

St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 5, 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.



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rom 11:29-36/ Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/ Lk 14:12-14	Rom 12:5-16b/ Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/ Lk 14:15-24	Rom 13:8-10/ Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/ Lk 14:25-33	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22	Rom 15:14-21/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Lk 16:1-8	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/ Lk 16:9-15	Wis 6:12-16/ Ps 63:2-8/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

Dying You Restored Our Life

As we begin the month of November, we see the beauty of the month in its wonderful shades of color and events. Let's take notice of what the month presents us spiritually and incorporate it in our prayer life. This week we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. The Eucharistic celebration today focuses our attention on the communion of saints. Almost everyone who has taught religion will tell you that sooner or later someone will ask why people suffer or die. To an eight year-old, and I guess even to an eighty year-old, it just doesn't seem fair that people who follow God's law and keep His commandments seem to undergo so many hardships in sickness and difficulties of death. Even Mary, the mother of Jesus, honored as the highest of our race and preserved by God's grace and favor from sin, knew what it was like to have a heart pierced by the sword of sorrow. So this week let us remember in our prayers family and friends who have died. We know that God loves us and will take care of us despite the many challenges that confront us. November is simply a time for simmering and remembering all that there is in our world. It is a time when the trees even give us the changing colors in nature. The eleventh month, as we know, is a time to simply remember the saints in our family of faith; the men and women who have died. We are encouraged to visit cemeteries where are loved ones are buried and pray for



them. We are to thank God for them for having enriched our life, and the difference that they have made in our lives. The month of November is also a sobering month as we

salute our Veterans; those men and women who have won our freedom through their commitment to God and country, and we pray for them. November is the month of Thanksgiving to our Creator and to one another for the blessings received and shared thus far and to thank God for each other. It makes us mellow to look at a God who is greater than us, but gives us an opportunity to celebrate each other. In gratitude, it is a good time to contribute to the CMA; our Diocesan Appeal. If you have not done so, I personally encourage you to do so, so that we can reach our goal. Your participation in this drive is needed! We are called to rejoice in the fact, as stated in one of the prefaces of our Mass for the dead, **“the tree of man's defeat became the tree of victory through Christ, our Lord.”** We have life; we have victory. We have the grace to keep on trusting in the love and majesty of the Lord's triumph. The struggle to lean on faith when we are distressed is as much a part of our faith as those times when we are at a total peace within ourselves.

Lord help us and guide us, make Your love the foundation of our lives as we witness our faith in this community



Peace to all,
Father Peter



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.

Masses for the Week—November 6—12

MONDAY, November 6 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Madeline B. Resch*
 by Ray, Debbie, Doug, and Gary

TUESDAY, November 7 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Antonio & Laurinda Freitas*
 By Nidia Flores

WEDNESDAY, November 8 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Sally Kommeth*
 by Friend

6:30 PM Holy Hour

THURSDAY, Nov 9 *Dedication of Lateran Basilica*

FRIDAY, November 10 *St Leo the Great*
 8:15 AM + *Joni Oliveri-Brocuto*
 by Family

SATURDAY, November 11 *St Martin of Tours*
 4:00 PM + *The People of St John's,*
Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, November 12 *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Connie Dennison*
 by Nick Distasio

10:00 AM + *Kenneth Ward*
 by Charles Fischer

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 5 Daylight Savings Ends
 9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center

Monday, November 6
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in Parish Center

Tuesday, November 7 Election Day
 6:00 AM-9:00 PM General Election in Parish Center

Wednesday, November 8
 6:30 PM Holy Hour in Church

Saturday, November 11
 10:00 AM Arts & Environment in Parish Center

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



National Vocation Awareness Week

Please remember to pray daily for Vocations, especially to the Priesthood and Religious Life in our Diocese.

ELECTION DAY

**Vote THIS Tuesday, November 7
 YOUR VOTE IS YOUR POWER!**



A Holy Hour for Peace and for Deepening Our Relationship with God
Offered by Our Choir Ministry
THIS Wednesday, November 8, 2023
 6:30 – 7:30 PM
 St. John the Evangelist Church

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” ~ Pope John Paul II

Please set side this one hour to come and be with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update: As of Tuesday, October 31, 155 households have pledged \$39,639 taking us to 48.94% of our \$81,000 goal.

**Veteran's Day
 Honoring All
 Who Served
 Thank You!**

**THIS Saturday,
 November 11**

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.
AMEN

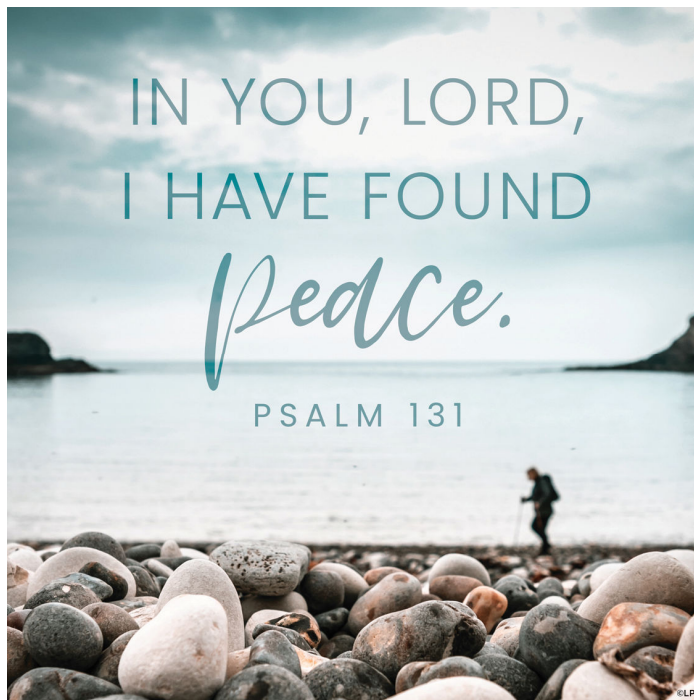
Black Catholic History Month

Celebrating the gifts of our culture and faith



Sunday, November 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters:

We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Alleluia Mt 23:9b, 10b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



Parish Council Meeting Minutes—October 16, 2023

Opening Prayer: Karen Bessette

Attendance: Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Nick Sassano, Tod Simone, Paul Parkman, Jill Bailey, Wayne Howard, Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Karen Bessette, Patty Hoag, Nick Verdino
Absent: Tammy Mahar **Excused:** Melissa Ryan, Deacon Elmer, Alan Christodaro **Visitors:** None

Approval of Agenda for tonight's Meeting (Emailed 9/21/2023) Approval: Gary Kern Second: Pam Tofany-Kern

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 11, 2023, Meeting (in bulletin on 10/1/2023) Approval: Patty Hoag Second: Sharon Miller

Chairperson's Comments:

CMA UPDATE: Our Goal for this year is set at \$81,000, which is lower than last year. # of Donors to date – 78
 \$\$ committed to date - \$17,935. % of Goal – 22%.
 \$\$ short from last year - \$3,951

Conflict of interest forms: 100% complete for the Parish Council.

Fr. Peter 's Update: Father thanked everyone that helped with the fall festival. He said the chili was out of this world, everyone had fun, and it was great to see people staying after mass to have a good time. There was \$103 in donations for the parish. Father said he would like to see more of these events throughout the year. Father said it was awesome and he appreciates everyone's efforts. Our CMA goal has been reduced this year; I hope that the letter I sent out to all of our parishioners will help us reach our goal sooner this year. This past Sunday, the 10 AM Mass was hosted by the children. The youth choir sang songs that the congregation is familiar with, and the congregation was singing along. Father said he likes to see this. Some of our parishioners have complained that the Mass is too long if it goes past 1 hour. We should encourage parishioners to enjoy the homily, the music and receive the Eucharist in a humble way. Be prayerful and not put a time limit on the length of the Mass. Father said that with the war in Israel we need to be more watchful of our security at church and if you see something say something. The Pastoral Planning Task Force is getting closer to being able to look at what resources the parishes can share. For example, the churches may have different Mass times for holy days and Christmas. Father thanked Rick Paoletti and the Knights of Columbus for the dinner they had on Columbus Day to support Margaret Home. Rick was also featured on the front page of the Catholic Courier for his involvement in the Right to life campaign, Father thanked Rick and his family for all they do for our faith community.

Fall Festival: Karen Bessette said that the Fall Festival was a huge success. Karen thanked everyone that helped with the event, including the parish council, Fatima group and the choir. Everyone loved tasting and voting for the chili. We had several games, and it was great to see parents and children playing them together.

Arts and Environment: Patty Hoag said that her committee met this past week and will be very busy for the upcoming holidays. On Saturday, November 11 from 10 AM-12 PM they will be assembling the angels for the gift giving trees. They are planning on 240 angels this year. On Saturday, December 2 they will be decorating the church for Advent at 10 AM. This year there will be Jesse trees, Patty

has a flyer she plans to have available for the children of our parish to take home that will show them how to make their own Jesse tree.

Certificates of Appreciation: Certificates were presented to Debbie and Glenn Smith at the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, September 16. There are no pending certificates at this time.

Liturgy Committee: Tod said that Rick and Kathy attended the Respect for life Sunday Mass at the Cathedral and asked Rick how it went. Rick said it was a beautiful Mass with a full choir and he really enjoyed it. Tod updated us with the times of several upcoming Masses. All Saint's Day 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM, All Souls Day 8:15 AM, Annual Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners Saturday, November 4, 10 AM. There will be 2 more Eucharistic revival adorations. Tuesday, October 24 hosted by the bible study group and Wednesday, November 8 hosted by the choir. There will be a refresher class for Eucharistic ministers on Saturday, October 28. Thanksgiving Mass 9 AM. Jill Finan has a friend that will be making angels for the kids to receive at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. These will also be distributed to the residents at the Senior Centers that we serve.

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach

Update: Tod said that he has 1 parishioner that has recovered and has returned to Mass.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Update: Rick said that the council has finished their chicken dinners for the year, and they were very successful. They also had a dinner on Columbus Day that benefited Margaret Home.

Outreach – social media/Communications

Committee Update: Gary Kern – Website update: Social Media Guidelines have been drafted and reviewed by DOR. Gary handed out the guidelines to us to read at the meeting. Gary has put many hours into our new website platform. The deadline for the changeover is Tuesday, October 31. Gary brought his laptop to show us what the new website will look like. Father and the council thanked him for all of his hard work. Tod said that if it was not for Gary, he doesn't know how this could have been possible. Existing content for the website has been reviewed and updated. A framework for a new website has been created and it is being built. Gary to review the status of content migration and next steps. After talking to Carol, she will be doing Photo albums instead of Facebook albums. She was also told to send pictures to gstjohn. Tod will mention this to her again. We are to stay away from posting pictures of children on social media unless we have written consent from a parent or guardian. Unfortunately, since the bulletin is copied to the website pictures posted on it should also be restricted. Christine Paoletti via Cleveland– Facebook update – 593 likes and followers

Faith Stories: Paul Parkman – update Monday, October 16 is the feast day of Margaret Mary, we should pray ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Safety: Nick Sassano The fire department will be offering a CPR class sometime next year. Nick went on the website for homeland security and looked at what churches should be doing for security. Security should be present in significant places of worship including the Church, rectory and parish center. Some churches have security companies that do

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**Karen Kenyon Sister of Donna Post
Connie Corso Wife of Thomas Corso
James Scantlin Brother of Diane Englert**



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Joseph Oliveri
- ✚ Tabernacle II Living & Deceased Veterans
- ✚ Marian I All Who Mourn the Loss of a Loved One
- ✚ Marian II Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



October 28/29	ATTENDANCE.....	419
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,348.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,022.00
<u>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>6,370.04</u>
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	3,159.96)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as October 29, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	171,540.00
<u>ACTUAL COLLECTED.....</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>166,554.44</u>
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	4,985.56)

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

Special Boiler Fund Collection

NEXT Weekend, November 11/12

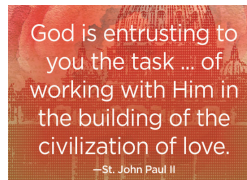
Your donation can be made by using the yellow envelope found in your envelope packets. For those who donate electronically, you can donate through Online Giving, or you can donate with cash or check using a regular envelope marked: Boiler Fund + your name and address. ***We are grateful for everyone's support!***



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES *Continued from page 5*

this, at St John's we use our ushers and our security team volunteers. If there are any issues, they know to call 911 and let the authorities handle the situation. Nick put together a list of what the security volunteers should be doing and will plan to have a meeting with Father Peter to go over it.

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish –Nick Verdino – talked about the Pastoral Planning Task Force. This was developed by the 7 pastors in the 7 parishes on the force. The main concern is what if we don't have 7 pastors for 7 parishes. We are thinking about ideas of what to do if there are 7 parishes and 5 pastors. We are trying to stay ahead of the curve. We need to be prepared, work together and share information so that things will go smoothly. The committee is giving out a little information at a time, so it is not too overwhelming. This in no way means parishes are closing, it is just preparation for the future with an aging



Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on October 3. Two questions were addressed:

What has the task force accomplished during the past year and a half? How shall we move forward? Accomplishments included 1) education through the bulletins so that parishioners have a good understanding of what has changed and what is changing, 2) creation of three 7-parish collaborative committees: evangelization, shared website, and vocations. These will continue. A subcommittee of the task force was created to put together a proposal of the best parish groupings if our 7 parishes had only 5, 4, 3, or 2 leaders (i.e., Pastors/Pastoral Administrators). The subcommittee recommendation will come to the task force by January for reaction/modification. The process will continue with input from parish staffs, pastoral and finance councils, and then parishioners at large. Minutes of task force meetings are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>



Women's Guild Holiday Luncheon

Our holiday luncheon will be on Tuesday, Dec 5 at noon at Bella Pasta.

You will have a choice of entrée: 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 made payable to: *St. John the Evangelist Church* and mailed to arrive by Monday, November 20. We will again have a \$10 grab bag exchange if you want to participate. All women of the parish are invited plus friends, relatives, or neighbors. **UPDATE:** We will have a private room that can accommodate 20 people, so please reserve early. We look forward to seeing you!

group of pastors. Pam- asked Father if we could do a monthly or every other month food drive for the Greece Food bank, as our parishioners are very generous. Rick – reminded everyone that we are halfway through the 40 days for life campaign, and we have saved 1 baby. If you're not able to participate then please pray.

Closing Prayer: Karen Bessette

Next Meeting: November 6, 2023

Opening and Closing Prayers: Jill Bailey

*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.**



**Join Us NEXT Sunday,
November 12**

Our Coffee Hours are back in full swing. Join us NEXT Sunday, November 12 following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Our host

this month is our Women’s Guild. This is a good time to catch up with fellow parishioners and hopefully make some new acquaintances. We hope to see you there!

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers November 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 12, 2023 Ron LaForce
November 26, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

November 5, 2023 Tom Grieco
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 5, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
November 12, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
November 19, 2023 Chris Hoefler
November 26, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin