

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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Rochester, NY 14619

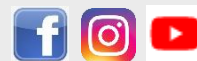
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.



St. Monica Gospel Choir sang at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Songfest on April 27. See page 3.

"This I command you:
love one another."
- John 15

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday
of Easter

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, May 4 Raymond Slattery - Slattery Family
 Sun, May 5 Special Intentions: Joaquim & Fatima Flores - Peggy Reigelsperger
 Tues, May 7 Elsie Perryman - Sandy Chamberlain
 Wed, May 8 Betty Bunce - Gerry & Kathy Murty
 Thurs, May 9 Robertine Ahlquist - Jean Button
 Fri, May 10 All Parishioners
 Sat, May 11 Lillian Kase - Children & Grandchildren
 Sun, May 12 Elaine Bucci - Denis & Charlene Lepel



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.

Let Us Pray

Our Deceased
Ellen Lill
Dan Lill's wife

David McCrary
Lea Chamberlain-McCrary's husband

Fr. Richard Wagner, SSJ
Josephite Father

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



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Rhonda Neri
John Delibert

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: blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com

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This Week at St. Monica Church: May 5-12, 2024

Sunday, 5/5	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Communion Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 5/6	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 5/7	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Wed., 5/8	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 5/9 Ascension Thursday	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
Friday, 5/10	8:00 am –Mass, Church
Saturday 5/11	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/12	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

We need your help to feed our teens!

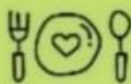
Show our teens that St. Monica cares about them as the future of our church by cooking dinner on a Wednesday night.

Can you give one day to help?
Only 5 left!

CHEFS NEEDED YOUTH GROUP DINNER



Wednesdays
6:30 pm



Cook and serve
dinner to teens



Feed physical and
spiritual hunger!



Donate ingredients
or let St. Monica's
buy them

CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO SIGN UP!

A big thanks to amazing mother-daughter team Lisa Carter and Alexandra Arnell for helping our youth group connect to God through sound! These wonderful women led our youth group in a sound bath/sound experience last week, which was very engaging. Youth had the opportunity to try the crystal and metal singing bowls, gong, koshi chimes, cymbals, and other percussion instruments, all which inspire meditation and calm. We are grateful to them and to all who help our youth grow!



St. Monica Gospel Choir (from cover)



Congratulations to St. Monica's Gospel Choir, which performed this weekend at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Songfest! This event was part of Immaculate's year-long 175th anniversary celebration. Our choir sang *Don't Cry* and *Friend of God*. We are blessed to celebrate this milestone with Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's! Said Fr. Ray, "It was glorious!"

"Just a word of thanks to Angela Nkugwa and the St. Monica Choir for helping our community celebrate 175 years of praise during the Songfest. We appreciate your support and you sounded wonderful!! Thank you to all of St. Monica's community who came out to support us.

Blessings,

Joanne Gordon, Isabelle Walters
Co-chairs of the 175th Anniversary Committee
Ramona Moore, Chair of the Songfest"

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/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 April 28, 2024

Physical collection:	\$2,644
Online giving:	\$187
Total collection this week:	\$2,831
Weekly expenses:	\$9,000
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit:	\$6,169

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.

“Break Free from Plastics” for Your Health

- Over 98% of plastics are made from fossil carbons such as oil and gas. Thousands of petrochemical additives are used to make plastics.
- Many are “chemicals of concern” and considered highly toxic, including carcinogens.
- Plastics don’t biodegrade; they break down into smaller and smaller particles called micro- and nano plastics.
- Researchers have found these particles almost everywhere they have looked, including inside the human body. Particles have been found in lung tissue, intestinal tissue, blood, breast milk, heart muscle, and both sides of the placenta - including fetuses and newborn babies.

Plastic particles get caught up into the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink.

There are three key routes plastic particles enter our body:

1. Ingestion – Food: through packaging containing food, water, and other beverages.
2. Inhalation – Air:
 - a. Indoors from synthetic clothing (man-made containing PFA and other chemicals), furniture fabrics, and in household dust.
 - b. Outdoors: airborne fertilizer, ocean waves, roadway emissions generated wear down of tires on vehicles, and in urban and heavily-polluted areas.
3. Dermal – Skin: cosmetic and personal care products - including variety make-up and perfumes, scented lotions, hair care, sunscreen, toothpaste, soap, deodorants, household cleaners and detergents, and thermal printed receipts.

What can we do? Over the next 2 weeks, the Creation Corner will provide suggestions you can take to reduce your exposure and break free from plastics.

Open Invitation
to next Creation Stewards Meeting
Thursday, May 16 @ 11:00 AM in the rectory



Come check it out. All are welcome.



A big thanks to our Community Voices choir for providing music last weekend! We are so blessed by this intergenerational group, shown here sporting vintage St. Monica School polos!

Ray Tette’s Legacy at Camp Stella Maris

Ray Tette, 74, who died this past Oct. 9 after a two-year struggle with cancer, served as executive director of Camp Stella Maris from 1977 to 1997. He oversaw major program and facility improvements that continue to positively impact the camp.

“Were it not for him, we wouldn’t be here today,” stated John Quinlivan, the 16th-year current executive director.

Sixteen St. Monica youth will attend Camp Stella Maris this summer through the Campership program.

Learn more about Tette's legacy from the online *Catholic Courier* story:

<https://bit.ly/3wja0xv>



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The Genesee St. Reconstruction project south of Brooks Ave. is greatly impacting a few small businesses. For the next 18 months, customers will be challenged with narrow pavement, one-way traffic, and loss of on-street parking spaces.

D&L Groceries at 1005 Genesee St. is one of the most affected businesses.

D&L offers hard-to-find Caribbean and African grocery items in addition to the usual American groceries. It serves hot Jamaican breakfast, lunch, and dinner for dine-in, take out or delivery. See www.dltropical.com.



D&L Groceries has supplied the favorite foods of our West Indian and African parishioners since 1986. Owners Mrs. Deloris Hamilton and daughter Sharon appreciate our extra efforts to visit their store Monday through Saturday, 9am to 7pm.