

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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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.



Parishioners Harold Austin and JoAnn DeMott were among many representing St. Monica's at the grand opening of Saint Peter's Kitchen Saturday hours on June 29. Story on page 2.

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me
and set me on my feet.

- Ezekiel 2

July 7, 2024

14th Sunday of
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

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, 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, July 6 Deceased Members of the Siracusa Family - Family
- Sun, July 7 Ellen Lill - Donna Whitehair
- Tues, July 9 Karen Jackson - Jean Button
- Wed, July 10 Special Intention - Jean Button
- Thurs, July 11 Patricia Valovanie - Brian McNulty
- Fri, July 12 All Parishioners
- Sat, July 13 James F. Delibert - John Delibert
- Sun, July 14 Ellen Lill - Mark & Sharon Juba



Let Us Pray

**Our Sick
Patricia DeMers**

**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 July

SANCTUARY LIGHT

All Parishioners



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert & Jean Vane

Children/Family

Saint Peter's Kitchen Expands to Saturday Hours

Congratulations to Saint Peter's Kitchen on its grand opening of Saturday hours on June 29, on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul! St. Monica Church has roots at St. Peter's Kitchen: it is a ministry started by the former Saints Peter and Paul Church, which is now part of the St. Monica Church community. It was wonderful to see so many of our parishioners in attendance at this event. The opening of St. Peter's Kitchen on Saturdays allows people who work during the week to get a meal and provides another day's worth of meals to those who depend on St. Peter's for nourishment. With a drastic increase in people getting lunch every day - about 150/day before COVID and now averaging 400/day - expanding access to food is certainly a cause for celebration. Furthermore, St. Peter's takes pride in serving delicious, nutritious meals - go see for yourself! Lunch is served Monday-Saturday, 12-1. Come eat or sign up to volunteer for the lunch shift.

St. Peter's also opened its Telemed Zen room today, which is another point of connection and support for guests of the kitchen.

Fr. Ray offered a blessing for the ceremony, and he was joined at the podium by Bob Boyd, Interim Executive Director of St. Peter's Kitchen and St. Monica parishioner. Mayor Malik Evans offered words of support, along with Mitch Gruber of Foodlink, Mike Weston from His Branches, and Melissa Geska from US Ceiling Corp. What a blessing to be a part of this community. Please continue to pray for all guests, volunteers, and staff of St. Peter's Kitchen!



Amy Taylor serves lunch.

Jessica and Fr. Ray celebrate the expansion.



Bob Boyd welcomes guests.



Mayor Malik Evans addresses the group.



Former SPK director Patty Lorenzen and John DeMott offer smiles.

This Week at St. Monica Church: July 7-14, 2024

Sunday, 7/7	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 7/8	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 7/9	12:10 pm –Mass, Church 2:00-5:00 – VBS Prep – contact Jessica 4:00 pm – Summer Youth Group, Rectory 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 7/10	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 7/11	12:00 pm – Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Restaurant on Buffalo Road 12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Friday, 7/12	8:00 am –Mass, Church
Saturday 7/13	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 7/14	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

MARKET NOW OPEN!

We need you to help us staff our St. Monica booth to connect with the community!

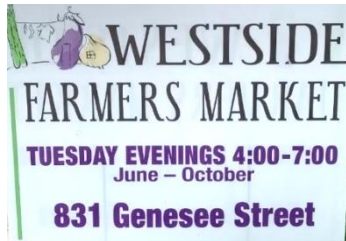
It's easy! Be friendly and get to know our neighbors.

Welcome them to a positive experience on our church property.

Together, let's love and welcome more people.

There are 14 more Market Tuesdays: Can you give your time on 1, 2, or 3 Tuesdays?

July 9
July 16
July 23
July 30
August 6
August 13
August 20
August 27
Sept 3
Sept 10
Sept 17
Sept 24
Oct 1
Oct 8



Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up and help us grow our parish!

Summer Starts at Camp Stella Maris

Last week's parent panel at the Camp Stella Maris staff training week included St. Monica parishioner and mom Alex Smith! This session allowed the summer 2024 camp staff to ask parents of new and returning campers questions to get their perspective on summer camp at CSM - what are they hopeful for? What is helpful information for counselors to know about their children? A big thanks to Alex, who has three kids attending camp this year, and to all parents for sharing their thoughts and advice!

Please pray for our 17 St. Monica youth who will attend Camp Stella Maris this summer. ☀️



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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)

Our Collection: Week of June 30, 2024

Physical collection:	\$2,634
Online giving:	\$192
Total collection this week:	\$2,826
Weekly expenses:	\$9,000
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit :	\$6,175

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.

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.

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 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.



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 Houel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

Update: Several weeks ago, we wrote about the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, a bill then pending in the NY Legislature. That bill, which would have reduced the amount of packaging and how it was managed, failed to pass. The Senate approved it, but time ran out before the Assembly got to vote. According to Judith Enck, founder of Beyond Plastics, an environmental group that backed the legislation, "We are not giving up. Plastic pollution is not going anywhere, and neither are we."

Recently, on his *Connections* show on WXXI, Evan Dawson hosted two members of the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services. Director Mike Garland, and the education coordinator Tina Stevens talked with him about Summer Recycling.

First, they introduced a new program, *Sharp Smart*. More and more needles and syringes (insulin, Ozempic, drugs for pets, etc.) are showing up in curbside recycling. This is not safe for the people handling the items. Sharps can be put in a laundry detergent jug and, when full, the jug with lid on, can go to Eco Park. In addition, the Brockport, Ogden and East Rochester police departments and all nursing homes accept sharps. Another concern is vape pens. Because of the nicotine content, the device is considered an acute hazard. They should be put in a plastic bag and taken to the Eco Park hazardous waste lane.

- **Paint cans:** If the can is less than 1/3 full, use cat litter to absorb the paint and put the dry can in the trash. Do not put the lid on. If the paint can is more than 1/3 full, it can be taken to Sherwin Williams or Ace Hardware for recycling.
- **Spiral Notebooks:** If there's no paper left to be used, it can go into the curb pickup recycling container. No need to remove the wire spiral. Cardboard covered notebooks can also go to curbside pickup.
- **Insulation** (thera foam): Cannot be recycled. Put in trash.
- **Propane Tanks:** These can be dropped off at Eco Park.
- **Restaurant take-out containers and drink cups** from the drive-through cannot be recycled at this time. Throw in the trash.
- **Jars**, both plastic and metal: Clean out any food, put the lid on, and put in curbside recycling.
- **Empty motor oil cans:** Throw in trash.

They ended the show with two questions. Where will it go tomorrow? What will it be when it's no use to me?

Note: Putting non-accepted items into your curbside recycling bin contaminates the entire contents of the bin and makes the machines at the facility unable to recycle those contents.



Creation Stewards at Westside Farmers Market on June 25.



Save the date:
St. Monica at Red Wings Game
Friday, August 2 @ 6:30 pm

Come spend a fun night with our community
and support our youth,
who will sing the National Anthem!
Ticket info forthcoming.

Scholarships for Catholic School Students

Our parish grants awards to students registered in Catholic schools in Grades K-8:

- Students in Grades K - 4 can receive \$1000 each year.
- Students in Grades 5 - 8 can receive \$500 each year.
- Current scholars in Grades 9 - 12 can continue their awards of \$1000 each year. No new awards will be granted to high school students.

To request a grant, you must be a registered parishioner. Contact Barbara Higgins by July 15 at 563-7447 or higgins@alum.rpi.edu and provide the name of student, the grade, and the school. This information must be provided each year. No financial information is needed.

As for the rest of us, consider contributing to the scholarship fund at any time. Envelopes are included in the September and February packets. Thank you!

St. Monica
ST. MONICA 2024
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
THE MYSTERY
OF FAITH
AUGUST 12-16, 2024
8:45-NOON * GRADES K-12
LUNCH INCLUDED
REGISTER AT STMONICAOFROCHESTER_ORG

Help us prepare for VBS on Tuesdays in July from 2-5pm! Email Jessica at Jessica.tette@dor.org if you can help on a Tuesday in July or on another day. Thank you for helping create the magic!

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

One of our neighborhood's most valuable institutions is located on our campus.

Rochester Academy Charter School leases St. Monica school and gym buildings at 841 Genesee St. It serves 187 City youth in grades 6-8 with a team of 29 teachers and staff.

On June 25, St. Monica Church was filled with families of sixty 8th-grade students graduating from RACS middle school. A very high percentage of them will continue on to the RACS high school on Latta Road.



RACS is a tuition-free public charter school with 2 other sites in addition to their middle school at St. Monica. It has a total of 820 students in grades K -12. Overall, 87% of RACS students are non-white, 6% are English-learners, 10% have disabilities, and 6% are homeless. Still, their 4-year 12th grade graduation rate is 89%, among the best of all Rochester public schools. Congratulations to the 8th -grade graduates!