

St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 28, 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.



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/
Ps 3:2-7/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/
Ps 86:1-6/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/
Ps 32:1-2, 5- 7/
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/
1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12d/
Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Mal 3:1-4/
Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13/
Ps 119:9- 14/
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/
Ps 147:1-6/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

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 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.

We All Yearn for That which Will Sustain Us

Years ago, in record numbers, people tuned in to watch the television show *Survivor*. For weeks they were fascinated with each episode. It was centered on a group of people sent to a remote island to do unimaginable things in order to be declared the ultimate survivor. The human spirit was tested to the ultimate limit. With each passing day the participants, along with millions of viewers, weighed the pros and cons of who might be voted off the island. All the effort of the human spirit was at work to be declared the survivor.

We all yearn for that which will sustain us; that which will feed and nourish us; that which will help us to survive. The EUCHARIST, the bread from heaven, must become our daily bread. Prayer, nourishment for our souls, must be a part



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of our daily lives. Acts of charity, almsgiving, and tithing are ways of sharing God's love with others and help to keep us on the path to eternal life. The daily challenge we face is in how we survive the trappings of this life so that we may enjoy the rewards of eternal life. What are we willing to do, what are we willing to sacrifice with our faith intact?

The various aspects of Mass affect our journey of celebrating the rhythms of our life in the Lord. Jesus promised that anyone who comes to him and believes shall never be hungry or thirsty.

As the saying goes, "Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way."



Peace and may God bless us all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

St Blaise

Blessing of Throats at all Masses next weekend, February 3/4

THIS Saturday, February 3 is the feast day of St. Blaise, a physician who was a fourth century bishop in Armenia in what is now Turkey. While in prison for refusing to renounce his faith, he saved a man who was choking on a fish bone. Later he was tortured in prison and beheaded, becoming a martyr for his Christian faith. Seventeen centuries after his death, he is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from throat diseases.



Priest prays: *Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil: + in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

We pray: *Almighty and eternal God, St. Blaise was a faithful servant whose life serves as a model for us all. He lived a life of faith and trusted in your divine mercy. You gave him a special gift of healing, a sign of the miraculous power of your love. Grant to us your protection against the forces of evil and illness. As we encounter you in the Eucharist, help us also to see you in those who are sick and in need of physical healing. We ask for these things in your Holy Name. Amen.*

Masses for the Week—Jan 29—Feb 4

MONDAY, January 29 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Anthony Evangelista*
 by George J. Faris

TUESDAY, January 30 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *The Souls in Purgatory*
 by Parishioner

WEDNESDAY, January 31 *St John Bosco*
 8:15 AM + *Roseann Scarson*
 by Friend

THURSDAY, February 1 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, February 2 *Presentation of the Lord*
 8:15 AM + *Mae Sassano*
 by Family
 10:00 AM **Benediction**

SATURDAY, Feb 3 *Sts Blaise & Ansgar*
 8:15 AM + *Fr Peter's Intentions*
 4:00 PM + *Erasmus DiTucci*
 by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, February 4 *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John's, Living & Deceased*
 10:00 AM + *Giuseppe Mistretta*
 by Frank & Lorrie DiBisceglie

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 28
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center

Monday, January 29
 9:00 AM Bible Study on Parish Center

First Friday, February 2
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration
 with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

First Saturday, February 3
 8:15 AM First Saturday Mass followed by Rosary,
 Meditation, and Devotional Prayers in Church
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, February 4
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3
Christopher Linsler	Frank Lioi	John Loncle	Bernard Maloney	Kevin Mannara	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



Our Most Recent Christians
 St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, New York
Jackson Henry Ricigliano
 and
Theodore Fiyero Roberts

On the day of your baptism, God looked upon you with joy and blessed you abundantly.

May the Holy Spirit always guide you and light your path in life.

The Lord's blessings were poured upon you as the waters of baptism were poured over your soul.

May you always walk with Jesus and keep him close to your heart.

We welcome Jackson and Theodore into the Catholic Church and it is our prayer that this time of grace will fortify their journeys of faith together with their parents and godparents.

"Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 10: 14





Soon, members of the Knights of Columbus Council 3892 together with St. John's Parishioners, will be resuming our **Lenten Fish Frys** here at St. John's. Details will be available in next weekend's bulletin, however, in the meantime, we are reaching out for your help. We are **looking for someone to fill a *vacant position** as the second person of a two-person team as a Meal Order Taker. To fulfill this role, one would ideally need to be available for each of the (6) Fish Frys beginning February 16, 2024, thru and including March 22, 2024. Your arrival time to the Parish Center will be 3:45 PM and you would finish up at 7:00 PM. The duties would consist of taking orders for dine-in or take-out meals along with receiving payments from the customers as they place their order. We would, of course, like to fill this position soon so if this opportunity is calling your name, give us a call; we'd love to hear from you. You may contact Rick Paoletti at 489-9555 or the Parish Office at 225-8980. Thank you for your consideration in filling this open position which supports the Knights of Columbus Council 3892 and our beloved St. John's Church.

**This position was previously held by our faithful and ever-helpful parishioner, Jan Gallucci. With mixed emotion, Jan decided to relocate and the absence of her presence among us certainly leaves a void in various ways. She was always offering a helping hand in whatever capacity she could. Together, Jan and Nick Verdino (our other Meal Order Taker) did a wonderful job each week. We are blessed to have Nick on the team again this year and whomever fills the vacancy left by Jan, we're confident will be a great addition and asset.*



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2024, and in parishes next weekend February 3/4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Share a Prayer

The person who submitted these prayers saw them in our bulletin, cut them out, and prays them every morning. As we prepare to honor our Blessed Mother at our upcoming First Saturday Mass next weekend, let us remember to pray these 5 Fatima Prayers that were taught to the 3 shepherd children by the Angel of Peace and The Blessed Mother in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

The Pardon Prayer

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

The Angel's Prayer

Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Sacrifice Prayer

O My Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Rosary Decade Prayer

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

And always, please strive to pray the Rosary daily for World Peace and to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

If you have a special prayer you'd like to share, please send it in to the Parish Office and we will publish it in an upcoming bulletin as space allows. Your name is not necessary, however, if a first name is made available, we may choose to use it or not at our discretion. It is our hope that we begin to include at least some, if not all, of these prayers into our daily prayer life.

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...

- 54,659 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2023.
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 10,069 people all over the world.
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$2,186.

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.

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — *Why? How?* — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition?

The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy.

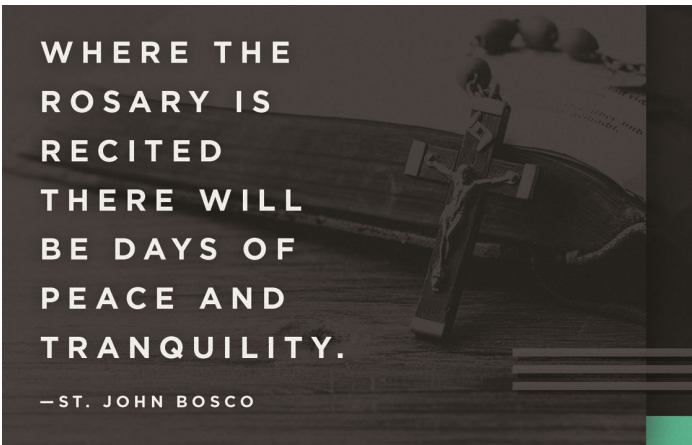
They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look

upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

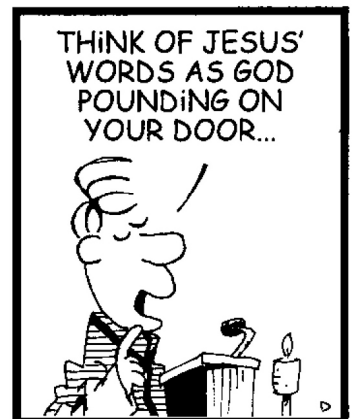
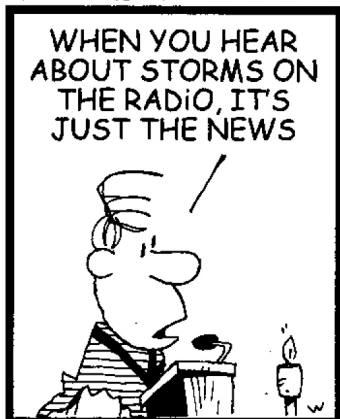
The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95:7

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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Rev. Edward J. Dillon, *Dioecese of Rochester*
 Angelina Masters *Mother of James Masters*
 Maximiana Opida *Mother of Raphael and Thomas Opida*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Lawrence Burke**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Geraldine Burke**
- ✚ Marian I **Leonard Baglio**
- ✚ Marian II **Gertrude Baglio**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



January 13/14	ATTENDANCE.....	322
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,048.22
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,290.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,338.22
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	1,191.78)

January 20/21	ATTENDANCE.....	367
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,356.07
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	3,703.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,059.07
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	2,529.07

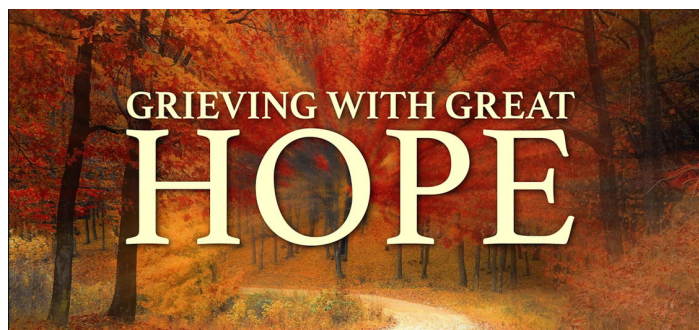
Fiscal Year 2023-24 as January 21, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	285,900.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	283,192.80
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	2,707.20)

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

NOTE: If not already received, you will soon be receiving your 2023 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. Again, we look for support from all parishioners.

God bless,
 Fr. Peter



A way to help those who are grieving after the loss of a loved one

Jesus wept before breathing new life into Lazarus. So, too, those who have lost loved ones suffer and weep.

Please consider joining the next offering of Grieving With Great Hope this Lent—sharing our weeping and pain with Jesus.

Saturday, February 10 through Saturday, March 16, 2024, 12:30—2:30 PM

at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd., Conference Room #2

This program is free and all are welcome. Registration forms available at Our Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross, St. Theodore's, St. Charles and St. Lawrence OR by calling Our Mother of Sorrow 663-5432 or Holy Cross 663-2244.

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.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of Antioch in the first century, was a direct disciple of the apostle John. Despite being thrown to the lions and martyred in Rome’s Colosseum for his faith, his teachings and hope for Christian unity live on as early examples of Christian theology.



Throughout his ministry, he emphasized the importance of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine, considering the Eucharist as the “medicine of immortality” and “the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ.” His writings passionately affirmed the significance of partaking in the Eucharistic celebration as a means to unite with Christ and fellow believers. ©LPi

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers January/February 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 4, 2024	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
February 18, 2024	Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

January 28, 2024	Bob & Barb Gotham
February 4, 2024	Tom Grieco
February 11, 2024	Bob & Barb Gotham
February 18, 2024	Tom Grieco

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 28, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
February 4, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
February 11, 2024	Chris Hoefler
February 18, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
February 25, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin