

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 6, 2023

2400 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, New York 14626

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT  
*As disciples of Jesus Christ serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, we collaborate with the Pastor and Staff inviting the people of St. John the Evangelist Church to joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, faithfully teach Catholic tradition, and fervently form Catholic spirituality, so that together we may go forth in love to serve the Lord and each other.*



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

**Holy Days:** As announced in bulletin

**Weekdays:** Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

**CONFESSIONS** By Appointment Only. *Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.*

**BAPTISMS** For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

**MARRIAGE** Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

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### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Monday

Nm 11:4b-15/  
Ps 81:12-17/  
Mt 14:13-21

#### Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13/  
Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36

#### Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/  
Mt 15:21-28

#### Thursday

2 Cor 9:6-10/  
Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/  
Jn 12:24-26

#### Friday

Dt 4:32-40/  
Ps 77:12-16, 21/  
Mt 16:24-28

#### Saturday

Dt 6:4-13/  
Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47, 51/  
Mt 17:14-20

#### Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/  
Ps 85:9-14/  
Rom 9:1-5/  
Mt 14:22-33

# Welcome!

If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, and support of our beloved St. John's Church are appreciated. Please call or e-mail the Parish Office for registration assistance. You will find contact information on the front cover of the bulletin.

## Fr Ring Breaks Down Scripture for the Feast of the Transfiguration

### Opening the Book of Daniel

The Book of Daniel was written to provide hope and encouragement to faithful Jews during very challenging times. The first half (chapters 1-6) does so through humorous folktales. The second half does so through visions - full fledged apocalyptic. Those last chapters are to the Old Testament what the Book of Revelation is to the New. Why are both so hard to understand? Folks 'on the inside', the persecuted minority, living at the time, who knew how to speak in code, understood how the visions and symbols spoke about particular empires (those created upon the death of Alexander the Great). They also allowed the vivid language and piled up images to point to the wonder, power, and ultimate victory of God. The glimpses of God's glory, together with visions of one whose kingdom will have no end have provided hope and encouragement for centuries, and provide a perfect intro for the Transfiguration we celebrate this week-end.

### Looking back, Looking ahead

Our second reading looks back to the experience of the Transfiguration, recounting



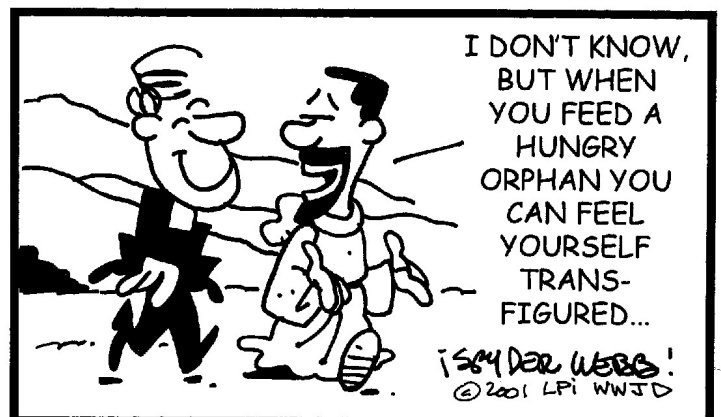
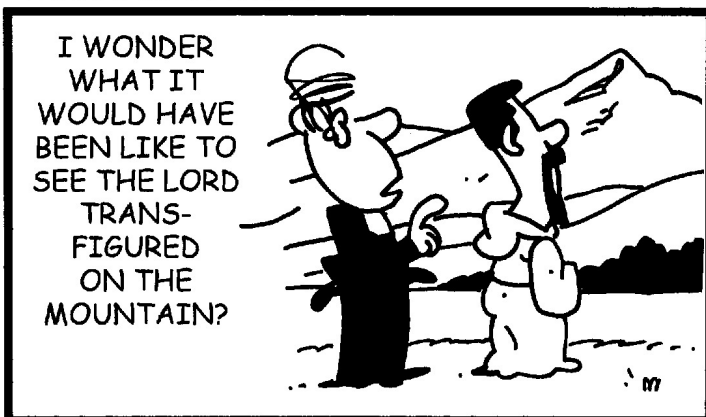
*...the glimpses beyond the veil...are not to be clung to. They are to give us hope...*

the divine message, "This is my Son, my beloved, in whom I am well pleased". Next the author looks ahead to all who will come to believe, including you and me. His wisdom for us? We will do well if we are attentive to the Gospel, let Christ's light guide our way, and allow the morning star to rise in our hearts. That star rises in our heart each morning we start the day in prayer, and let the Lord guide our way.

### A Glimpse of the Future

We might describe the experience of Peter, James and John in our Gospel this weekend as seeing beyond the veil. They were blessed with a glimpse of Jesus in his resurrected glory. We now know that it was not only a glimpse of Jesus as the risen Christ, it was also a glimpse of what is in store for his followers, who are called to one day share in his resurrection. No surprise, they wanted to stay there, basking in his glory, in a victory that was yet to be won. But the Lord made it clear to them, and us - the mountaintop, the glimpses beyond the veil, the tastes of glory are not to be clung to. They are to give us the hope, the trust, the strength to head back down the mountain, back to our daily life, even our crosses, with greater confidence in what the victory will be like when we have finished our journey here, and are called to our true home.

### TRANSFIGURATION





**Masses for the Week—August 7—13**

**MONDAY, August 7** *Sts Sixtus II, Pope & Cajetan*  
 8:15 AM + *Carmela Papalia*  
 by Giulia Panella

**TUESDAY, August 8** *St Dominic*  
 8:15 AM + *Rosa Freitas*  
 by Sister-in-law, Nidia

**WEDNESDAY, Aug 9** *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*  
 8:15 AM + *Filomena & Giuseppe Coccitto*  
 by Daughter & Family

**THURSDAY, August 10** *St Lawrence*

**FRIDAY, August 11** *St Clare*  
 8:15 AM + *Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry Intentions*  
 by Joe & Laura Foley

**SATURDAY, August 12** *St Jane Frances de Chantal*  
 4:00 PM + *JoAnne Callahan*  
 by Family

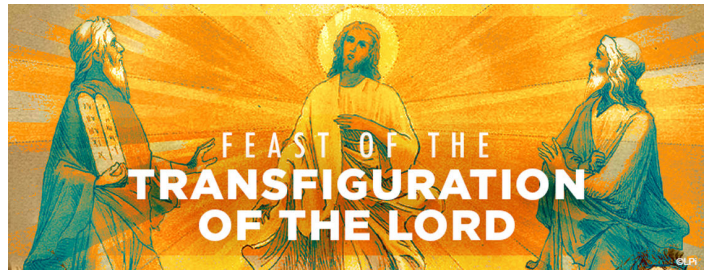
**SUNDAY, August 13** *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Kenneth Preston*  
 by John & Carolyn Kerhaert  
 10:00 AM + *The People of St. John the Evangelist*

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—  
 Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, August 7**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

**Sunday, August 13**  
 4:00 PM Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ



**Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!**

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following dates/times:

**NEXT Sunday, August 13 at 12:00 PM**  
 Wed, September 13 at 6:00 PM  
 Friday, October 13 at 6:00 PM

**NOTE:** Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

**We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585)225-8980.**



**Still Time To Sign Up**

Join us for our RCIA Info Night on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. If you are planning to join us or if you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 585-225-8980 or e-mail us at [gstjohnt@dor.org](mailto:gstjohnt@dor.org).



**Knights of Columbus  
 Chicken Barbecue**

**NEXT Sunday, August 13 from  
 4:00 PM until gone**

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue in the

St. John's church parking lot – 2400 W. Ridge Rd. This will be drive-thru only. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal. To place your order, call or text Dick Dixon at (585) 629-1916 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The cost is \$12, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken
- Baked beans
- Macaroni salad
- Corn bread

**Come and get a great meal for a great price!**



## Sunday, August 6 Feast of the Transfiguration

### First Reading Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw:

One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.



### Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the LORD of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

### Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

Beloved:

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### Alleluia Mt 17:5c

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

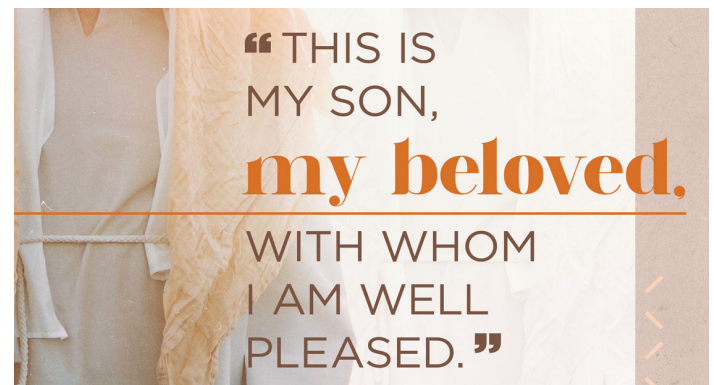
#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel Mt 17:1-9

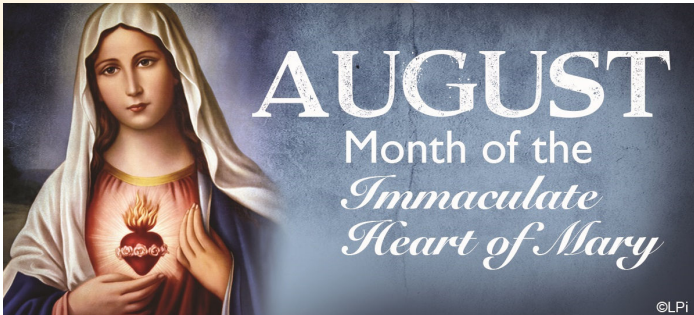
Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."







**Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, my Mother, I come to you in childlike prayer. I earnestly desire that all the people of the world may be brought back to the humble knowledge and love of the Sacred Heart of your dear Son. I pray, dear Mother of my God, that the wonderful beauty and purity of your own Immaculate Heart may so win our souls that we may detest all sin and dedicate our lives to the honor and glory of the God who created us.*

*You revealed the secrets of your own sad heart at Fatima and begged for penance, prayer, and conversion of the world to God. What more can I do than unite my heart to yours in this great yearning? What can I add but the fervent prayer that all the world may listen to your pleading?*

*I give my heart to you, my heavenly Queen, and in confidence I leave to you what is best for me in answer to my prayer for love and reparation.*

*Immaculate Heart of the Mother of my God, I implore through your powerful intercession, the conversion of the hearts of people, complete victory over sin, and the return of the peace which you have promised. Amen*



**Transfigured**

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

*“Lord, it is good we are here.”* Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: “Lord, it is good we are here.”

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

*“His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.” — Daniel 7:14*

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Dear Friends of St. John’s,  
 Thank you so much for your generous donation of over 800 pairs of socks and underwear for our families in need right here in the Town of Greece.  
 This is a simple example of “clothing the naked”. We are truly grateful for your generosity. Thank you so much.  
 God Bless you all,  
 Diane Kozakiewicz, Greece Clothing Closet





**Giovanna D'Elia** *Wife of Peter D'Elia*  
**Anne Squitieri**  
*Grandmother of Chris Frontale, Finance Director*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Donald Leege**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Victims of War**
- ✚ Marian I **Persecuted Christians**
- ✚ Marian II **Our Families**

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>July 22/23</b>	ATTENDANCE.....392
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,346.20
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,903.00
<b>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,249.20</b>
<b>OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....</b>	<b>\$ 719.20</b>

<b>July 29/30</b>	ATTENDANCE.....395
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,950.26
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,752.00
<b>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,702.26</b>
<b>SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....</b>	<b>(\$ 827.74)</b>

## Fiscal Year 2023-24 as July 30, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$ 386,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 47,650.00
<b>ACTUAL COLLECTED.....</b>	<b>\$ 49,632.50</b>
<b>OVERAGE TO-DATE.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,982.50</b>

*With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.*

## Online Giving

You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page [www.stjohngreece.org](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



## Servant of God —Nicholas Black Elk

Black Elk was born in December of 1863 into the Oglala Lakota people to a family with a long history of working as medicine men and healers. He grew up in present-day South Dakota and Wyoming and was the second cousin of Lakota war leader Crazy Horse.

Following a severe illness in his childhood where it is reported that he lay motionless and unresponsive for several days, Black Elk frequently had spiritual visions. In his first vision, during that period of illness, he witnessed kind and loving spirits that he interpreted to be Thunder Beings — wise and revered spirits like grandparents — who implored him to help save his people from the settlers destroying their way of life. As he shared these visions, the other healers in his community were astonished.

He became a spiritual and physical healer among the Lakota, often using song as a healing element. He took his visions seriously and, after experiencing the decimation of the population of wild buffalo by white settlers, and his people being forcibly confined to reservations, he witnessed the great suffering being forced upon his community by colonizing forces. In response, he fought in the Battle of Little Big Horn as well as in the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890, being grazed by a bullet to the hip during the battle. The violence at Wounded Knee was, partially, in response to the Plains tribe's interest in Black Elk's Ghost Dance Movement. He developed the Ghost Dance to bring a message of hope to his people — that the invaders would leave, the buffalo would return, and the systematic destruction of their culture would soon end.

He recovered from his injuries and went on to live at the Pine Ridge Reservation. There, he married his first wife, Katie, a Lakota Catholic convert, and they had three children — all were baptized Catholic. After Katie died in 1903, Black Elk also converted and took on the additional name, Nicholas. He eventually remarried and had more children, baptizing and raising them all Catholic.

Nicholas Black Elk became a catechist and blended his Catholic faith with traditional Lakota practices and ceremonies. He continued to be a resource of spiritual wisdom when he became a catechist and gave talks to those in his community and in neighboring reservations. Through his evangelizing efforts, he had a hand in helping over 400 people convert to Catholicism and served as godfather for over one hundred of them.

In 1934, Black Elk created a performance show that introduced and taught visitors and tourists from white communities about Lakota culture, sacred rituals, and dance. Black Elk's witness to his faith, commitment to anti-colonialism, and loyalty to his culture during the collapse of his native world was also documented by ethnologist Joseph Epes Brown in his 1947 book *The Sacred Pipe*.

*Black Elk's cause of sainthood was opened in 2017 and he is officially recognized as a Servant of God for his life's work of harmonizing his Catholic faith with his Lakota culture and bringing hundreds to the faith. He is buried at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. © LPI*

*Please join in praying together at the end of each Mass  
the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel*

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**



**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August 2023**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

August 6, 2023	Ron LaForce
August 20, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

August 6, 2023	Tom Grieco
August 13, 2023	Tom Grieco
August 20, 2023	Tom Grieco
August 27, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

August 6, 2023	Chris Hoefler
August 13, 2023	Terry & Pam Hearne
August 20, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
August 27, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert