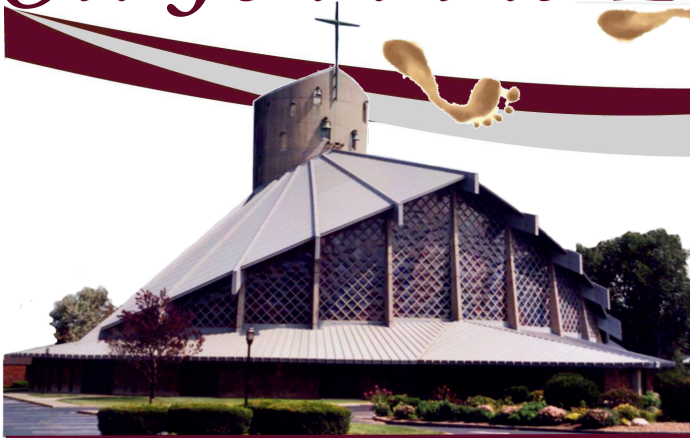


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In the Footsteps of St John

A journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure who is the patron of our parish church, St John the Evangelist.



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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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

Confession By Appointment Only.

Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980

Baptism 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 READING

Monday

Jer 13:1-11/
Dt 32:18-21/
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22/
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21/
Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/
Jn 11:19-27

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6/
Ps 146:1b-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Jer 26:1-9/
Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24/
Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Is 55:1-3/
Ps 145:8-9, 15-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21

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.

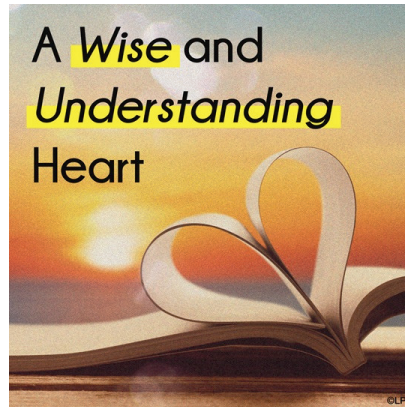
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Wise Prayer

Becoming king at somewhere between 12 and 14 years-old, Solomon realized he was young, inexperienced, and bore a heavy responsibility for a growing kingdom. He will regularly be called upon to make very difficult decisions, as will be the case in just a few verses hence. In a dream, God reassures him. With wisdom beyond his years, he prays for an understanding heart, the ability to distinguish *...know just when to cherish the old, and when to make room for the new.* right from wrong. Praying for the gifts needed to be of service to others, rather than for selfish gain – a wise prayer in every age. If Solomon had prayed in this way every morning, how much differently things may have turned out! Sadly, he let the gift of wisdom go to his head, rather than his heart. There are definitely several lessons to take home.

Meditating on Torah

The word 'law' doesn't do justice to how our Jewish brothers and sisters, and the psalmist of Psalm 119 understand Torah. It is God's instruction so that we might have a fruitful, blessed and joyful



life. What Psalm 119 lacks in plot, it more than makes up in the countless ways it reflects on the value of God's instruction, God's law, God's Word. We just get a taste in today's responsorial psalm. With 176 verses, this acrostic psalm leaves not one stone left unturned!

The Long View

Taken out of context, the claim "all things work for good for those who love God" can seem quite naïve.

But put in the context of all St. Paul writes about God's plan, and how Jews and Gentiles fit into it: that's a different story. St. Paul always seems able to take the long view. Thank God! It is in the long view that we can see how suffering led to glory for Christ, our Risen Savior, and how our suffering, united with his, can lead to glory and eternal life for us!

A Few More Parables

Jesus offers parables in this week's Gospel inviting us to consider just how precious the kingdom of God is. More to the point, the parables invite us to spend time pondering just how precious life can be when we live it in God's will and God's grace in the kingdom. Everything else pales in comparison. Discover the truth of what Jesus is teaching, and we will know just when to cherish the old, and when to make room for the new.

Very similar to the wisdom Solomon asked for!

**KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN**



Masses for the Week—July 27-Aug 2

MONDAY, JULY 27 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Donna Livingston*
by Friend

2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity*

TUESDAY, JULY 28 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Renate Lutsch*
by Jim & Cindi Grotke

WED, JULY 29 *Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

8:15 AM *Special Intention for Fr Peter*
by Barb & Bill Childs

THURSDAY, JULY 30 *St Peter Chrysologus*

FRIDAY, JULY 31 *St Ignatius of Loyola*

8:15 AM + *Carol Brancato*
by The Frankunas & Cherissis Families

FIRST SAT, AUGUST 1 *St Alphonsus Liguori*

8:15 AM + *Fr Peter's Intentions*
4:00 PM + *Evelyn Fogarty Wiesner*
by Her 5 Children

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 *18th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM *Living Members of St John's Parish*
by Family

10:00 AM *Living Members of Bailey
& Jacobs Families*
by Richard & Katie Jacobs

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, July 26

School Supply Drive in Narthex
Mission Appeal Weekend

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Mabuhay Festival in Parish Center

Monday, July 27

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, July 30

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room

Saturday, August 1

NO Prayer Shawl in August
School Supply Drive in Narthex

Sunday, August 2

School Supply Drive in Narthex



Back to School Collection

Through Sunday, August 9

It's that time of year again when many begin their

preparation for their children returning to school and we know part of this preparation is gathering school supplies. This can be a challenge for many families, especially those with multiple children and in light of the higher cost for everything. We all want our children to be well equipped with the necessary supplies so they can start off on the right foot as they begin a new school year; so we turn to you, our parishioners, who have so generously supported this annual collection. The supplies we collect will be distributed to Mrs. Rhonda Neal, Principal of Nazareth Elementary School, for the benefit of the children of Nazareth Elementary.

You can also find a wish list created by the teachers on the Nazareth website: <https://www.nazarethschools.org/support-nazareth>

You will find the collection bins for the supplies in the narthex of church by the center doors and the two far end doors between now and August 9. We thank you in advance for your support of this annual project. Thank you.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug
Frederick Helfrich	All Deacons	Peter Helfrich	James Hewes	Daniel Holland	All Missionaries	Bishop John Bonnici



Save the Date A Taste of Summer

The Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be holding their Chicken BBQ here at St. John's on

Saturday, August 14, 2026. For now, save the date; more details to follow.





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2nd Collection for Annual Diocesan Mission Appeal

Welcome Reverend Fr. Peter Nkansah from the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana

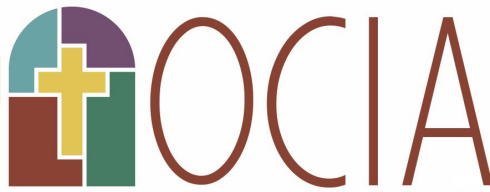
Each year parishes throughout the Diocese of Rochester hold their Mission Appeal Weekend and here at St. John's THIS weekend we do so. This year we are happy to receive Fr. Peter Nkansah who is here representing the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana. Many of us are familiar with the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi based on visits from the Bishop of Obuasi Diocese, The Most Rev. John Yaw Afoakwah, as well as many priests from that diocese who have visited us at St. John's over the past years and have assisted Fr. Peter during times when he returned home for respite.

In addition to the introductory information below, more will be shared by Fr. Nkansah as he speaks with us at Mass today. Also, there will be a 2nd collection taken for the Mission Appeal and we appreciate your ongoing generosity as you have shown in the past. **Please note: If you are writing a check for this Mission Appeal, please be sure to make it payable to St. John's Church and on the memo line, please write: Mission Appeal 2026.**

Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana The Catholic Diocese of Obuasi is comparatively young Diocese in Ghana, West Africa. It was created on March 3, 1995. It is a predominantly rural Diocese with poor road network and mainly peasant farmers who live from hand to mouth. It has a growing Catholic population of about 121,466 being 8.2% of the area population (2018) Local priests - 105; Religious priests - 6; Religious brothers -8; Catechists - 800; Parishes - 45; Major Seminarians 50; Female Religious Groups 8 with 31 Sisters (Nuns). Every parish church has a mission church attached to it. On the average every church has about 10 mission churches. Total mission churches is about 450.

Challenges Facing the Diocese:

1. Formation and training of 50 major seminarians costs \$1,500 for each seminarian annually
2. Training of catechists cost about \$500 each and we have a little more than 800 catechists
3. Training of Sunday School Teachers and Missionary Animators cost about \$5,000
4. Drilling of Wells for village churches costs \$5,000 for a well
5. Roofing of poor and needy Village churches cost a minimum of \$10,000 per church (rafters, roofing sheets and skilled labor costs); Some of our mission churches have Masses in classrooms.



Reaching Out to Those Considering Joining the Catholic Church Our Upcoming OCA Program

– Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Does someone you know – a family member, a longstanding friend, a new friend, a co-worker, or even yourself have a small desire, a strong desire or a somewhere in between desire to become Catholic? Throughout society there's evidence of a desire for people of all ages and walks of life yearning for something more – something to bring true happiness to their lives because material things do not provide long lasting happiness; only temporary happiness and it's not true happiness. God is the answer here. As practicing Catholics we can attest to the true happiness our faith in God and reception of the sacraments bring us. Being Catholic doesn't mean our lives are void of any struggles or temptations but being Catholic offers us the unconditional love and mercy of God. We certainly would love for all people to know of God's love for each of us and for us to love Him in return. Well, this is possible and doing so through our OCIA program here at St. John's is a good way to get underway.

Coming this Fall our parish OCIA Program will get underway. The program will once again be led by Rick and Kathy Paoletti with the support of our Pastor, Fr. Peter, Deacon Elmer, Deacon Lon, the Parish Staff and all parishioners of St. John's Church.. This program is open to anyone to discern his/her desire to become a baptized and fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. This program is also for those who are already baptized Christians who are seeking to be received into fully communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Also, if you are a baptized Catholic who is not yet fully initiated in the Catholic Church due to lack of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist, this program is also for you. Lastly, if you are a fully initiated Catholic (having received all 3 sacraments) and you wish to grow deeper in the faith, this program is a great opportunity to do so.

Please spread the word and encourage people you know to consider this life changing experience that can take root by way of our parish OCIA Program. If you or someone you know would like to know more about OCIA, **we recommend you attend our Parish OCIA Information Night which will take place on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center.** At this gathering you will meet the Program Coordinators – Rick and Kathy Paoletti, along with Fr. Peter and the Pastoral Staff. You will hear more about the program and have an opportunity to raise questions you may have. **For planning purposes, we kindly ask that you sign up for the Info Night by calling the Parish Office at (585)225-8980 or via e-mail: gstjohnt@dor.org**



Getting Underway Now with Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Registrations—2026-27 School Year

If you are new to our parish or have been here and your children are now of the age to begin Faith Formation and/or Sacramental Preparation, the following information is for you.

FAITH FORMATION for Grades K THRU 7:

(FEE: \$50 for one child/\$70 for two children/\$80 for three children for our Home Schooling Program here at St. John's. If you did not attend one of the summer Faith Formation sessions at one of our neighboring parishes, please be sure to register here at our parish for our 2026-27 Faith Formation Program. Please know that Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation are two different programs, each with their own study & their separate registration form & fee, therefore, children who are of the age to receive First Penance and First Eucharist, need to be registered for each program. Sacraments are to be prepared for and made at one's home parish.



FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST EUCHARIST:

(FEE for EACH Sacrament: \$25 for one child/\$40 for two children/\$50 for three or more children). If you have a child entering 2nd grade or if he/she is older and has not yet made these sacraments, now is the time to register.



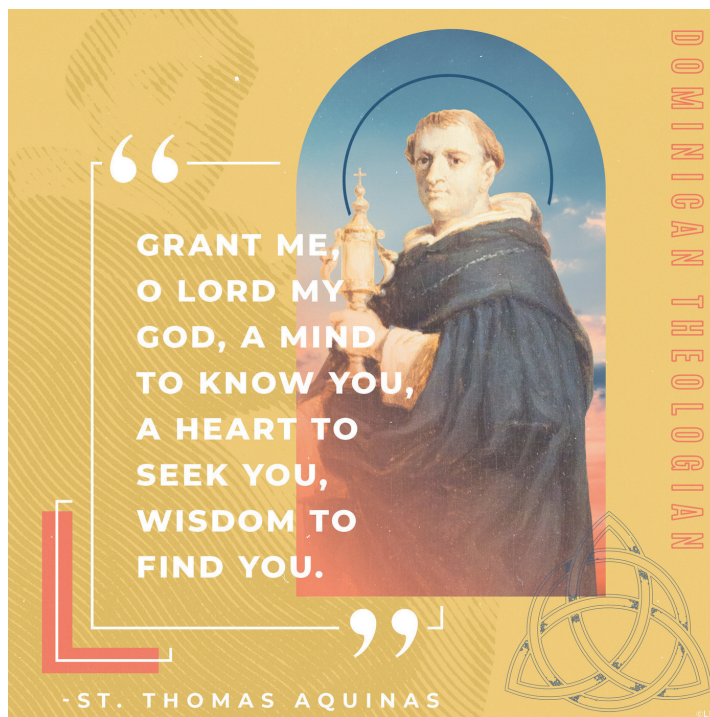
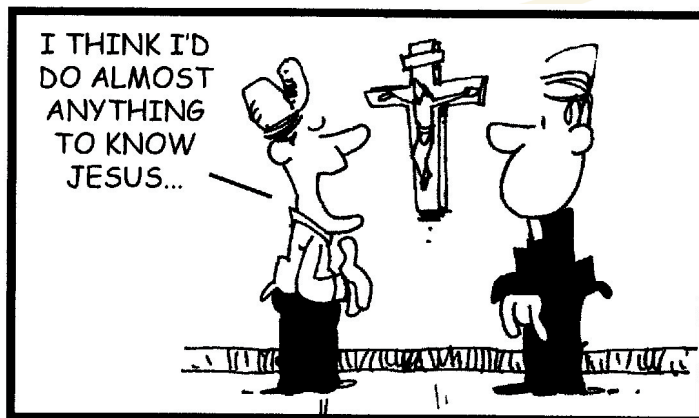
CONFIRMATION:

(FEE for the 2 year program: \$75 for each youth). This is a 2 year program for youth entering grade 8 or higher this Fall.

How to Proceed: Faith Formation AND Sacramental Preparation registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex in the back of church by the center doors OR at the Parish Office. **Please complete the necessary form(s) and submit it along with your payment to the Parish Office by Sunday, August 23, 2026.** You can bring it to the Parish Office during office hours OR you can mail it to us at: St. John's Church, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626 OR you can place your registration form(s) and check into the weekend collection basket. Please be sure it is in a sealed envelope marked: **Faith Formation/Sacrament Registration.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: A Parent Information Meeting will be held Sunday, September 13, 11:15 AM in the Parish Center.

QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact Faith Formation Coordinator, Cristyn Simone at (585) 261-0831 or email cms0863@gmail.com.





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Deacon Bob**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Thomas Burke**
- ✚ Marian I **In Honor of the 100th Birthday of Grace Battaglia**
- ✚ Marian II **Itala Pacini**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



June 18/19

Week 3	ATTENDANCE.....374
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,341.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,049.28
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,390.33
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$ 657.67)

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of July 19, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 522,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 30,144.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 30,333.92
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 189.92

As your Pastor, I wish to extend my gratitude for the ongoing support from all of you who have been faithfully contributing to the Sunday collection and other various collections throughout the year. Please know your generosity is a vital part of maintaining the mission of the Church. May our good and gracious God bless you abundantly. Fr. Peter

NOTE: For those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. Please contact the Parish Office if you need church envelopes or wish to donate through electronic on-line giving. Also, this QR code is a convenient option.



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

TEACH US,
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TO GIVE, AND
NOT TO COUNT
THE COST,

What Is God Asking of You?

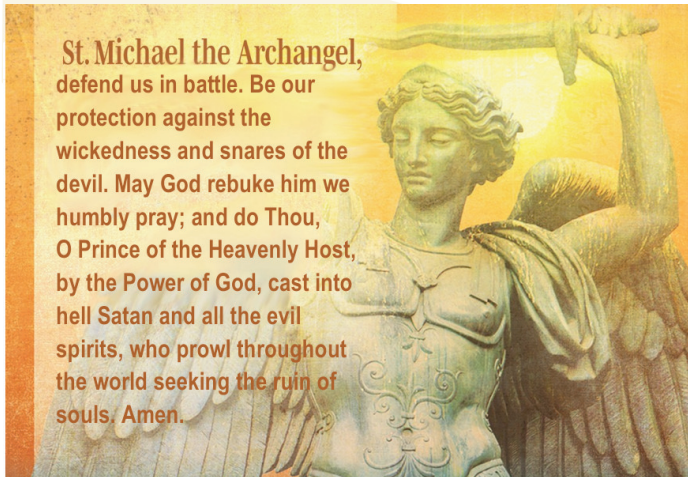
What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Please note: This does not replace the individual parish websites; it's another resource to find out what's going on throughout our 7 parishes.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July/Early August 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME

July 26 Cristyn and Tod Simone
August 2 Mary Ann and Steve Donato
August 9 Ron La Force

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

July 26, 2026 Barb & Bob Gotham
August 2, 2026 Tom Grieco
August 9, 2026 Barb & Bob Gotham

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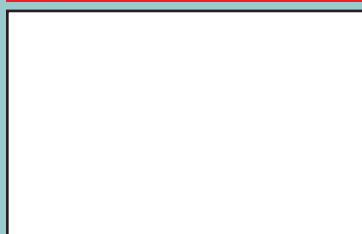
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