

St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 9, 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 to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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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

Gn 28:10-22a/
Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33/
Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab,15/
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/
Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/
Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Is 55:10-11/
Ps 65:1, 11-14/
Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23

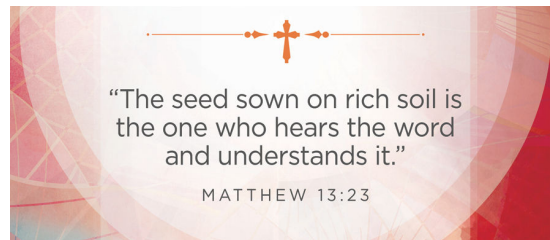
Welcome!

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.

We Believe that Faith is a Gift

As Catholics we believe that faith is a gift that we receive at Baptism and it grows within us as we **live, learn, worship, and celebrate** with our Christian family—**THE CHURCH**.

Faith is a powerful gift and Jesus in the Sacred Scriptures speaks about it very often. Faith the size of a mustard seed would be sufficient to uproot a sycamore tree and cast it into the sea Luke 17:6. Because of her faith, the woman who suffered twelve years from hemorrhages was healed simply by touching the tassel of the cloak Jesus was wearing Matthew 9:22. Sight was restored to some who were blind because of their faith Matthew 9:29, and the faith of men who lowered their friend through the roof brought healing and forgiveness to their paralyzed companion Mark 2:5. We cannot take the gift for granted. It was in his own hometown of Nazareth that Jesus was distressed by the lack of faith found in his people Mark 6:6. We must profess our faith each week in the CREED but we must guard against just



reciting words. Jesus criticized those who performed acts of prayer, fasting, or charity in order to appear holy; our actions should flow from the faith we profess right from the time of

our Baptism. When we act out our faith, we grow in faith. As your Pastor, I am calling on all to act out in faith as we pray and reflect on the power and presence of God in our lives.

God continually draws us to himself and has written in our hearts a deep desire for communication with him. Faith is our response to this desire expressed in our religious practices and values we hold in life. It is in our faith relationship with God that **In him we live and move and have our being** Acts 17:28. **Faith is a gift from God—a response from us to God.** I am thankful to God for your faith and generosity to our Beloved St. John's.

*Peace and love to all,
Father Peter*



PMASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass Book will open via *telephone* beginning **THIS 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 on July 12 between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. After July 12 you can call during regular office hours. We are not accepting scheduling requests before July 12. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that have been in place.

*What will convert America
and save the world?
My answer is prayer.
What we need is for every parish
to come before Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament
in Holy Hours of prayer.*

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Masses for the Week—July 10—16

MONDAY, July 10 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Dan C. Canzano*
 by Paul and Nancy Westlake

TUESDAY, July 11 *St Benedict*
 8:15 AM + *Jeanette Colangelo*
 by Tom & Jean

WEDNESDAY, July 12 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Richard A. D’Imperio*
 by Family

THURSDAY, July 13 *St Henry*

FRIDAY, July 14 *St Kateri Tekakwitha*
 8:15 AM + *Domenico Zegarelli*
 by Eileen Zegarelli

SATURDAY, July 15 *St Bonaventure*
 4:00 PM *Fr. Peter’s 39th Anniversary*
of Priesthood Ordination

SUNDAY, July 16 *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John the Evangelist*
 10:00 AM + *Jeff Lader*
 by Family

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

This Week’s Schedule



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 **THIS Saturday, July 8, through, and including NEXT 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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Celebrating our Pastor

Although Father Peter is away, we certainly want to recognize the 39th Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination **THIS Saturday, July 15, 2023.** We are happy Father can celebrate at home with family, friends, and brother

priests, knowing that we are with him in spirit on this very special occasion. Let each of us offer Father Peter a spiritual bouquet of praying a Rosary on his anniversary day. For those who wish to send along your congratulations and well wishes, please do so and they will be waiting for him as “fun” mail upon his return.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Father Peter

Sunday, July 9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Zec 9:9-10

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy,
O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt,
the foal of an ass.

He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse
from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and
he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall
be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the
earth.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

Second Reading Rom 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and sisters:

You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the
spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus
from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ
from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to
the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live
according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit
you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for
although you have hidden these things from the wise and
the learned you have revealed them to little ones.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things
have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows
the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father
except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to re-
veal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I
will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from
me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find
rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden
light.”



Thank you

Recognizing Those Who Go the Extra Mile

Since the start of 2023, the following have been recipients of our parish *Certificate of Appreciation* awarded by Fr. Peter and Parish Pastoral Council. These individuals, nominated by you, our parishioners, serve in various capacities including Choir, Lenten Fish Frys, Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

We extend our appreciation for all they do, for all they support, and for all they inspire.

Congratulations to
Alan Christodaro
Jeannette Gallucci
Jill Bailey
Dan & Melissa Kabasin

If there is someone you feel deserves appreciation, please share your nominee, and ways in which he/she contributes to the good of our parish, with Parish Pastoral Council Member, Sharon Miller at pmrsp74@yahoo.com



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. 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.

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: Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on May 31. This meeting was devoted to a conversation with Shannon

Kilbridge, Associate Director of the diocesan Dept. of Pastoral Services. She gave the task force a broader view of the church in the diocese, across the U.S. and the world as well as models of parish leadership and parish configuration being utilized here and elsewhere. Shannon commended our parishes for being proactive in looking at our realities, communicating transparently with parishioners, and working collaboratively to plan for the future. Other planning situations have been directed by the diocese and often connected to an immediate lack of priest availability or financial issues. In contrast, this task force was convened following a discussion/conversation among the pastoral leaders of the 7 parishes. Shannon described pitfalls other groups have fallen into and suggested additional ways to communicate effectively with parishioners. The complete minutes of this meeting are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from the parish office.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Jeanette Colangelo**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Living Benefactors of St. John's Church**
- ✚ Marian I **Deceased Benefactors of St. John's Church**
- ✚ Marian II **Vocations to the Priesthood in DOR**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to the 4th of July Holiday, the Mass attendance and contributions for July 1/2 will be posted in our July 15/16 bulletin.

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.



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



Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following dates/times:

- THIS Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 PM**
- Sun, August 13 at Noon . Wed, September 13 at 6:00 PM
- Friday, October 13 at 6:00 PM

NOTE: Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585)225-8980.



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



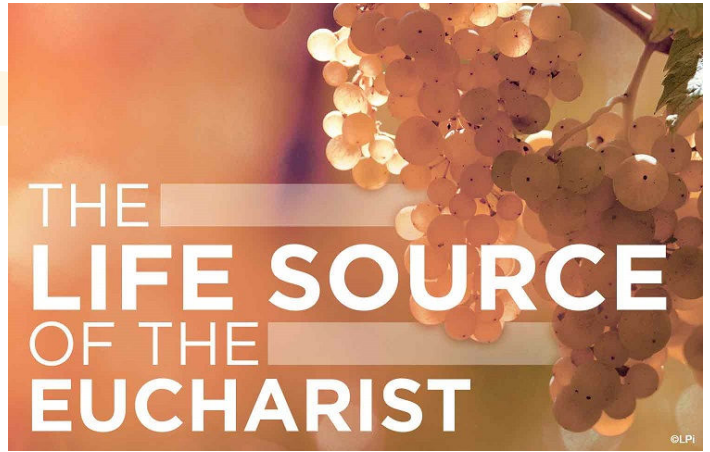
**GIVE TO OUR CHURCH
NO MATTER WHERE
YOU ARE**

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