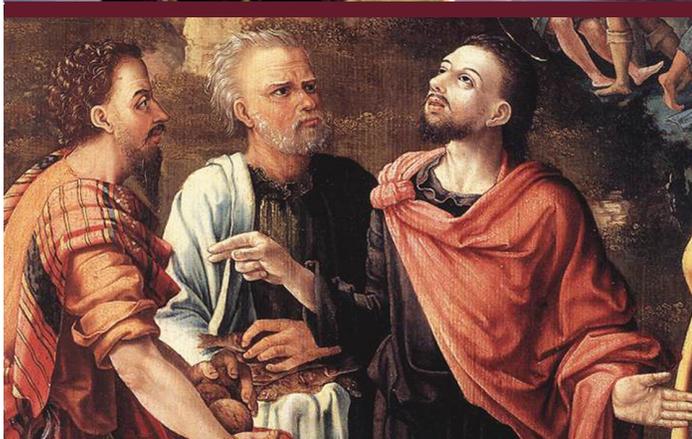


St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 4, 2024

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 said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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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

Jer 28:1-17/
Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7/
Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
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Thursday

Jer 31:31-34/
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/
Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39, 41/
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

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

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:4-8/
Ps 34:2-9/
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Jn 6:41-51

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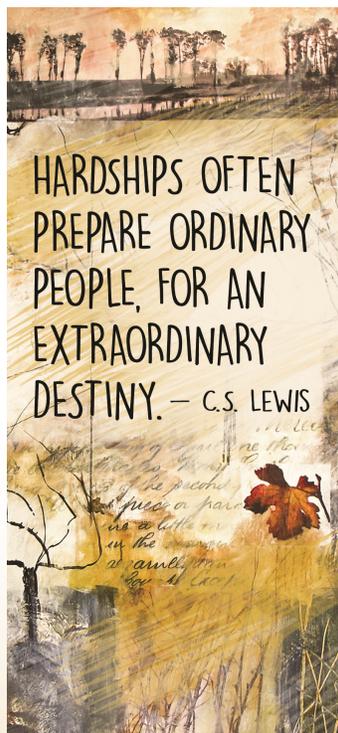
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, 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.

Destiny

“There is no such thing as chance; and what seems to us as a mere accident, spring from the deepest source of destiny,” says Johann Friedrich VonSchiller, a German philosopher.

Destiny is the word, fate is what others call it, but the operational hand behind both words is God! God calls us all to do something and help with something. God calls us all to better ourselves and our world. So we have education, family, and church. Most of us aren't living with daily violent persecution but we do face challenging situations every day. We can dedicate our day to serving or spend it expecting to be served. We can choose to forgive or to lash out. We can turn to Jesus or try to make a go of it with our own resources. Whatever it is, it all starts with receiving the Lord's grace in our hearts. If we can get in that habit of sharing in the small things of life, we will be so better prepared when bigger challenges come our way!

Destiny is a predetermined course of events and a necessary fate. It can take you there and bring



you here. It can, within a couple of minutes, change the course of our history from being rich to poor and from poor to rich. I have had some hustle and bustle in my ministry as a priest that has given me somber reflection of life and I can tell you that my understanding toward life has completely changed. I have realized that life, like a journey, may be long or short, but within each journey are inherent destinies that chance per the determination of our Creator. We are called as Christians to do our best and do it gracefully.

Once again, I would like to invite all to think about what we can do to grow our faith here at St. John's in Greece. What can we do to renew ourselves in the faith? Are we willing to volunteer or help out in any of the parish

ministries? Saint Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:8 that “**God is able to make every grace**

abundant for you, so that...you may have an abundance for every good work.”

Peace to all,

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



A Parishioner's Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work.
It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things
that I want my parish to be.

Amen.



Masses for the Week—August 5—11

MON, Aug 5 *Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major*
 8:15 AM *Special Intentions of the Jacobs Family*

TUESDAY, August 6 *Transfiguration of the Lord*
 8:15 AM + **Bruce Katz**
 by Marianne Katz

WEDNESDAY, August 7 *St SixtusII, Pope*
 8:15 AM + **JoAnne Callahan**
 by Family

THURSDAY, August 8 *St Dominic*

FRIDAY, August 9 *St Teresa Benedicta*
 8:15 AM + **Angelina Masters**
 by Louise & Benny Colella

SATURDAY, August 10 *St Lawrence*
 4:00 PM + **Rita Stein**
 by Family

SUNDAY, August 11 *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Living & Deceased Members of the Salem & Rodrigues Families*
 by George Salem
 10:00 AM + *For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased*

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 4
 Mission Appeal

Monday, August 5
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Wednesday, August 7
 6:00 PM OCIA Information Night in Parish Center



Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 PM

As parishioners of St. John's along with parishioners from our neighboring parishes, we hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10
Pope Francis	Gerard Krieg	Scott Kubinski	William Laird	Steven Lape	Charles Latus	All Deacons



**Knights of Columbus
 Chicken Barbecue**

Sunday, August 18
 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM

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 event. 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 last day to pre-order is Saturday August 17. 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!



Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday, August 6, 2024





Mission Appeal THIS Weekend, August 3/4

Welcome Rev. Kilian C. Tereba, a priest of the Diocese based in Canton, OH and a bona fide priest of the Diocese of Kigoma in Tanzania will represent the Diocese of Kigoma during this Mission Appeal.

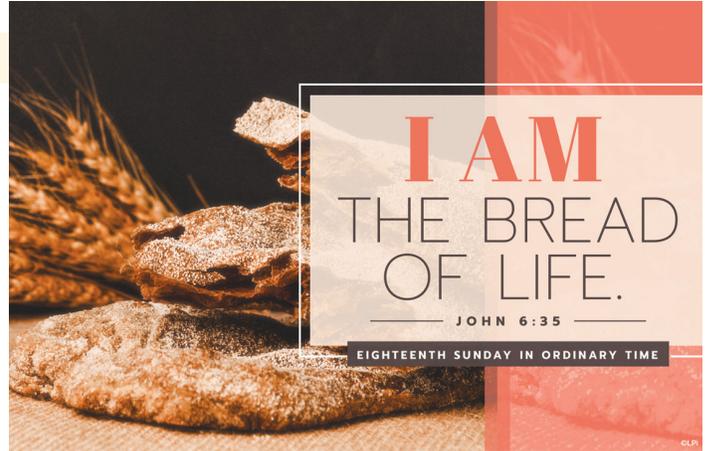
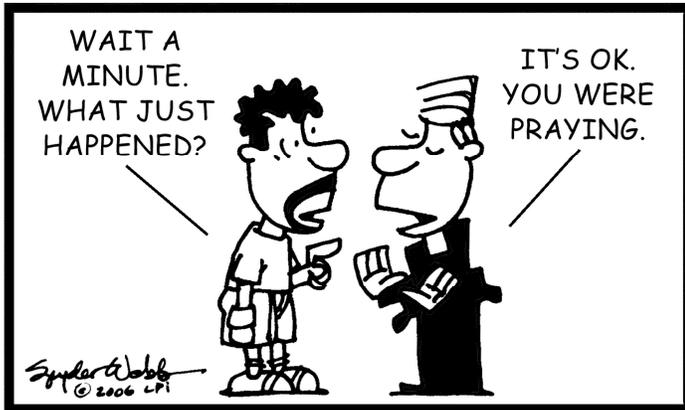
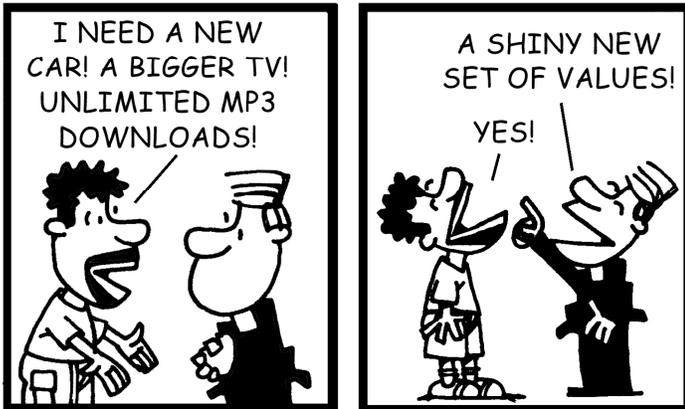
during this Mission Appeal.

The Diocese of Kigoma is very poor due to the low income of her people who earn their livelihood through traditional agriculture which is un-mechanized, small-scale, and relying on weather. Bad weather leads to many people not having food to sustain families throughout the year. Poor earning of our people affects their ability to support the various ministries in the diocese.

The Diocese of Kigoma makes this mission appeal this year to support: Ministry to Orphans, Ministry to the Refugees, and Ministry to Seminarian Formation.

May God bless you for your generous support in helping our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in great need.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Food That Perishes

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

— John 6:35

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Looking for Your Help

If you are a nurse or a doctor who attends Mass here at St John’s and are willing to assist when a medical emergency arises during Mass when you are present, please provide your name/phone number and which weekend Mass you usually attend, and submit this to the parish office via email:

gstjohnt@dor.org OR you can call the office at 585-225-8980. We appreciate your help with this request as we strive to maintain the well-being of those who are with us at Mass.



Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

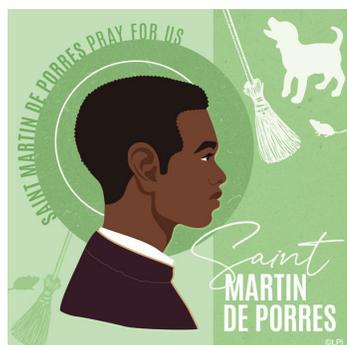
Since my college days I’ve loved a song called “Dance with You” by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: “I’ve tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for.” These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus’ words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God’s gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

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We will get to the Lord’s teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you’ll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



Examples of Our Faith

St. Martin de Porres
(December 9, 1579 - November 3, 1639) came from the humblest of beginnings. Born in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish knight and a previously enslaved African woman, he was subjected to bigotry his

entire life. His early life was spent in deep poverty, after his father abandoned the family. At the age of 12 he was apprenticed to a barber-surgeon, where he would learn the medical skills which would gain him renown.

When he was 15, St. Martin wanted to join the Dominicans, however, the law in Peru prevented those of mixed-race from being members of religious orders. Undeterred, St. Martin volunteered to do menial work for the monastery and was allowed to live with the community. He worked in the laundry and kitchens, but soon was given the job of distributing money and food to the poor. In 1601, St. Martin was allowed to take his vows as a lay brother, despite the law. He was put in charge of the infirmary, the post he held until his death.

St. Martin was known for his great love of the Eucharist, and his intense prayer. Contemporary reports tell of levitation and light filling the room while he prayed, even bilocation where St. Martin was seen in distant countries despite never leaving Peru. St. Martin frequently went into the city to care for the poor and sick, especially the Africans who had been brought to Peru as enslaved people. He also founded an orphanage and school. He cared equally for all regardless of race or status. His kindness even extended to animals, caring for the dogs, cats and even mice and rats at the monastery.

St. Martin was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on October 29, 1837, and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962, the first Black saint of the Americas.

St. Martin de Porres, pray for us! ©LPI





Frank Haszlauer *Father of Susan Ramstedt*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Bruce Katz**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Prayers Requests from Prayer Line**
- ✚ Marian I **Hospital & Nursing Home Parishioners**
- ✚ Marian II **Homebound Parishioners**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



July 27/28 Week 5	ATTENDANCE.....	395
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,746.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,237.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,983.02
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	337.98)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of July 28, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	46,604.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	47,649.91
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	1,044.91

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.

Did You Know?.....

... that Rev. John M. Maurice, a French missionary priest, was the founding pastor of our parish? Fr. Maurice served as pastor of the parishes of Our Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross, and St. John the Evangelist from 1856 – 1895. He is buried in the cemetery on Paddy Hill at Our Mother of Sorrows Church. Wear and tear over these many years has made for reading the inscription on the monument illegible so plans were made for a new headstone.

Through a partnership and sponsorship between OMOS/ Holy Cross and our beloved St. John's, the new headstone was placed at the grave of Fr. Maurice—a welcome update. If you're in the area, stop by the cemetery to see the headstone and pause for a moment to remember the souls of the faithful departed—may they rest in perfect peace. A special thank you to Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and others who brought this project to fruition.



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**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.**

Prayer of Hunger

Dear Jesus,
You are the one who fed the hungry. But your work
doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're
working now.
Work in us, to bring food to those in need.
Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need you.
Amen.
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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July/August 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 4, 2024 Ron LaForce
August 18, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

August 4, 2024 Tom Grieco
August 11, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham
August 18, 2024 Tom Grieco
August 25, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 4, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
August 11, 2024 Chris Hoefler
August 18, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
August 25, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin