

St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 22, 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.



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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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

Heb 9:15, 24-28/
Ps 98:1-6/
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10/
Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16
Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tm 1:1-8
Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39/
Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40/
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/
Lk 1:69-75/
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/
Ps 146:6-10/
1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a

Welcome!

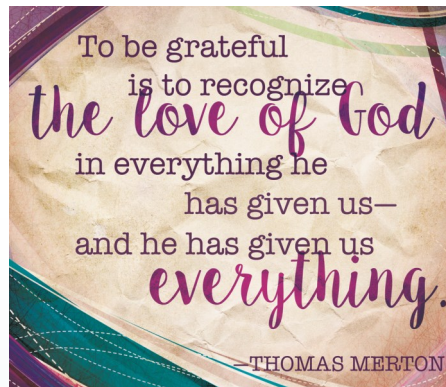
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so if you will please introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence,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

The Heart of Gratitude

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the boy's hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going for the boy. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who had changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

You see, both signs simply said the boy was blind. The first sign said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Moral of the story is: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively.



When a situation in life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1,000 more reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. These are among the many human reasons why we come to God in Church. In Church, the faithful find a spiritual

home filled with love, encouragement, and support. The Church is where we are called to experience the strong sacramental life that empowers us to go forth as witnesses of the Gospel.

By the virtue of our Baptism, each one is called to be a vibrant and active member of Christ's Body, the Church. No one is exempt. Everyone has something to give; no gift or talent is too small or insignificant. Let us pray that the worship and ministries of our faith community may always give glory to God and genuinely bring Christ's light and love to others in hope, spirituality, education, integrity, and love. Even more important is to know that you are the reason behind the growth and then you can enjoy your day with a heart of gratitude.

Peace and Love to all,
Father Peter



A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

Masses for the Week—January 23—29

MONDAY, January 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:15 AM + *Vincenzo, Elvira & Salvatore Ragonese*
by Bruna

2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity*

TUESDAY, January 24 *St Francis de Sales*

8:15 AM + *Steve Swetz*
by John & Carol Leary

WEDNESDAY, January 25 *Conversion of St Paul*

8:15 AM + *Ange Zegarelli*
by Ellis & Catherine DiNitto

THURSDAY, January 26 *Sts Timothy & Titus*

FRIDAY, January 27 *St Agnes Merici*
8:15 AM + *Connie Rucinski*
by daughter, Sharon Rucinski

SATURDAY, January 28 *St Thomas Aquinas*

4:00 PM + *Deceased members of Kabasin & Jweid Families*
by Dan & Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, January 29 *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *For the People*
10:00 AM + *Deacon Bob Burke*
by Jean & Tom Raisbeck

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

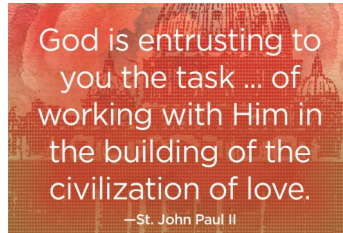
This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 23

9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center

2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in PC and Church

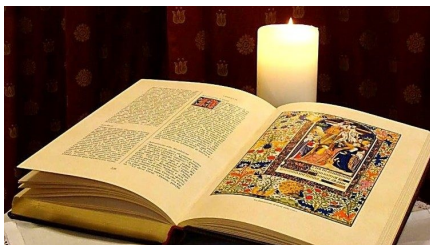


Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met again on December 12. After opening prayer and faith-sharing, here were the highlights:

- Members from each parish or clustered parishes worked together to begin creating emergency plans in the event any weekend Masses need to be canceled because of weather or a priest's sudden illness. They identified how the parish currently communicates sudden changes to parishioners as well as other methods of electronic communication that should be considered.
- Members created more specific ideas of how our 7 parishes can collaborate to encourage local vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate. Also, as part of the task force's work to prepare for an expected smaller number of priests serving our parishes, specific ideas were developed for ways to invite, train, and support parishioners to take increasing roles.

During early 2023 we will be seeking parishioners to work on 3 collaborative initiatives of our 7 parishes: reaching out to inactive parishioners, a shared vocation approach, and developing a shared website to communicate what is happening in all our parishes. Task force minutes and previous bulletin articles are now available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>



Sunday of the Word of God

Celebrate this day by viewing the Sunday Seminar Series, an enriching opportunity for you to learn more about

Sacred Scripture from some of the best Catholic Bible scholars in the United States. You can access the videos, along with discussion guides and suggestions for further reading at: <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>



Prayer Shawl Ministry

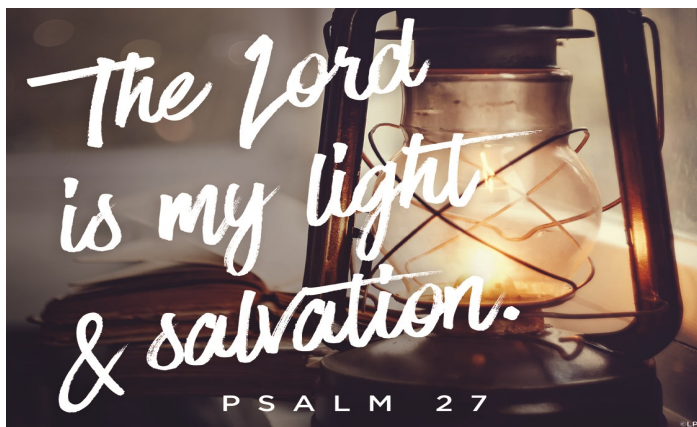
We are looking for some creative knitters or crocheters. Yes, we want you! Come share your experience or learn with us. We create Prayer Shawls or Prayer Blankets to give to anyone in need of a warm hug. Join us in the Parish Center on most 1st Saturdays of the month from 10:00 AM 'til Noon. **If you have questions, call Cheryl Watt 585-770-4296.**



Sunday, January 22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 8:23—9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be

Continued above

united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

Alleluia Mt 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Sanctuary Candle Openings

Just a reminder, we are underway with scheduling 2023 Sanctuary Candles and we have many open dates so if you'd like to schedule, please give the Parish Office a call.

The red Sanctuary Candles at the Tabernacle burn to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus to whom we offer our prayers for our loved ones and the blue Sanctuary Candles at the Marian Shrine remind us of our Blessed Mother's powerful intercession to her Son for our prayer intentions.

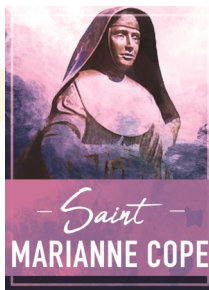
You have the opportunity, based on availability, to schedule one or two red candles by the Tabernacle and/or one or two blue candles by the Marian Shrine. The candles burn for one week in memory of someone deceased or in honor of someone who is living or a special occasion. The candles begin on Saturday and continue through Friday. The stipend for each Sanctuary Candle is \$10. If paying by check, it is made payable to *St. John's*.



Devotional Candles

The Devotional Candles—the red and blue candles on the candle racks at the Tabernacle

and Marian Shrine, that are available for you to light as a way to offer prayer for your special intention. After lighting a devotional candle, it remains lit during the time we are not in church. These candles are \$5 each and envelopes to place your donation into can be found at each of the candle racks. We ask that you drop this envelope with your donation inside into the collection basket during weekend Mass OR drop it off at the Parish Office at the Rectory OR slip the envelope under the Sacristy Door.



Examples of Our Faith

St. Marianne Cope | January 23

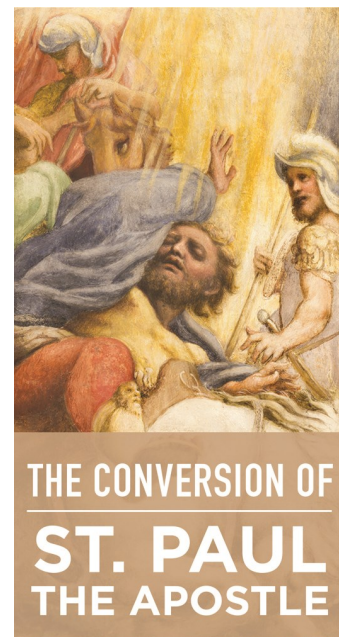
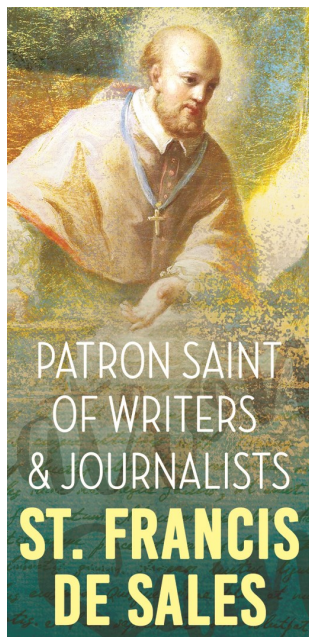
St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html>)
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“To be Saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone.”

- Pope Francis



Rev. Francis Kusi-Ababio,
Priest friend of Fr. Peter
from Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Rev. Francis Kusi-Ababio**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Protection of the Unborn**
- ✝ Marian I **Donal and Elizabeth Wiley**
- ✝ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to early bulletin deadlines for the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday, our January 14/15 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in the January 28/29 bulletin.

Thank you!

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

If not already received, you will soon be receiving your 2022 End of Year Tax Statement in the mail from the Parish Office. A very special THANK YOU to each of you who has provided contributions to help sustain our parish financially—everyone's support is vital in this effort. If you are not currently contributing, please reach out to me or to the Parish Office to find out more on how you can do so. God bless, *Fr. Peter*



St. Pauly Textile Inc.

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year...

- 55,036 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2022
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 10,138 people all over the world
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$2,201.43

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

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.

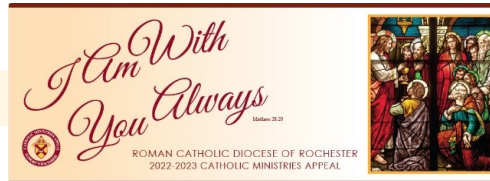


Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

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.



Thank you to all who have pledged their support!

As of Friday, January 13, 313

households have pledged \$72,359.75 taking us to 87.18% of our \$83,000 goal.

Please fill out your envelope, be sure to make your check payable to: CMA and put 039-St John's—Greece in the check memo.

As furnished by the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.

Anonymous

Ms. Aylssa Simone

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers, January/February 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 22, 2023 Ron LaForce
February 5, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato
February 19, 2023 Ron LaForce

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 22, 2023 Chris Hoefler
January 29, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
February 5, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
February 12, 2023 Chris Hoefler
February 19, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
February 26, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 5, 2023 Bob And Barb Gotham