already in production as alternatives to petroleum-based plastic were too many to include in this column. Some include olive pits (from Turkey), sunflower husks (Germany), fish processing waste - skin and scales (UK), plant-based sugars (Netherlands), and mushrooms (US). Hope indeed.

**St. Mary's Hospital is once again running low on its Journey Bell/Survivors Bell Pulls. Boondoggle or cloth pulls are welcome! If you are willing to learn, to help, and would like supplies, please contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org).**



## St. Monica Clean Sweep Team 2022

Clean Sweep is Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers gather at Frontier Field for a free t-shirt, refreshments and meet Mayor Evans before heading back to pick up around our church. Call 3-1-1 to register. Ask to sweep on Genesee Street. Questions? Call John DeMott at 313-2559.



## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Visitors to **St. Mary's Medical Campus** will see this life-size painting of its namesake saint in the main hallway at 89 Genesee St. St. Mary's is a community health facility offering:

Unity Adult Day Services .....368-3942  
 Unity Dental .....368-3800  
 Unity Dialysis.....368-3934  
 Unity Family Medicine .....368-3031  
 Unity Living Center .....481-3507  
 Unity OB/GYN .....235-4860  
 Unity Oncology/Hematology ..368-3591  
 Unity Pediatrics .....235-0360  
 Children's Clothes Closet .....368-3030  
 Unity Specialty Hospital.....723-7000  
 Unity Walk-In Care.....368-3531  
 HealthReach for Homeless ....368-3720  
 Mental Health and Crisis .....368-3950



Just as important, it is Genesee St.'s largest and oldest (1857) employer, with hundreds of jobs at all skill levels.