

August 31, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road Rochester, New York 14626

In the Footsteps of St John

A journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure who is the patron of our parish church, St John the Evangelist.



crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be

because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14 First Saints Canonized by Pope Leo XIV......5

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.

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 | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/ Lk 4:16-30 | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Lk 4:31-37 | Col 1:1-8/ Ps 52:10, 11/ Lk 4:38-44 | Col 1:9-14/ Ps 98:2-6/ Lk 5:1-11 | Col 1:15-20/ Ps 100:1b-5/ Lk 5:33-39 | Col 1:21-23/ Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/ Lk 6:1-5 | Wis 9:13-18b/ Ps 90:3-6, 12-13, 14-17/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14:25-3 |

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.

God Wants Us to Become Confident

With the summer season almost coming to an end, it is tempting to feel beaten down during the day, buried under hundreds of details that cry for our attention, harried by looming deadlines, mystified by our children's (or own) moods, fears or choices. But the truth is that we are heirs of an amazing life! We do not have to feel burdened or con-

fused. No, as Christians we are enriched in every way by the grace of God. Next week we celebrate Labor Day, the official end of summer. What can we say about our time of growing in the faith? What can we say about our parish family and our own family during the past months of relaxation? God wants us to become confident in the vast resources we have inherited in Christ! Jesus is more than eager to provide us with every

spiritual gift we need. Imagine: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, faith, and fortitude are ours in abundance. On top of that, mercy, forgiveness, comfort, compassion, and love are constantly flowing from the throne of our heavenly Creator. They are all offered to enrich our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

So how do we receive these gifts? Well, when we pray, we need to be specific—and honest—about the needs we have. Being clear with ourselves



and with God about what we are seeking and then taking time to rest quietly in God's presence will help open our eyes to the miracles God is pouring into us. At times, His answer will come in some unfolding event in our lives; or perhaps it will be a still, small voice in the quiet of our hearts or minds. Sometimes the understanding or fortitude or love we need will simply materialize at the right time.

However these gifts come, one thing is sure: God, who calls us to be holy, is faithful. Life does not have to be too hard. Peace and hope are not beyond our grasp. They are not meant only for a chosen few. They are for every one of us regardless of our age, natural talents, or station in life. It is not a matter of our efforts. Jesus is always there with us, to keep us constant in this life, and to make us ready to greet him when he comes again.

Someone once said: "Time is too slow for those who wait; too swift for those who fear; too long for those who grieve; to short for those who rejoice. But for those who love, time is eternity." So we should capture the moments of our faith, wherever we are and whoever you are. None of us

is here forever but the love of Christ endures forever.

Peace and may God bless us all. Father Peter



Masses for the Week—September 2—7

MONDAY, September 1 Labor Day

8:15 AM (*Living*) Special Intention for Frank Gargano by Rick & Kathy Paoletti

TUESDAY, September 2 Weekday 8:15 AM + Gordan Anthony Vigilante

by John & Carol Leary

WEDNESDAY, September 3 St Gregory **8:15 AM** + Francesco & Pasqualina Paiano by Niece, Giulia

THURSDAY, September 4 Weekday

FIRST FRIDAY, September 5 Weekday

8:15 AM + Nicola Mercone

by Elena & Michael Mussumeci & Children

10:00 AM + Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, September 6 Weekday

8:15 AM Fr Peter's Intention

4:00 PM + *Joseph & Marie Evenski* 78th Wedding Annv by Family

SUNDAY, September 7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Deceased Members of St John's

10:00 AM + Deceased Members of St John's Choir by Judy Weiser

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

| Aug 31 | Sept 1 | Sept 2 | Sept 3 | Sept 4 | Sept 5 | Sept 6 |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Kevin McKenna | William Michatek | Justin Miller | William Moorby | | Vocations & Seminarians | Bishop Salvatore |
| | | | | | | Matano |



I THIS Monday, September 1

People should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 1 Labor Day Parish Office CLOSED

NO Bible Study

Thursday, September 4 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

First Friday, September 5

Following 8:15 AM Mass Adoration until 10:00 AM 10:00 AM Benediction

First Saturday, September 6

8:15 AM Mass

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

GRANDMA & GRANDPA

Message to All Grandparents!

Grandparents are often faith role models and sometimes the ones who bring their grandchildren to Mass or help them prepare for receiving their sacraments. **NEXT Sunday, September 7 is Grandparents' Day.** To acknowledge the important role of grandparents in their families, the ROC Catholics Northwest Evangelization team has gathered some helpful Resources especially for grandparents. Look for a special flyer in next weekend's bulletin —either in the bulletin or available **NORTHWEST**



Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue NEXT Sunday, September 7 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM

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

St. Charles Borromeo parking lot – 3300 Dewey Avenue. This will be drive-thru only event. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal. To place your order, call or text (preferred) Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The last day to pre-order is THIS Saturday, September 6. People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM the day of the barbecue. The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken Baked beans
- Macaroni salad Corn bread

Come and get a great meal for a great price!



Recognize God in Ordinary Moments

Humility and Stewardship

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS **©LPi**



Bereavement Luncheon was a Great Success!

Fr. Peter and Deacon Lon want to thank the SJE staff and all the volunteers and participants who made the Bereavement Luncheon held on August 13 so very successful and well attended!

Thirty men and women attended from: St. John the Evangelist, St. Leo the Great, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Kateri Tekakwitha of Irondequoit and St. Columbkille of Fort Meyers Florida.

Most participants would like to see a monthly gathering with an emphasis on social activities. Getting together for an hour or so once a month would be beneficial to the grieving process. We will schedule events on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH from 10:30 AM -12:00 PM—October 15, November 19, December 17.

Additional Social Events would include scheduled church functions like: our Octoberfest on October 18 after the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass and the December 14 3:00 PM Dady Advent Concert seemed to be good social opportunities.

A series of short term sessions for new members to get to know each other prior to attending the larger monthly gatherings will be scheduled as needed. Other parishes seem interested in having their parishioners attend the monthly gatherings at St. John the Evangelist. We will welcome them for our bereavement events as well and publicize this in bulletins and on the ROC Catholic Northwest Website https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org/.



Don't Grieve Alone Grief and Loss experts may be invited to discuss topics of

interest. This may include topics like how to manage a job search due to a loss of a job, grieving a loss of a pet, suicide, caring for those with dementia, church teachings, and other areas of interest.

A REFERENCE LIBRARY for various aspects of grief and loss will be created. Perhaps we can have a book cart on wheels so it can be easily moved in the parish center.

Retreats and special Masses of Remembrance are beneficial. In November we will celebrate All Souls Day. In addition, we will consider other Masses.

Peace and Blessings,

Father Peter and Deacon Lon

I Love Being Catholic

Not because it's easy, not because it's popular, but because it's TRUE, it's BEAUTIFUL, and it's HOME.



I Love the EUCHARIST. I Love the SAINTS. I Love the LITURGICAL SEASONS I Love the INCENSE. I Love the MYSTERY. I Love the MERCY.

I Love being part of a Church that stretches across centuries and continents – anchored in CHRIST, guided by the SPIRIT, and built on the rock of PETER.



Rochester Relics Tour

Explore Saintly Relics of the Rochester Diocese

Ornate reliquaries in Roman Catholic churches throughout the world contain tiny fragments of bone,

strands of hair, small bits of cloth or splinters of wood. These items are relics — physical items that remain after the deaths of saints or martyrs — that provide today's faithful with tangible connections to those people. Tiny pieces of the Blessed Virgin Mary's veil and the cross upon which Jesus was crucified also are considered relics.

For many years, the altars in Catholic churches were required to contain altar stones, typically inch-thick squares of marble containing relics of saints, according to Father

Joseph Hart, who served for more than 15 years as vicar general for the Diocese of Rochester. After the Second Vatican Council, many churches were renovated so that their altars faced the congregation, and altars were no longer required to accommodate altar stones, Father Hart said. During the renovation of Sacred Heart



Cathedral in the early 2000s, the base of its altar became the repository for altar stones that were no longer in use in other diocesan churches. Yet most Catholic churches still contain relics, some of them still nestled inside altars. In other churches, relics are on display for public veneration and prayer.

For more information about the Rochester Relics Tour, please visit: catholiccourier.com/relicstour

During Jubilee Year 2025, a Catholic who makes a pilgrimage to a designated jubilee site may be eligible for a plenary indulgence. Sacred Heart Cathedral is the Diocese of Rochester's designated jubilee site, so Catholics whose "relics pilgrimages" include a stop at the cathedral may



obtain plenary indulgences, provided that they meet other required conditions.

For more information on how to receive an indulgence, please visit the Diocese of Rochester's website: https://oec.dor.org/ jubilee-2025/

Article's content from the Catholic Courier

The Catholic Church Prepares to Welcome New Saints!

Two young Italian laymen will be the first saints canonized by Pope Leo XIV

The Vatican has announced that Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati together **NEXT Sunday**, **September 7**, **2025**.



You may recall that **Blessed Acutis**, a teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and creating an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles, had originally been scheduled to be canonized on April 27, 2025, during the Jubilee of Teenagers. It was, however, postponed following the death of

Pope Francis on April 21, 2025.

Born in 1991; yes, you read this correctly,1991 – a period of time in which we can all relate to – Carlo was raised in Milan, Italy. He used his tech skills to evangelize and was noted for his joyful faith and compassion for others before dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.



Blessed Frassati, born in 1901, into a prominent family in Turin, Italy. He was a struggling student who excelled in mountain climbing. He had complete faith in God and persevered through college, dedicating himself to helping the poor and supporting church social teaching. He was admired for his

deep spirituality, love for the poor and enthusiasm for life. A member of the Dominican Third Order, he served the sick through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He died at age 24 after contracting polio.

Something to Think About

Through our faith journey here on earth, we are ALL called to be saints. How do we respond to God's call as to how we live our life? Keep in mind, saints were not perfect people; they were sinners just like each of us. Some were well off and others poor, but what saints have in common is they follow God's plan, keeping the faith though thick and thin, no matter the cost—all for His greater Glory.

As you can see here, not all saints were old so whether we are young or old or somewhere in between, we are ALL called to be saints! Let's pray for one another.

Steps to Sainthood

Servant of God: Title given when a person's cause for sainthood is opened by the Church.

Venerable: Title given after an in depth investigation of the person's life reveals heroic virtue

Blessed: Title given after a miracle occurring through person's intercession is verified.

Saint: Title given after a second miracle is verified and pope declares person a saintly example.



Edward Lennox Father of Michael Lennox



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Fr. Ventura
- Tabernacle II Mickey Corsi
- Marian I Catherine Lacek
- Marian II Mary Barbato on her heavenly birthday

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL

sewardship

| August 23/24 Week 8 | ATTENDA | NCE400 |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| BUDGETED Sunday Offering | \$ | 9,950.00 |
| SUNDAY Offering | \$ | 5,244.52 |
| ONLINE Giving | \$ | 2,605.00 |
| TOTAL Sunday Offering | \$ | 7,849.52 |
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Fiscal Year 2025-26 as August 24, 2025

| YEARLY BUDGET\$ | 517,500.00 |
|--------------------|------------|
| BUDGETED TO-DATE\$ | 79,600.00 |
| ACTUAL COLLECTED\$ | 88,118.21 |
| OVERAGE TO DATE\$ | 8,518.21 |

As we are underway in our new Fiscal Year, I am encouraged by the early financial report and I am deeply appreciative for the generosity your sacrificial giving offers for the well-being of our parish.

Fr Peter

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



Prayer for Humility

Dear God,

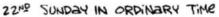
Mold my heart after Yours.

Help me to see myself as You see me: surrounded by Your love.

Help me to see others as You see them as well.

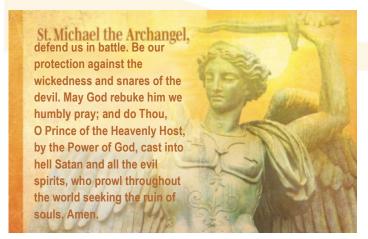
Give me knowledge of your ways, today and always. Amen.

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Mini Reflection:

I think, if we're being really honest,
we all expect "payment"
for being a good person.
We want God to give us what we ask
We want people to treat us
a certain way.
But what if we expected
absolutely nothing?

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Carolyn Kerhaert

Terry & Pam Hearne

Dam & Melissa Kabasin

Chris Hoefler

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August/September 2025

August 31, 2025

September 7, 2025

September 14, 2025

September 21, 2025

September 28, 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 31, 2025 Ron LaForce

September 14, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

September 28, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

August 31, 2025 NO Communion Service September 7, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

September 14, 2025 Tom Grieco

September 21, 2025 Tom Grieco | September 28, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham



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