

St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 27, 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.



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8/
Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/
Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13/
Ps 139:7-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13/
Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8/
Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11/
Ps 98:1, 7-9/
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9/
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27

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

When the summer season comes 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 (our own) moods, fears, or choices. But the truth is that we are heirs to an amazing life! We do not have to feel burdened or confused. No, as Christians we are enriched in every way by the grace of God. 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 month 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 of 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 help 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; too short for those who rejoice. But for those who love, time is eternity." So we should capture the moments of our faith wherever and whoever we are. None of us is here forever but love of Christ endures forever.



*Peace and may God bless us all,
Father Peter*

*Welcome
Back*

WE MISSED YOU!

Welcome Home Father Peter

It's good to have you back with us at St. John's, Fr. Peter—you've been missed! It was wonderful to have Fr. Ring with us—he tended to our spiritual needs and the needs of the parish very well, and for all of this we are very grateful to Fr. Ring. We hope your trip home was filled with good times with your family and friends, especially celebrating your 39th Ordination Anniversary. We were with you in spirit. We hope you are renewed and strengthened. You continue to be in our prayers. Again, welcome home!

From Your Flock Here at St. John's

Masses for the Week—Aug 28—Sept 3

MONDAY, August 28 *St Augustine*

8:15 AM + **Connie Dennison**
by Marianne Katz

TUESDAY, August 29 *Passion of St John the Baptist*

8:15 AM + **James J. Fleming**
by Wife

WEDNESDAY, August 30 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + **Giuseppe & Teresa Papalia**
by Family

THURSDAY, August 31 *Weekday*

FIRST FRIDAY, September 1

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

8:15 AM + **Madison Diamond**
by Mike & Patty Fredericks

10:00 AM + **Benediction**

FIRST SATURDAY, September 2 *Weekday*

8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intentions*

4:00 PM + **Mario Girolamo**
by Angelo Leonardis & Family

SUNDAY, September 3 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + **Ken Preston**
by Brother, Gene

10:00 AM + **The People of St. John the Evangelist**

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

This Week's Schedule

Weekend, August 26/27

Mission Appeal Weekend at ALL Masses

Monday, August 28

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

First Friday, September 1

8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration
with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

First Saturday, September 2

8:15 AM Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation &
Devotional Prayer in Church

Weekend, September 2/3

Knights of Columbus C&B Ticket Sales after
all Masses



Annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal THIS Weekend, August 26/27



Welcome Fr. May

We extend a warm welcome to Father Doug May, of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, here with us for all Masses this weekend as part of our Annual Parish Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to

follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nations. Maryknoll serves principally among the poor in places where the Church is little known and often in great need.

A second collection will be taken at each of the Masses this weekend for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Anyone wishing to donate by check is asked to please make your **check payable to St. John's Church and in the memo section please write: Maryknoll Mission Appeal.** Thank you for your support of this appeal; your generosity is greatly appreciated.

For more information visit www.maryknollsociety.org



Coming Soon, Save the Date!

Our Coffee Hours will soon be back in full swing with the first one scheduled in the Parish Center on Sunday, September 10 following the

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Our host this month is our Parish Pastoral Council. This is a good time to catch up with fellow parishioners and hopefully make some new acquaintances. We hope to see you there!



Live the Liturgy

“Who do you say that I am?”

Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

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Sunday, August 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Second Reading Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

*For who has known the mind of the Lord
or who has been his counselor?*

*Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?*

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

Alleluia Mt 16:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.





With today, Sunday, August 27th, being your special day Deacon Elmer, we extend Happy Birthday wishes from all of us at St. John's. May God bless you with much happiness and good health in the coming year as well as a wonderful birthday cake today!

*Fr. Peter, Parish Staff,
and Parishioners of our beloved St. John's*



Magnificat Women's Breakfast with Cece Crawford

September 16, Seating begins at 8:30 AM

Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a breakfast at the **Brook Lea Country Club**, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on **Saturday, September 16**; the program begins at 9:30 AM until noon.

Our speaker is **Cece Crawford**. She is part of the Magnificat Service Team, serving as Asst. Treasurer.

"One day while walking to my college dorm, I felt frustrated and melancholy. I said to the Lord: 'Is this all that life has to offer?'" Come and listen to Cece's powerful story.

Reservations \$30.00; after Sept. 9: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; **Registration required**; no tickets sold at the door.


Deadline: Tuesday, September 12.

To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number, and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$32.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com



Monday, August 28



“ God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.”

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

Join 10,000 Catholics to worship at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Great Speakers!
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.

For More Information about the National Eucharistic Revival 2023 visit: www.eucharisticrevival.org and/or eucharisticrevival.dor.org



John Englert
Brother of Gene Englert



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Mary Catalano**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **The Homeless**
- ✝ Marian I **Those Suffering Mental Illness**
- ✝ Marian II **The Holy Souls in Purgatory**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 15 ATTENDANCE.....168

Assumption of Mary Offering.....\$	1,347.00
ONLINE Giving.....\$	100.00
TOTAL Assumption Offering.....\$	1,447.00

August 19/20 ATTENDANCE.....387

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....\$	5,737.02
ONLINE Giving.....\$	2,488.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....\$	8,225.02
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$	1,304.98)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as August 20, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....\$	76,240.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....\$	78,482.92
OVERAGE TO-DATE.....\$	2,242.92

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

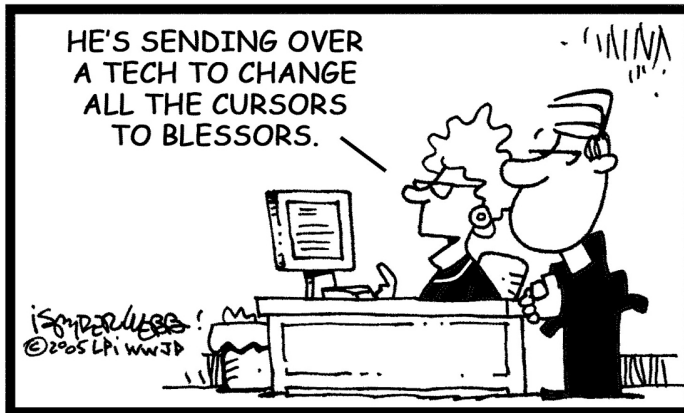
Online Giving

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.



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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*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

V. Teresa Fardella de Blasi

Teresa Fardella was born on May 24, 1867, in New York to parents of Irish and Sicilian nobility. Despite being forced into marriage at 16, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi still pursued her heart’s desire to serve the poor wherever she lived with her husband. Originally from New York, she founded and eventually joined the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin in Italy. She passed away at the age of 90 after a long life of charity and love for the poor. She was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Francis on November 9, 2017.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August/September 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023 Ron LaForce
September 17, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

August 27, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
September 3, 2023 Tom Grieco
September 10, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
September 17, 2023 Tom Grieco
September 24, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 27, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
September 3, 2023 Chris Hoefler
September 10, 2023 Terry & Pam Hearne
September 17, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
September 24, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert