

St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 6, 2022

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.



"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." - Lk 20:37-38

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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

Ti 1:1-9/
Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/
Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Phlm 7-20/
Ps 146:7-10/
Lk 17:20-25

Friday

2 Jn 4-9/
Ps 119:1, 2, 10-11, 17-18/
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

3 Jn 5-8/
Ps 112:1-6/
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Mal 3:19-20a/
Ps 98:5-9/
2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19

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 Remember

Love is stronger than death, and it reaches across time to bind us together. November for me has always been a special time. November is a time to be in communion with the Saints and a time, too, to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Our Church from time immemorial has treasured the witness and love of those whose faith and example built the community of Christ. They were never forgotten in the assembly of the people. This interconnectedness is a powerful tradition of our Catholic faith, a sign that we the living, are in communion with those who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith. It is even said that there are beautiful singing voices that can be heard at the Capuchin Friary at San Rotondo in Italy. The source of these voices is unknown, but St Padre Pio explained the phenomenon simply by saying, "Why are you so surprised? They are the voices of the angels who are taking souls from purgatory into heaven."

Padre Pio Archives, Capuchin Friary, San Giovanni Rotonda.

We remember this November, how beautifully the Church remembers the faithful departed in the liturgical celebrations of our worship. The tradition of the Church is to pray for those who have passed on from this world. This kind of



intercession is possible because of the union of all those who belong to Christ, a union that is not broken even by death. The Eucharistic prayer at every Mass includes a commemoration of the Saints as well as the dead. The Liturgy of the Hours

has intercession prayers said every day, both morning and evening. Even the Grace after Meals that many of us committed to memory decades ago remembers the souls of the faithful departed. This month could we try and introduce something of our faith tradition to our own families? Take a trip with your family and visit the cemetery where a loved one is resting in peace.

We remember our veterans this November for their sacrifice and dedication. Forget me nots they say; and we shouldn't. Then soon we will celebrate Thanksgiving for the blessings received and give thanks to God for the fruits of our labor.

The Church invites us to remember this November the faithful departed. In faith we do so, praying that when we have departed from this world, others will remember us, pray for us, and make sacrifices on our behalf, too.

May God bless us all in the communion of the Saints.

Father Peter



National Vocation Awareness Week November 6-12, 2022

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? Many factors have contributed to the decline: secularism, prolonged adolescence, attitudes about commitment, freedom and celibacy. But God does continue to call our young people to serve the community. Pray that our young men and women listen to that call. And please do your part to encourage them to consider this vocation.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, you made each of us to use our gifts in the body of Christ.

We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will.

Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached,

the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Masses for the Week—November 7—13

MONDAY, November 7 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Betty Pierce*
 by Family

TUESDAY, November 8 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *James David Salley*
 by Renee & Robert Ball

WEDNESDAY, Nov 9 *Dedication of Lateran Basilica*
 8:15 AM + *Salvatore Panella*
 by Family

THURSDAY, November 10 *St Leo the Great, Pope*

FRIDAY, November 11 *St Charles Borromeo*
 8:15 AM + *Living & Deceased Veterans of St John's*

SATURDAY, November 12 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *For the People*

SUNDAY, Nov 13 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of the Baum Family*
 by The Braya Family
 10:00 AM + *Deceased Members & Spouses of Circle of Hope*
 by Circle of Hope

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 6
 Coffee Hour Following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses
 in Parish Center
 12:00 PM Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Mass

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

Tuesday, November 8
 6:00 AM—9:00 PM General Election in Parish Center

Friday, November 11
 Parish Office CLOSED

Sunday, November 13
 Confirmation Meeting in Meeting Room
 following 10 AM Mass

Don't Forget to Vote
THIS Tuesday, November 8
ELECTION DAY YOUR VOTE
IS YOUR POWER!
Good Citizenship

When questioned about paying taxes, Jesus uttered now-famous words. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Being a part of a community isn't always easy, and being active members of civil society includes responsibilities we don't always prefer.

When Tax Day comes around, we can suffer through, or we can choose to offer up our frustration as intercession. If you disagree with the decisions of civil leaders, pray for them! If the state and federal government fund causes you support, thank God! While Jesus acknowledges that we "do not belong to the world," we nonetheless are called into it. Through our words, actions, and prayers, we are called to transform the world according to God's plan.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
Pope Francis	Michael Fowler	Ronald Gaesser	William McGrath	John Gagnier	Jeffrey Galens	John Gathenya



"God, please let every veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants."

**Parish Office will be CLOSED
 on Friday, November 11
 in Honor of our Veterans.**



Sunday, November 6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

At the point of death he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."

After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

Hear, O LORD, a just suit; attend to my outcry; hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.

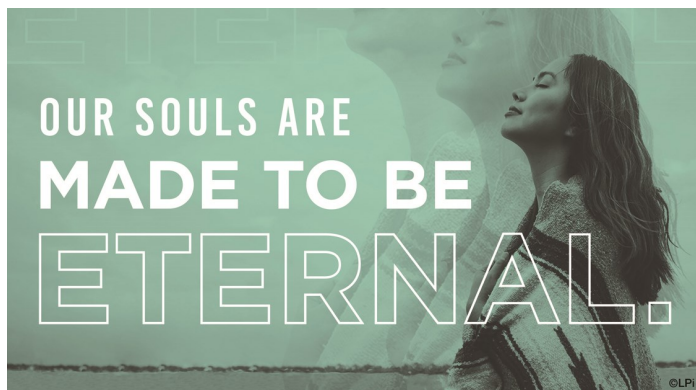
R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my word.

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings; But I in justice shall behold your face; on waking I shall be content in your presence.

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**Second Reading** 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

Alleluia Rv 1:5a, 6b**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power, forever and ever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Lk 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.*

Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

DMASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass Book will open via telephone beginning Wednesday, November 16, 2022, for those who will like to schedule Masses during the months of January through April, 2023. Please call the Parish Office at (585)225-8980 on November 16 between 9:00 AM and Noon and 2:00 PM 'til 4:30 PM. After November 16, you can call during regular office hours. We are not accepting scheduling requests before November 16. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that have been in place.

Sanctuary Candle Scheduling for 2023 will begin via telephone (585-225-8980) starting **November 30, 2022.** 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. If you are reserving for someone who has recently passed on, please let us know and we can, with enough notice, prepare a card for you to present to the family of the deceased letting them know about the candle that will burn in their loved one's memory, and that our parish family will remember him/her in our prayers during that week.



We welcome the following children into the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism

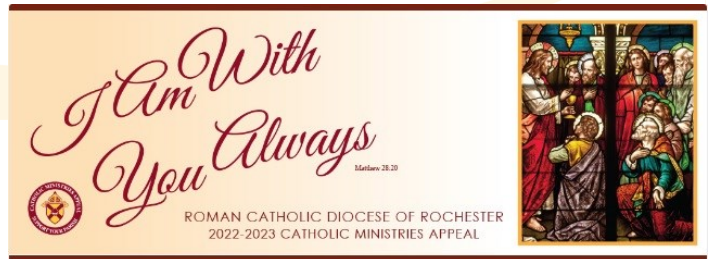
Austyn Declan Kessler baptized October 23, 2022.

Addison Grace O'Reilly baptized October 29, 2022.

Having received sanctifying grace through the Sacrament of Baptism, may Austyn and Addison be nurtured in the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, by their parents, godparents, and faith community affording them a solid foundation on which to build a deep, loving and lasting relationship with Christ.

“On this day of baptism may God, who loves us all, smile lovingly upon these children, so innocent and small...

and may he guide Austyn and Addison throughout the years ahead as blessings light the pathway where their tiny feet are led.”



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

As of Tuesday, November 1, 156 households have pledged \$28,441, taking us to 34.27% of our goal.

“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”

- St Augustine

Good Stewards Avoid “Compassion Fatigue”

One of the spiritual maladies Christians face today is “compassion fatigue.” The media inundates us with details of disasters, natural and man made, far and wide...Our efforts to respond generously can become scattered and not well thought out, and sometimes our giving becomes motivated by guilt rather than compassion. Eventually, we may stop giving. Christian stewards prayerfully discern how they are able to respond to the needs of the world. They budget their time and resources so that their response can be generous but focused, sacrificial but not overwhelming. They begin with a prayerful commitment to their immediate family of faith. Being generous to one's faith community can go a long way toward meeting the needs of others. Their response to the diocesan annual appeal and to special collections also makes them part of a larger faith community's response to the poor and marginalized...The decision to give is made prudentially and without guilt...Good stewards realize that the greatest gift they can give is the gift of prayer...It is the kind of compassionate heart good stewards seek to cultivate within themselves through prayer, planning and focused generosity; ready to respond, without experiencing fatigue or weariness, to the cries of the world.

Excerpts from International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin

IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- Prayerfully consider your commitment.
- Make your check payable to: CMA (**not** to St. John's).
- Please write in the memo section: **St. John's-Greece #039**
- If your pledge card has a parish listed other than St. John's-Greece #039, please cross off the other parish name and number and write in St. John's-Greece #039. This will alert the processor that your gift/pledge is to be put toward our parish goal (and not your previous parish).
- If you are a new parishioner, did not receive a personalized pledge card or have misplaced it, please know there are CMA envelopes available in Church and at the Parish Office at the Rectory.




This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Joseph Oliveri
- ✚ Tabernacle II The Garney Family
- ✚ Marian I Deceased Members of the Hartman Family
- ✚ Marian II Living & Deceased US Veterans

October 29/30	ATTENDANCE.....	411
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	4,999.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,705.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,704.03
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....(\$		2,001.97)

Please remember to use your Boiler Fund envelopes found in your 2022 October and November Offering envelope packets. When you see them, please be generous and help us reduce our shortage.



The collection for the Boiler Fund takes place NEXT Weekend, November 12/13.

Fiscal Year 2022-23	as of October 30, 2022
YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 174,708.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 165,060.72
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....(\$	9,647.28)

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



Women's Guild Members-Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 6 at Bella Pasta at Noon. Bella Pasta is on the corner of Ridgeway Avenue and Long Pond Road. Once again we must limit the

luncheon to 20 participants. Payment should be a check made out to St. John the Evangelist Church for \$17 and in the memo section write: *W.G. Luncheon*. This amount includes a choice of luncheon entree, a non-alcohol beverage and gratuity. An alcohol beverage may be purchased at your own expense separately. Dessert will be provided.

We hope to have a \$10 gift bag for all those who wish to participate. Just bring a wrapped \$10 gift with you to the luncheon. We hope to include everyone who wants to attend, so **please send your check to St. John's, attention Women's Guild, on or before Friday, November 25.**

No cancellations or refunds can be honored after Friday, December 2.



Much to Be Thankful for as We Help Those in Need

With the month of November underway,

we will soon be preparing for a very special day—Thanksgiving Day. At this time of year, let us take a moment or two and reflect upon the blessings we have been given by our good and gracious God. Sometimes we can be clouded by our everyday crosses and struggles, that the blessings seem to be missing, but if we take time to truly reflect, it's safe to say we will be lifted up in spirit by the blessings we come to recognize given to us by a loving God.

In gratitude for our blessings, let us share with our brothers and sisters in need what we can so they, too, will be lifted in spirit through our generous support. We recognize this year may be more challenging for us, but our sacrifice will not go unnoticed and will be pleasing to God.

We kindly ask you to bring your donations of non-perishable canned goods (*especially canned veggies and fruit, chunky soup, cold cereal, mashed potato flakes, canned pasta and beef stew. Regular sizes please; not large*), paper products, or a monetary donation when you come for the 9:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please place your donations on the table set up in church. These donations will be delivered to the **Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf**. If writing a check, please make it payable to St. John's Church and in the memo section please write: Greece Food Shelf.

“Find out how much God has given you and from it, take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”

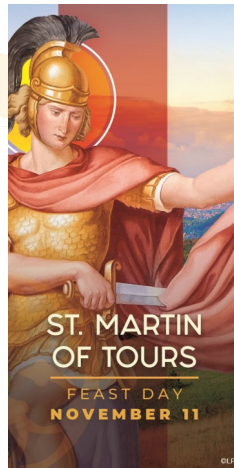
- St. Augustine

Examples of Our Faith

Saint Martin of Tours | November 11

Saint Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ,



and established a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tour. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France.

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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers, November 2022

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 13, 2022 Ron La Force
 November 27, 2022 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 6, 2022 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
 November 13, 2022 Carolyn Kerhaert
 November 20, 2022 Chris Hoefler
 November 27, 2022 Dan & Melissa Kabasin