

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 23, 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 righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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 14:5-18/  
Ex 15:1bc-6/  
Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday

2 Cor 4:7-15/  
Ps 126:1bc-6/  
Mt 20:20-28

#### Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/  
Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/  
Mt 13:1-9

#### Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/  
Dn 3:52- 56/  
Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday

Ex 20:1-17/  
Ps 19:8-11/  
Mt 13:18-23

#### Saturday

Ex 24:3-8/  
Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Jn 11:19-27

#### Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/  
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/  
Rom 8:28-30/  
Mt 13:44-52

## Welcome!

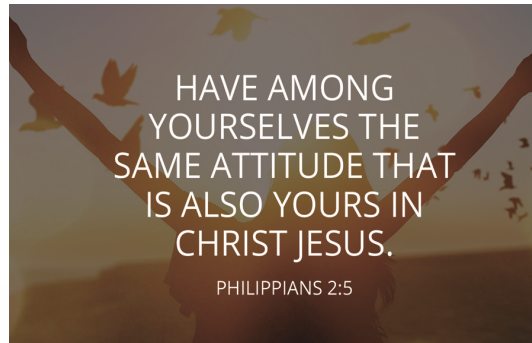
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, 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.

### Nothing is Too Big for God

If you were to read the editorial pages of any newspapers in the country today, one would find a variety of opinions about many issues. Not everyone thinks the same way. The various opinions usually depend on the culture, religious traditions, or politics of the people in an area. The same can be said about Christians; we represent diverse groups of people. While we are many people, we are all one in Christ. However, as with us Christians, there are different spiritual ways to arrive at a place God wants us to be. Remember, like reading editorials, every day we are free to choose the attitude we will bring as Christians. This story that someone told me over 15 years ago is a blessing and a lesson for all of us.

“Two men went fishing. One was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back in the water. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste such good fish. ‘Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?’ he asked. The inexperienced fisherman replied, ‘I only have a small frying pan.’ Such was his intention.”

**Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back the big plans, big dreams, big jobs, great**



**opportunities that God gives us. Our faith is too small.** We laugh at that fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan; yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith? What specific effort do we take in that direction? How is our church important to us in our

everyday outlook of things? How do we grow in the faith? We should not be afraid to be open and vulnerable to the Holy Spirit working in us. If we do, we will see God's power more clearly, and readily invite him into our heart. Each of us is called to be a disciple of encouraging words. Each of us is called to be a disciple of prayer. Each of us is called to be a disciple of charity, willfully giving of our time, talent, and treasure to support the Church. Each of us is called to be a disciple of welcome to the holy people who come to us, who are sent by God, to lead, challenge, and call the world to Christ. One thing that everybody in the world wants and needs is friendliness. It is by our work and support that we, ourselves, are active and vibrant in the ministry of the Church. Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give us anything bigger than we can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way. We can do all things through Christ Philippians 3:13. Nothing is too big for God.



*God bless you all,  
Father Peter*



**Masses for the Week—July 24—30**

**MONDAY, July 24** *St Sharbel Makhluf*  
 8:15 AM + *Frank and Sylvia Rutkowski*  
 by Family

**TUESDAY, July 25** *St James, Apostle*  
 8:15 AM + *William Reynolds*  
 by Donna & Jonathan Verdun

**WEDNESDAY, July 26** *Sts Joachim & Anne*  
 8:15 AM + *Evelyn Powers*  
 by Pat & Richard Powers

**THURSDAY, July 27** *Weekday*

**FRIDAY, July 28** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Nicholas Lipa*  
 by Sara and Jean Rossignolo

**SATURDAY, July 29** *Sts Martha, Mary , and Lazarus*  
 4:00 PM + *The People of St John the Evangelist*

**SUNDAY, July 30** *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Kenneth Preston*  
 by Catherine DeConinck & Martha Woledge  
 10:00 AM + *Teresa Torio*  
 by Knights of Columbus Council 3892

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, July 24**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center




**JULY**  
 Month of the  
*Precious Blood*

**Welcome Father Ring**

You have been with us for a couple of weeks now, Father Ring, and we want you to know we are happy you are here and that we look forward to you ministering to us for the next month or so. While we miss Father Peter, it's always nice to welcome other priests to our beloved St. John's every now and then, and we are grateful for the time you are here with us. We look to grow in our faith each and every day and we thank you for ALL you do to assist us in doing so. Without our priests, there is no Eucharist, so THANK YOU for your gift of the priesthood to bring us the most priceless Gift ever! We keep you and all our priests in our prayers.

REPENT, THEN,  
 AND TURN TO GOD,  
 SO THAT YOUR SINS  
 MAY BE WIPED OUT.



**NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival**

**God** is doing something  
**NEW**

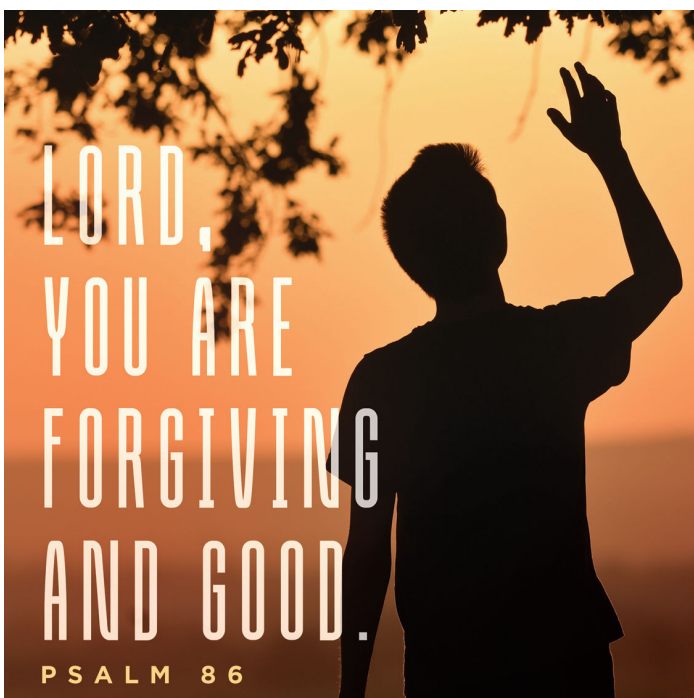
and he is calling you  
 to be a part of it!

Scan the code to get started! [Eucharisticrevival.org](http://Eucharisticrevival.org)



**Sunday, July 23** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Wis 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.****Second Reading** Rom 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

**Alleluia** Cf. Mt 11:25**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.****Gospel** Mt 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said,

'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"





## STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS—JULY 26

### **Memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Saints Joachim and Anne's Story

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

### **Reflection**

This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

—Franciscan Media

**Saints Joachim and Anne are the Patron Saints of:**  
Grandparents **Saint Anne is the Patron Saint of:** Mothers  
and Women in Labor



### **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.

### **RCIA Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith  
and for the Catholic Church.**

**We pray for those You are calling to Yourself.**

**May all in our community open their hearts  
to the fullness of Your love.**

**Encourage others to seek a greater understanding  
of You through us. Allow our parish  
to be a welcoming spiritual home and a light to all.**

**O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts,  
who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other  
souls, inspire us with the ardor of your zeal that we may  
pray and work for the conversion of our brothers  
and sisters redeemed in the blood of Christ  
but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.**

**Eternal God, please send to us,  
according to your divine will, souls whom you have  
called, and pour out your Holy Spirit to work through  
us to set all our hearts afire for Your Kingdom.**

**We ask this through Your Son Jesus,  
who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.**

**Amen.**

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- ✚ Tabernacle II **Seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester**
- ✚ Marian I **Victims of Human Trafficking**
- ✚ Marian II **Our Homebound Parishioners**

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



### July 15/16

ATTENDANCE.....385

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,338.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,460.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 7,798.02
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 1,731.98)

### Fiscal Year 2023-24 as July 16, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$ 486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 28,590.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 30,681.04
OVERAGE TO-DATE.....	\$ 2,091.04

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



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

### CYO Soccer this Fall

Our neighbors at St. Lawrence are in the process of planning for CYO Soccer this Fall. Two Coed teams will be formed with the first team consisting of girls and boys who will be 3rd & 4th graders this Fall and the second team will be girls and boys who will be 5th & 6th graders this Fall.



**For those interested, registration forms are on the table in the Narthex by the center doors.**



### Did you know?

- Most human trafficking victims are women and children.
- Nearly 20% of homeless children in the U.S. are forced into prostitution. Millions are trafficked worldwide, with 300,000 children at risk in the U.S.
- The \$32 billion industry of human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise worldwide, second in profits only to the illegal drug industry.

### *You can make a difference!*

Consider seeing the movie Sound of Freedom in theatres now and then...Join us in Prayer to End Human Trafficking with Outdoor Stations of the Cross Procession

### **Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 12:30 PM**

Sacred Heart Cathedral - front steps  
296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615  
*Procession to Lake Ave., to Ridgeway, back to Cathedral*

**Contact Deacon Mike Kristan for more information**  
(585) 633-0397 or [michael.kristan@dor.org](mailto:michael.kristan@dor.org)



**Do What Needs to Be Done**

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, “Do the drill,” meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill! — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

*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 23, 2023                      Steve & Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

July 23, 2023                      Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 23, 2023                      Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
July 30, 2023                      Dan & Melissa Kabasin