

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 13, 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.*



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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

Dt 10:12-22/  
Ps 147:12-15,19-20/  
Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab/  
Ps 45:10-12,16/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/  
Lk 1:39-56

### Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12/  
Ps 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17/  
Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17/  
Ps 114:1-6/  
Mt 18:21—19:1

### Friday

Jos 24:1-13/  
Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24/  
Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday

Jos 24:14-29/  
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11/  
Mt 19:13-15

### Sunday

Is 56:1,6-7/  
Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8/  
Rom 11:13-15,29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28

## 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

#### Where to Look

God can break into our awareness in countless ways. Our 1st reading this weekend names two ends of the spectrum. At the mountain of God in the desert, when God delivered the commandments, Moses and Elijah's ancestors experienced God's presence in powerful, dramatic signs. Yet for Elijah, while there was a powerful, crushing wind, followed by an earthquake, it was the tiny, whispering sound, the sound of sheer silence, the calm in the midst of the storm through which God spoke. That silent, divine presence lifted Elijah's fear and depression, putting him back on his feet. Between those two ends of the spectrum, there are countless ways God can reach out to us; dramatic events, or the most ordinary aspects of our daily life. More on drama, read I Kings 18-19. For the quiet ways, pray psalm 131 slowly and prayerfully.

#### Speaking of Drama

In the letter to the Romans, St. Paul wrestles with how so many of his beloved Jewish brothers and sisters could reject Christ. Do they still fit in God's plan? How? Lest those he wrote to think it just an academic exercise, he



*...sometimes you want us to be the hand that reaches out to someone who is drowning.*

Makes his passion for his people clear in our second reading. Then he lists all that is theirs. A prayer in the Good Friday Intercessions was changed in 1970, better acknowledging all that God has given to Paul's kindred, our brothers and sisters of the Jewish faith: "...for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God, that they may continue to grow in the love of his name and faithfulness to his covenant."

#### Walking on Water

Not unlike the first reading, in our Gospel we have a fierce storm, followed by a reassuring calm. Yes, that is life. The Gospel also offers another vivid picture.

Peter with strong faith and courage, eyes fixed on Jesus, ready to jump out of the boat and come to Jesus. He did walk on water! Next we see the other part of Peter, taking his eyes off Jesus, focusing instead on the surging waves, fearful he might drown. By God's grace, as he faltered and began to sink, he knew what to do: Call out for help, "*Lord, save me!*" Lord, help us to have courage to step out in faith. When we falter, when we are sinking, help us to remember to call out for help. Then help us realize that the hand that reaches out to lift us may be a friend or family member who you have sent. Finally, help us to discover as well that sometimes you want us to be the hand that reaches out to someone who is drowning.



### We Are Very Grateful, Fr. Ring

With the anticipated return of Fr. Peter before long, your time with us, Fr. Ring, is winding down and we take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** and **WE ARE BLESSED** for your ministry to us. While we have missed Fr. Peter, it has been a delight having you here with us over these past several weeks.

We know there are many challenges our priests face day to day, especially in light of the priest shortage here in our diocese, and for you to help Father Peter over this period of time so that he could return home for a much needed period of rest and renewal is truly a gift to Fr. Peter as well as to all of us. Please know how grateful we are for you bringing us the gift of The Eucharist in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and when the need arose, the Mass of Christian Burial—whatever our needs, you fulfilled them with a loving heart.

We look forward to you visiting us again, Fr. Ring, here at our beloved St. John's and until then, we offer our prayers for you for peace, spiritual well-being, happiness and good health.

*In gratitude,*

*Fr. Peter (in absentia), Parish Staff and the Faith Community of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY*



### Masses for the Week—August 14—20

**MONDAY, August 14** *St Maximilian Kolbe*  
8:15 AM + *Eleanor Zanni*  
by Beloved husband, Tony & Family

**TUESDAY, August 15**  
*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
9:00 AM + *Jim and Betty Pierce*  
by Family  
12:05 PM + *The People of St. John the Evangelist*

**WEDNESDAY, August 16** *St Stephen of Hungary*  
8:15 AM + *Sue Grieco*  
by Tom Grieco

**THURSDAY, August 17** *Weekday*

**FRIDAY, August 18** *Weekday*  
8:15 AM + *Jim Wenskus*  
by Judy, Tim & Ted

**SATURDAY, August 19** *St John Eudes*  
4:00 PM + *The People of St. John the Evangelist*

**SUNDAY, August 20** *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 AM + *Michael Pino, Jr.*  
by Knights of Columbus Council 3892  
10:00 AM + *Annette Arbia*  
by Joseph Arbia & Family

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

### This Week's Schedule

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

**Monday, August 14**  
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center



**Knights of Columbus  
Chicken Barbecue**  
THIS Sunday, August 13  
from 4:00 PM until the  
dinners are gone

This is taking place in  
St John's parking lot as a drive  
thru event. If you did not preorder, you can still swing by  
to grab a meal before they are gone. 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!*



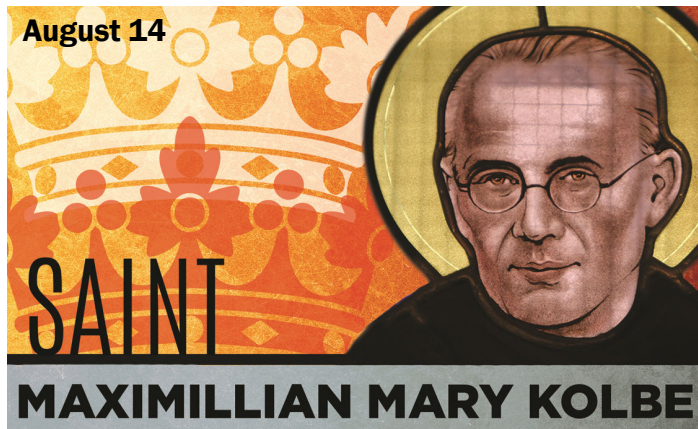
### Still Time To Sign Up

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).



**Tuesday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation.**  
**Our Mass times are 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM.**

There will be a collection taken on this holy day so please use your church envelope OR contribute using your online giving account OR by way of a cash donation into the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.



*When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel.*

– St. Maximilian Kolbe

**Sunday, August 13** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.

Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by."

A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD — for he proclaims peace.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness,**

**Second Reading** Rom 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

**Alleluia** Cf. Ps 130:5

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** Mt 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."



**God and the Good Strong Wind**

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

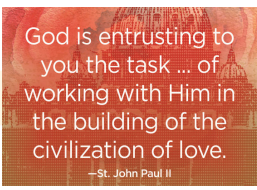
Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

*“Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter...” Matthew 14:31 ©LPi*



**Pastoral Planning:  
Sharing Our Reality  
—School Enrollment**

We are blessed to have two Catholic schools at Holy Cross and St. Lawrence. Holy Cross School includes preschool through grade 6, while St. Lawrence contains classes from preschool through grade 5. During the 2022-2023 school year, 374 children received their education and had their faith enriched through these schools—216 at Holy Cross and 158 at St. Lawrence. Complete school enrollment by grade level for the past 6 years is available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or through the parish office.

**Holy Cross School Enrollment**

Grade	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
PK	61	64	34	29	44	48
K	39	31	41	21	18	18
1st	48	37	32	33	18	18
2nd	37	45	39	27	33	19
3rd	53	30	42	37	27	32
4th	39	47	27	39	35	25
5th	38	31	48	26	34	33
6th	22	20	19	27	17	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>216</b>

**St Lawrence School Enrollment**

Grade	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
PK	45	40	34	25	47	34
K	26	24	19	25	19	25
1st	18	24	23	24	25	17
2nd	22	16	20	25	21	25
3rd	17	21	16	21	22	19
4th	18	19	20	21	19	20
5th	23	17	20	19	20	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>158</b>



**Back-to-School Collection**

It's that time of year again when many begin their preparation for their children returning to school and we know part of this preparation is gathering school supplies. This can be a challenge for many families especially those with multiple children and in light of the higher cost for most everything these days. We all want our children to be well equipped with the supplies necessary so they can start off on the right foot as they begin a new school year; so we turn to you, our parishioners, who have so generously supported this collection in the past. The supplies we collect will be distributed to Sr. Mancuso, Principal of Nazareth Elementary School, for the benefit of the children of Nazareth Elementary.

You will find the collection bins for the supplies in the narthex of church by the center doors and the two far end doors between now and August 27th. We thank you in advance for support of this annual project.





**Reverend William J. Amann**  
*Priest of the Diocese of Rochester*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I All First Responders
- ✚ Tabernacle II Our Military
- ✚ Marian I Jim Wigton
- ✚ Marian II Intentions of the Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>August 5/6</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	402
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	10,083.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,200.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,283.04
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	2,753.04

**Fiscal Year 2023-24 as August 6, 2023**

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	57,180.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	61,915.54
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OVERAGE TO-DATE.....	\$	4,735.54

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

**Online Giving**

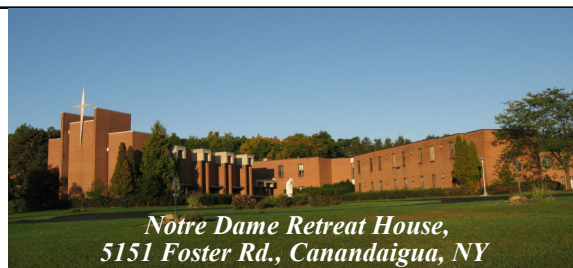
You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around 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.

**Prayer for Discernment**

Dear Lord, We're seeking your voice today.  
 Through the winds, quakes, and fires of our days,  
 help our hearts to be attuned to your gentle whispers.  
 Help us to hear. Help us to listen.  
 Help us to move and act, boldly and bravely.  
 Help us to not be afraid. Amen.



*Notre Dame Retreat House,  
 5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY*

**"Self Compassion"**

*Presented by Deacons George Welch and Lon Smith*

**Offering a Day to Fill your Soul . . .**

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

This is a day of Looking at the River of suffering. We will explore how radical self compassion invites us into holy ground. Through presentation, Teresian prayer of the heart and gratitude we are more aware of God's loving presence.

**Day begins at 9:00 AM and concludes at 3:00 PM**

There is a \$35.00 Fee. Please call 585-394-5700 or email us at [ndretreat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com) to register.

For more details on the day and presenter's visit  
[www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org)



*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.**

**Examples of Our Faith  
Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph  
McGivney**

Michael Joseph McGivney was born on August 12, 1852, the first child of Irish immigrant parents in Waterbury, Connecticut. Blessed Father Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest. It was during the time of his first assignment at St. Mary’s Parish in New Haven that McGivney envisioned the need for a Catholic mutual aid society. His intention was to create an institution where Catholic men could provide financial security to families in need who had lost their primary breadwinner. Together with men from his church, he founded what is now the world’s largest Catholic fraternal service organization — the **Knights of Columbus**.



**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August 2023**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

August 20, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

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

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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