

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 16, 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.*



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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

Ex 1:8-14, 22/  
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-8/  
Mt 10:34—11:1

### Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a/  
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/  
Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/  
Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday

Ex 3:13-20/  
Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/  
Mt 11:28-30

### Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14/  
Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18/  
Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday

Sg 3:1-4b  
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19/  
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/  
Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43

## 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.

### Destiny

“There is no such thing as chance; and what seems to us as mere accident, springs 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 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 the 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 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 a 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 change per the determinations 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? What better way than to commit ourselves to a deeper prayer life. 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 and love to all,  
Father Peter*

God is entrusting to you the task ... of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.  
—St. John Paul II

### Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality —The Buildings of Our Parishes

Our seven parishes have a lot of buildings—something like 30 total. These include churches, rectories, schools, parish centers, office space, garages, and a former convent. At least one is in the process of being sold. There is a spreadsheet with detailed information about each parish's buildings, how they are being used, their condition, and special features/assets. If you would like a copy, please ask at your parish office.



Our Mass Book opened via telephone this past Wednesday afternoon, July 12,

2023, for those who will like to schedule Masses during the months of September through December, 2023. Please call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 during regular office hours. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that have been in place.

**Masses for the Week—July 17—23**

**MONDAY, July 17** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + **Terry White**  
 by Family

**TUESDAY, July 18** *St Camillus de Lellis*  
 8:15 AM + **Lawrence Rossignolo**  
 by Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 19** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + **Rose Marie Skrypek**  
 by Family

**THURSDAY, July 20** *St Apollinaris*

**FRIDAY, July 21**  
*St Lawrence of Brindisi & Blessed Francis Jordan*  
 8:15 AM + **Jeanne Beattie**  
 by Sister, Maureen

**SATURDAY, July 22** *St Mary Magdalene*  
 4:00 PM + **Immacolata Fiorillo**  
 by Son & Family

**SUNDAY, July 23** *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + **Rosemary & George Raisbeck**  
 by Jean & Tom  
 10:00 AM + **The People of St John the Evangelist**

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, July 17**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry  
 in the Parish Center and Church

**Asking for a Change of Heart**

Just prior to me leaving, it was brought to my attention that the prayer information display in memory of Nick Lipa, located in the Narthex near the inside center doors, has been found on multiple occasions to be turned around with the front of the display facing the wall and the back of the display facing forward. At first it was thought this was inadvertent but the recurring action indicates otherwise.

As your Pastor, I kindly ask that this action stop immediately and should the person(s) responsible for this have a concern with something, I ask that you please contact me directly. Let us always remember, we are called as Christians to love one another. *God bless, Fr. Peter*



**Collecting NEW Underwear and Socks for Men, Women, and Children FINAL Day**

Dear Friends at St. John's,  
 I am the program coordinator at the Greece Clothing Closet. We currently have a great need for new underwear and socks for Men, Women, and Children. We reach out for your donations of any of these items (of any size or style) knowing they will be helpful to those in need within our community. There will be bins available at each of the



far end doors and at the center doors of church to drop off your donations

concluding **THIS Sunday, July 16, 2023.**  
 Those of us at the Greece Clothing Closet and, of course, the recipients will be most grateful for your generosity in supporting this need within our community.  
 Diane Kozakiewicz  
 Greece Ecumenical Clothing Closet  
[greececlothingcloset@gmail.com](mailto:greececlothingcloset@gmail.com)  
 (585)781-0736

*Dear Fr. Peter and Parishioners of St. John's Parish,*  
*It was an unexpected blessing to receive your gift of \$935.04 from your Lenten Giving Program. On behalf of our staff, children and families, I thank you for your kindness to Nazareth Elementary. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of our children. With so many of our families struggling to make ends meet, each donation helps to ease their worries about tuition and educational resources.*  
*May you be blessed abundantly for your thoughtfulness in sharing with those in need. Have a refreshing summer!*  
*Peace and prayers,*  
 Sr. Margaret Mancuso, Principal

**Sunday, July 16** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it.  
God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods,  
Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;  
The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain.  
They shout and sing for joy.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

**Second Reading** Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.  
All who come to him will have life forever.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** Mt 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”





**Please Join Us for Our Parish Information Night for RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Coming this Fall, 2023, St. John’s will offer our parish RCIA Program led by Rick Paoletti and supported by our pastor, Fr. Peter. What is RCIA you may ask? RCIA is a process in which one discerns his/her desire to become a baptized and fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. RCIA is also a process for those who are already baptized Christians who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thirdly, RCIA is an opportunity for Catholics who are already fully initiated (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church who desire a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings.

By taking part in the RCIA program, one is not obligated to fulfill what the program’s intended purpose is, however, it is our prayerful desire this will come to fruition. Therefore, we encourage you to come and gather more information and have your questions answered at our parish **Information Night for RCIA** taking place in our Parish Center on **Wednesday evening, August 23, at 6:00 PM.**

**Pre-registration is required on or before Wednesday, August 16 by calling the Parish Office at 585-225-8980 or via e-mail to: [gstjohnt@dor.org](mailto:gstjohnt@dor.org).**

We look forward to hearing from you, your family members, or friends! God bless.

**It’s That Time of Year Again. Faith Formation for 2023-2024 School Year**

For those who have not registered for one of the Faith Formation Summer Camps at St. Charles or St. Lawrence, you can register for home schooling Faith Formation here at St. John’s for children entering K-6 this Fall.

**Sacraments for 2023-2024 School Year**

If you have a child entering the 2nd grade or have not yet made their First Penance and First Communion, please register them to start the preparation.

If you have a child entering the 8th grade, they can be registered for the 2-year Confirmation program.

**ALL Registration forms can be found in the back of church.**

**All PAID registration forms should be turned in to the parish office no later than Tuesday, August 1**

For additional information you can contact Cris Simone at 261-0831.



**Soil Conditions**

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn’t swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it’s all about the soil conditions — at least, that’s what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like “Why aren’t any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard.” I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can’t understand why it’s not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have



*“...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”*

Isaiah 55:11

I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it’s all about the soil.*

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer

the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.



**Rev. Timothy Horan**  
*Recent Pastor of Holy Trinity Church*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ **Tabernacle I In Honor of Fr. Peter's 39th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II John Lacek, Sr.**
- ✚ **Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ **Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>July 1/2</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	446
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,629.96
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,442.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,071.96
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	541.55

**Second Collection**

Peter's Pence.....	\$	1,219.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,210.00
TOTAL Offering.....	\$	2,454.00

<b>July 8/9</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	405
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	10,211.06
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,600.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,811.06
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	3,281.06

**Second Collection**

European Relief.....	\$	723.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	35.00
TOTAL Offering.....	\$	758.00

**Fiscal Year 2023-24 as July 9, 2023**

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	19,060.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	22,883.02
OVERAGE for Fiscal Year.....	\$	3,823.02

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



**A Friendly Reminder**

We remind those who are lighting devotional candles in church (the red ones by the Tabernacle and the blue ones by the Marian Shrine), that the donation for each candle is \$5.00 and to please place your donation in one of the envelopes provided at the candle stands. There are directions on the envelope where to place your donation. We recently received word from the supplier of an upcoming price increase for these candles. It is our intention (although subject to change) to maintain the current

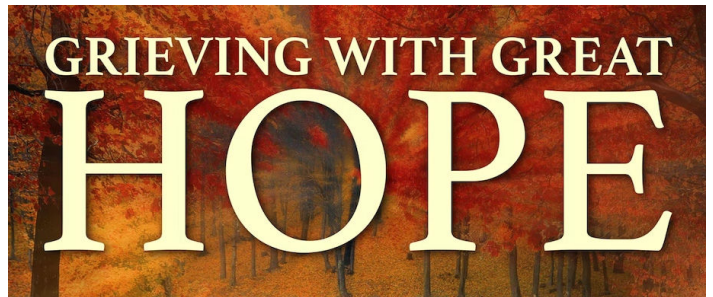
requested donation of \$5.00 per candle, so we ask everyone to please remember to make your donation and be sure to use the envelopes provided so we know the money is to be directed for these candles. There is no need to provide your name. We are happy to have these candles available for you to light as you seek intercession for your prayer intentions. Many blessings to all.

**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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



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



**Grieving with Great HOPE**

**Session begins on Saturday, August 5 at 1:00 PM.**  
St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Rd. in Gates

*Grieving with Great HOPE* is a six-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend - you are encouraged to attend. The program is free and all are welcome to attend.

**Please contact St. Theodore's parish office at 429-6811 for more information and/or to register.**

*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.**

# Have You Heard?

**WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!**

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

## Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July 2023

### HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 23, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

### THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

July 16, 2023 Tom Gieco  
July 23, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

### ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 16, 2023 Terry & Pam Hearne  
July 23, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
July 30, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin