

St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 2, 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.



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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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

2Eph 2:19-22/
Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

Gn19:15-29/
Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/
Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Gn 22:1b-19/
Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/
Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/
Ps 106:1b-5/
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/
Ps 135:1b-6/
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10/
Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/
Mt 11:25-30

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.

The Mass Has Ended

Some people stay after Mass to pray. Why, if they just prayed at Mass for an hour? After Mass has ended, many people enjoy an age-old practice of praying in church after Mass. These are traditionally known as prayers of thanksgiving and focus on thanking God for the great gift that we have received in the Eucharist and in the mystery of our redemption. While these prayers are not obligatory, they are perfectly acceptable and encouraging ways for us to keep in mind the importance of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass itself. As such, this spirit of prayer should be fostered and respected in the church even after mass. The sacred space of the church should remain a place of quiet prayer at all times, even after Mass when we might be inclined to greet our neighbors. Certainly, after Mass is a great time to catch up with friends and build up our parish community, but we should also respect an atmosphere of prayer for those who wish to pray after Mass.

Perhaps the most fitting way to close would be with one of these traditional prayers of thanksgiving after Mass attributed to St Thomas Aquinas.



Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank you, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, you have fed me with the precious body and blood

of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good. May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to you, the one true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with you.

And I pray that you will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with your Son and Holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



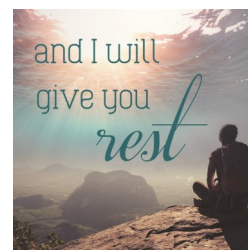
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Mass Book Opening

More details will follow in next weekend's bulletin but in the

meantime, mark your calendar that the Mass Book will open Wednesday **afternoon**, July 12, **beginning at 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM** for the months of September through December, 2023. Please know that this is not the only time you can call to schedule a Mass for these months but it's the first date/time you can do so. Thank you.



Time of Respite

As mentioned previously, I will be taking a needed time of respite for mind, body, and soul. I will return home to Ghana on Thursday, July 6 and will return to St. John's on Wednesday, August 16. While I am away I will celebrate my 39th

Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination with my family and brother priests. As I also mentioned, during my time away, Fr. Bob Ring will be celebrating Masses including any funerals should the need arise. I ask that you please keep me in your prayers and be assured you will remain in mine.

Masses for the Week—July 3—9

MONDAY, July 3 *St Thomas, Apostle*
 8:15 AM + *Gloria Cocchini*
 by John & Carol Leary

TUESDAY, July 4 Independence Day
 8:15 AM + *Daniel Englert*
 by Judy Weiser

WED, July 5 *Sts Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal*
 8:15 AM + *Virginie Taylor*
 by Spencer & Clark Families

THURSDAY, July 6 *St Maria Goretti*

FIRST FRIDAY, July 7 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Angelo Zegarelli*
 by Ellis & Katherine DiNitto
 10:00 AM + *Benediction*

SATURDAY, July 8 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *The People of St John the Evangelist*

SUNDAY, July 9 *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Mary Jane Consler*
 by Maureen Beattie
 10:00 AM + *Alfreda Weise*
 by Daughter, Eileen

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 3
 NO Bible Study Today
 Parish Office CLOSED

Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day
 Parish Office CLOSED

First Friday, July 7
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration
 with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church



**Parish Office CLOSED
 THIS Monday, July 3 and
 THIS Tuesday, July 4 as we
 celebrate Independence Day.**



Prayer for the Fourth of July

“Happy the nation whose God is the Lord.”

Psalms 33:12

Eternal God, stir Thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Thy holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.

Congressional Prayer offered by Chaplain, Reverend Edward G. Latch on Wednesday, July 3, 1974.



A Time To Say Goodbye

We have been blessed by your presence among us, Bishop Afoakwah, here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church. We are happy you were able to return once again with the pandemic behind us. Your gift of Masses, bringing us your homilies, leading us in the Praise and Worship Holy Hour, praying for us and with us, and blessing

us with Anointing have been priceless gifts and appreciated by all of us. May your journey home be safe and smooth and until we meet again, may God hold you and the people of the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi in the palm of His hand.



Sunday, July 2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,
through all generations
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;"
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

You are the splendor of their strength,
and by your favor our horn is exalted.
For to the LORD belongs our shield,
and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**Second Reading** Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia 1 Pt 2:9**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Mt 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."



Collecting NEW Underwear and Socks for Men, Women, and Children

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

beginning **Saturday, July 8, through, and including 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.

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Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

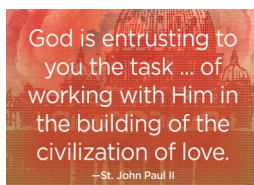
As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered.

...getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **"surely will not lose our reward."** The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

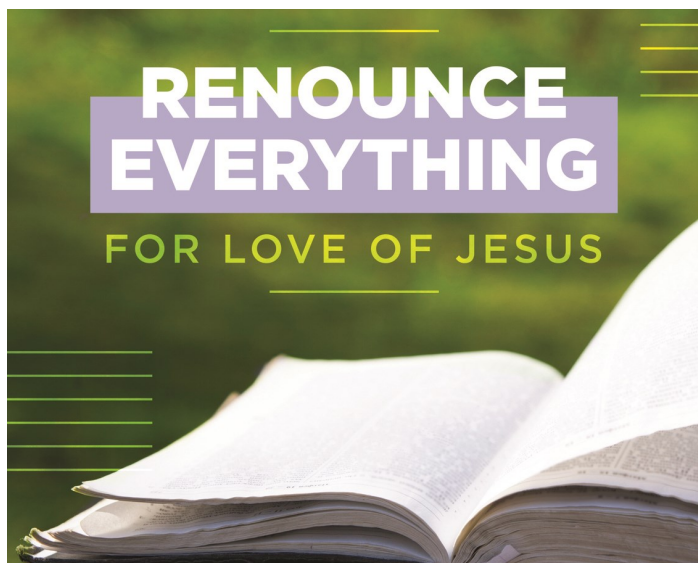
— Father John Muir ©LPi



Pastoral Planning: Highlighting the Keeping in Touch Ministry of St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence's Keeping in Touch (KIT) ministry is part of the parish's Faith in Action committee. KIT

members provide regular visits and bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners living in private homes, senior living facilities, group homes, and hospitals. Some members lead Communion services and Rosary groups in apartment complexes at Greece Gardens at Town Center and The Village at Mill Landing. Others visit Unity Hospital, Wegmans Cottages at Unity, and The Villages at Unity, or other facilities if requested. At Christmas the KIT ministry provides Prayer Partners with poinsettias; members also reach out with cards, phone calls, and bulletins throughout the year. Parishioners or their family ministries are encouraged to contact the parish rectory to arrange KIT services. Presently about 15 volunteers visit about 75 Prayer Partners. All agree it is a blessing to share the Love of God and His Precious Body.





Concetta “Connie” Dennison *Sister of Nancy Lader*
Rick Meneghini *Nephew of Paul & Audrey Parkman*



This Week’s Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Our Nation**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **World Leaders**
- ✚ Marian I **Deacon Bob Burke**
- ✚ Marian II **Virginie Taylor**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



June 17/18	ATTENDANCE.....	404
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,704.11
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,121.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,825.11
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING...(\$		880.89)

June 24/25	ATTENDANCE.....	407
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	Week 52; no budget	
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,586.20
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,127.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,713.20
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....(\$		9,713.20)

Fiscal Year 2021-22 as June 25, 2023*

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	495,000.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	486,871.83
SHORTAGE for Fiscal Year.....(\$		8,134.17)

**Fiscal year ends June 30, 2023.*

I would like to thank everyone for what we have achieved this past fiscal year. Although I am very grateful for ALL your contributions, we are in a shortfall as noted above. We are all going through tough economic times but I will encourage each of us to continue to remember the Church.

Fr. Peter



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.

SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a sign of mercy.

2nd Collection

THIS Weekend, July 1/2

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.



Examples of Our Faith

**Servant of God
Fernando Rielo Pardal**

Servant of God Fernando Rielo Pardal was a philosopher, mystical poet, author, and founder of the Idente Missionaries of Christ the Redeemer. He also founded a metaphysical school of

thought called the Genetic Metaphysics of Fernando Rielo.

Prayer

Father, who granted Your son Fernando the grace of following Your voice and that of Your Son, Jesus Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, when You said, “Be holy, son, as I, Your Father, am holy” Mt 5:48, grant that I, too, following his example, may fully live the love to which You call me and, in imitating your Son, Jesus Christ, or Firstborn Brother, make Your name known so that all of us, on feeling ourselves to be children of the Father, may worship You.

I ask You, Father, to glorify your son Fernando and to grant me, through his intercession, the grace which I request. Amen.

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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.**



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 9, 2023 Ron LaForce
July 23, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

July 2, 2023 Tom Gieco
July 9, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
July 16, 2023 Tom Gieco
July 23, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 2, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
July 9, 2023 Chris Hoefler
July 16, 2023 Terry & Pam Hearne
July 23, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
July 30, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin