

St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 12, 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.



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.” - Mt 25:11-12

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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

Wis 1:1-7/
Ps 139:1b10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23—3:9/
Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11/
Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Wis 7:22b—8:1/
Ps 119:89- 91, 130, 135, 175/
Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9/
Ps 19:2-5ab/
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/
Ps 128:1-5/
1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30

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 so please 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.

November: A Time to Remember & Give Thanks

The Month of November is MANY things for us. We have Fall weather in which we have the beauty of nature in the change of the colors of the foliage. It is a time to celebrate our communion with the Saints and to remember those who have gone before us. We take our time to pause and salute our veterans as well as gather as a family to celebrate Thanksgiving. In all, I want us to reflect on these words:

1. Your BIRTH came through **OTHERS**.
2. Your NAME was given to you by **OTHERS**.
3. You were EDUCATED by **OTHERS**.
4. Your INCOME indirectly comes through **OTHERS**.
5. Your RESPECT is given by **OTHERS**.
6. Your first BATH was given by **OTHERS**.
7. Your LAST BATH will be done by **OTHERS**.
8. Your FUNERAL will be organized by **OTHERS**.
9. You will be taken to your FINAL REST by **OTHERS**.
10. EVERYTHING you owned will be inherited by **OTHERS**.



Isn't it high time that we learn what the beauty of the month of NOVEMBER presents to us, to live in peace and harmony with **OTHERS**, because all through our lives, at one point or the OTHER we will need each **OTHER**? So often we spend a lot of time trying to choose the right gift to give someone at Thanksgiving, Christmas, or for a birthday. But there are gifts we can

give them each and every day of the year. We can give the examples of good and honest living, of prayer and devotion to the Saints, and the example of Christian life that continues to be cultivated. These gifts can be the source of faithful living. These gifts not only give wisdom to us, they give glory to God. Let us give **OTHERS** the perfect gift, the lasting gift of faith and the example of living this faith every day. I have heard it said by many that parenting children is a never-ending task, but eventually they are given the means to care for themselves. Spiritually and morally, parents, hopefully, will set examples for their children of good and honest living, of knowing right from wrong. Seeking God in our daily lives can bear much fruit for all of us.



Blessing and Peace to all,
Father Peter

Honoring Those Who Have Remembered Us

At last weekend's Annual Parish Memorial Mass, the following names were dedicated to our Benefactors' and Memorial Gifts Plaque.

James and Elizabeth Pierce **Florence DiPonzio**
Madeline B. Resch **Dolores West**
Cynthia Fischer

I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the families of the persons listed here, gone before us marked with the sign of faith, who have directed memorial contributions to our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church in their loved one's memory. Through the

generosity of many who sent contributions in memory of each of the persons listed, our parish has been blessed in our efforts to sustain Church ministry; together, these donations totaled \$4,005. When donations are received in memory of someone and cumulatively they total \$500 or more, we place the name of the deceased person onto our Benefactors' and Memorial Gifts Plaque. As your Pastor, I not only encourage you, but I will be grateful if you please remember St. John's in your funeral planning.

God bless, Fr. Peter

Masses for the Week—Nov 13—19

MONDAY, November 13 *St Frances Xavier*
 8:15 AM + **Jeff Lader**
 by Family

TUESDAY, November 14 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Deceased Members of the Drdul Family**
 by John Drdul

WEDNESDAY, November 15 *St Albert the Great*
 8:15 AM + **Anna Neary**
 by Friend

THURS , Nov 16 *Sts Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude*

FRIDAY, November 17 *St Elizabeth of Hungary*
 8:15 AM + **James Pierce**
 by Greece Clothing Closet

SATURDAY, Nov 18 *Dedication of Basilica of Sts Peter & Paul, St Rose Philippine Duchesne*
 4:00 PM + **Madeline Cook Foley**
 by Joe & Laura Foley

SUNDAY, November 19 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + **The People of St John’s, Living & Deceased**
 10:00 AM + **Madeline B. Resch**
 by Dave & Mary Ellen Bauman

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

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, November 12
 9:00 AM RCIA in Meeting Room THIS Week
 Coffee Hours following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
 Masses in Parish Center

Monday, November 13
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Saturday, November 18
 KofC C&B Ticket Sales before/after Mass

Sunday, November 19
 KofC C&B Ticket Sales before/after all Masses
 9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center
 Confirmation Class in Meeting Room
 following 10:00 AM Mass



A Time to Give Thanks and Share from Our Bounty

With the month of November well underway, soon we will celebrate the special holiday of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23, 2023. We certainly recognize the many things that are problematic in our

community, our State, our Nation, and the World, but what better time as we approach Thanksgiving to sit quietly to reflect and pray about ALL the goodness God has and continues to bestow on us.

We invite you to join us on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2023**, when Fr. Peter will celebrate **Mass at 9:00 AM**. If you’ve not come to Mass on Thanksgiving morning previously, we hope you will choose to do so this year. It’s a beautiful way to begin this special day. God has blessed our nation in so many ways since its founding, so what better way to thank God for His blessings upon us and our nation than to celebrate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

As is the longstanding Thanksgiving Day tradition here at St. John’s, we will be collecting non-perishable and not yet expired food items for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. For those who may want to make a monetary donation by way of cash or check, you are certainly welcome to do so. If writing a check, please make it payable to: *St. John’s* and in the memo section write: Greece Food Shelf. There will be a table set up in church to deposit your food items, along with a basket for you to deposit any monetary donation.

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.”

—St. Gianna Beretta Molla



Our Mass Book will open via telephone beginning Wednesday, November 15, 2023, for those who

will like to schedule Masses during the months of January through April, 2024. Please call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 on November 15 between 9:00 AM and Noon and 2:00 PM ‘til 4:30 PM. After November 15, you can call during regular office hours. We are not accepting scheduling requests before November 15. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that have been in place. Those with Mass cards: any **Unscheduled Masses** will need to be scheduled before new Mass requests can be taken.

Sanctuary Candle Scheduling for 2024 will begin via telephone (585-225-8980) starting **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**. We are blessed with 4 Sanctuary Candles – two red candles on either side of the Tabernacle and two blue candles on either side of the Marian Shrine. These candles burn for a week from Saturday thru Friday. You can reserve these candles in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion (birthday, wedding, anniversary). Reserving for multiple family members in the same week is also a nice idea. Each Candle stipend is \$10.

Sunday, November 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

I will remember you upon my couch,
and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:
You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Alleluia Mt 24:42a, 44

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”



The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal Continues . The goal for St. John's is \$83,000.

As of Tuesday, November 7, 181 households have pledged \$52,029, taking us to 64.23% of our goal.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards”

1 Peter 4:10



Our Catholic Ministries Appeal is based on that command. Each of us can use our gift to serve others through the CMA. We can **pray** for the success of the CMA. Our prayers are

meaningful and critical to our success as a Church family. We can **donate** to the CMA. Use the pledge card you received in the mail or use the envelopes found at the back of church. How will you share your gift?

Please fill out your envelope, be sure to make your check payable to: *CMA* and put 039-St John's—Greece in the check memo.

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Mr. John B. Adams, III
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Mr./Mrs. Donald Annechino
Mr./Mrs. Joseph Arbia
Mr./Mrs. James L. Bailey
Ms. Lynda Baird
Mr./Mrs. Barry J. Balch
Mr./Mrs. Peter Balcom
Mrs. Rose Marie Battisto
Ms. Maureen A. Beattie
Mr./Mrs. Michael Bessette
Mr./Mrs. Robert Boothby
Mr./Mrs. James Borden
Mrs. Angela L. Borrelli
Mr./Mrs. Benjamin J. Borrelli
Mr./Mrs. Stephen Braya
Mr./Mrs. Paul J. Brescia
Mr./Mrs. Richard Bridgeman
Mr./Mrs. Allen Briggs
Mr./Mrs. Michael Buda
Mr. Ryan Buda
Mr. Martin Budinski
Mrs. Kathryn Burke
Mr./Mrs. David R. Campbell
Mr./Mrs. Armand Cantatore
Ms. Mary K. Castelein
Mrs. Nancy Chiapperi
Mr./Mrs. Alan Christodaro
Mr./Mrs. Daniel Conte

Mrs. Sylvia Coppeta
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Ms. Marie A. DeRosa
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Mr. Frederick G. Frank
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Mr./Mrs. Michael Fredericks
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Ms. Jeannette E. Gallucci
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Mr./Mrs. Christopher Gates
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Mr./Mrs. David Giarrizzo
Mr./Mrs. Richard Giarrizzo
Mrs. Mary Gilligan
Mr./Mrs. Mark Gionta
Mrs. Carol Giordano
Ms. Anne Giuliano
Ms. Patricia Gogal
Mr. Alfred Gonnella
and Ms. Gina DiBella
Mr. Thomas J. Grieco
Miss Shirley Hans
Mr./Mrs. Philip Hart
Mr. Frank G. Haszlauer
Mrs. Katherine K. Headley
Mrs. Shirley Healey
Mr./Mrs. Terry Hearne
Mrs. Mary Ann Heh
Ms. Christine Hoefler
Ms. Lynn Hueber
Mr. William Hueber
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Mrs. Jennifer M. Hull
Mr./Mrs. Daniel Kabasin
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Mr./Mrs. Michael Keenahan
Mr./Mrs. Robert Keenahan
Mr./Mrs. John Kerhaert
Mr./Mrs. Gary Kern
Mr./Mrs. John N. Kilpatrick
Mr./Mrs. Glenn Klingenberg
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Mrs. Annabelle Kowalski
Mr./Mrs. John J. Lacek, III
Mr./Mrs. Frank Lader
Mr./Mrs. William L. Lafferty
Mr. Ronald LaForce
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Mr./Mrs. John E. Leary, Jr.
Mr./Mrs. Kevin Leary
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Mr./Mrs. David Post
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Mrs. Jeanne Reiser
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Ms. Roseanne Scarson
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Mr./Mrs. Philip Schmerbeck
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Mr./Mrs. Kurtis Walker
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Mr./Mrs. George Weinmann
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Mr./Mrs. Richard J. Wrue
Mrs. Dorothy M. Yax
Mr. Anthony J. Zanni



Women's Guild Holiday Luncheon

Last chance to reserve a spot for the holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 5 at noon at Bella Pasta. You will have a choice of entree (Chicken French, Chicken Parm, Eggplant Parm or Ravioli and meatballs.) The entree will include a non-alcoholic drink and dessert. **Checks for \$19 should be to the rectory by Sunday, November 19 and made payable to: St. John the Evangelist Church.** We will again have a \$10 grab bag exchange if you want to participate. All women of the parish are invited; we can accommodate 20 people. We look forward to seeing everyone then.



Deacon James Carra of the Diocese of Rochester
James Scantlin Brother of Diane Englert
Rosalie Rosignolo Mother of Sandy Spinnegan



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
The Souls of the Faithful Departed

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



All Saints Day	ATTENDANCE.....	190
Holy Day Offering.....	\$	1,638.82
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	85.00
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TOTAL Offering.....	\$	1,723.82

November 4/5	ATTENDANCE.....	401
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,889.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,125.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,014.05
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	484.05

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as November 5, 2023	
YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$ 486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 181,070.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 176,569.49
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$ 4,501.51)

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.



Reminder on Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) (sometimes referred to as "IRA Charitable Rollovers) as a Way to Donate to St. John's Parish

Under the legislation, donors aged 70½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA's directly to qualified charities without having to pay income taxes on the money.

Here is a quick recap of the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution rules. Gifts qualify under the law if:

- The donor is age 70 ½ or older on the day of the gift.
- The donor transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities. This opportunity applies only to IRA's and no other types of retirement plans.
- The donor does not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.
- The gift/check must be dated on or before Dec., 31, 2023 to qualify this year.
- The gift needs to be sent directly to the charitable organization which also has to be the payee for the gift.
- The official name and address to use for the receiver of the donation is: St. John the Evangelist Church . 2400 W Ridge Road . Rochester, NY 14626

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact your financial advisor. If you have other questions, please call or email Joe Spurrier: Business Office at St. John's, at 585-225-8980, or joseph.spurrier@dor.org



Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 18, 2023, 1:00—3:00 PM

Holy Cross Parish Center-behind the church

NO Previous Grieving Program is Necessary. Open to all.

Please contact the Parish Offices of Our Mother of Sorrows at 585-663-5432 or Holy Cross at 585-663-2244.

Whether your loss was recent or years ago, you are invited to join the Grieving With Great Hope team for our Surviving the Holiday program. Participants have appreciated the reassurance, practical advice and hope this Christian program offers. *"I found so many ways to help me move forward through the season and beyond with greater confidence, peace of mind and dignity."*

Our prayer is that God will bring His comfort, hope and direction to you as you grieve. The strategies in this program are not only limited for use during the holiday season.



Magnificat Rochester invites **Women & Men** to a breakfast at the **Brook Lea Country Club**, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on **Saturday, December 9**; the program runs from at 9:30 AM until noon. Seating begins at 8:30 AM.

Our speaker is **Fr. Paul Bonacci**. Fr. is the pastor of St. Pius the X parish in Chili and has served in a variety of ministries in the Rochester Diocese over the last 32 years.

Reservations \$30.00; after December 2: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; **Registration required**; no tickets sold at the door.

To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$32.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com.



Celebrating Catholic Black History Month

On the Road to Sainthood Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853)

Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a philanthropist and founder of many Catholic charitable works, was born a slave in Haiti and brought from Haiti to New York as an apprentice under a popular hairstylist in the city. He eventually became the most sought-after hairdresser of high society women. He succeeded in becoming one of the country's first black entrepreneurs. He became quite wealthy, but instead of spending lavishly on himself, he supported the Church and the poor. Toussaint would risk his life to help others by nursing the sick and praying with the dying. "I have never felt I am a slave to any man or woman but I am a servant of Almighty God who made us all. When one of His children is in need, I am glad to be His slave."

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers November 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 26, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

November 12, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
November 19, 2023 Tom Grieco
November 26, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 12, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
November 19, 2023 Chris Hoefler
November 26, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin