

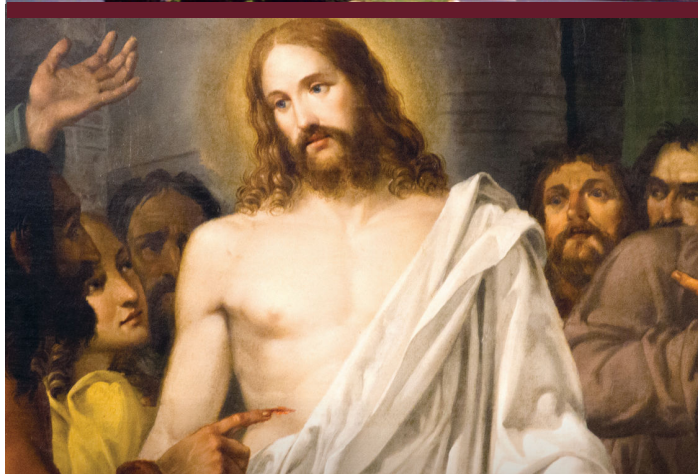
St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 1, 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.



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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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

Zec 8:1-8/
Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23/
Ps 87:1b-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8/
Ps 137:1-6/
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/
Ps 19:8-11/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Bar 1:15-22/
Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9/
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/
Ps 69:33-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

Is 5:1-7/
Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/
Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43

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 of 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 the men who lowered their friend through the roof brought healing and forgiveness to their paralyzed companion Mark 2:5.

We cannot take the gift of faith 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 may 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**. This weekend, 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.

Jesus continually draws us to himself and has written in our hearts a deep desire for communion 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



Dear Music Ministry and Parish Family,

"You cannot serve both God and mammon."

(mammon: money, possessions, fame, status)

I hope we can recognize how gifted we are in so many ways and consider joining our Choir Ministry or any other ministries here at St. John's. Our purpose is to lead the congregation in sung prayer and to encourage active participation during Mass. Many contemporary composers of our time rely on and are inspired by these words of virtue: *Love, Courage, Faith, Healing, Hope, Joy, Longing for God, Love of God for Us, Mercy, Truth, Welcome and Wisdom.* Hymns are sacred, thematic and scriptural. Our mission is to connect us spiritually and to draw us closer to God through music. Liturgical music helps steer a portion of our church life so that we become authentic worshippers. Serving together can only bring us joy, spiritual growth, and at the same time, gain a new family. Let us be that positive change that will help restore our church.

We invite you to become a new member of our Choir Family: **The Youth Choir** provides musical leadership during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass once a month from September to June. This vocal ensemble is open to students age 8 and up. Rehearsals are held before Mass and to prepare monthly, we rehearse after Mass. **The Adult Choir** provides musical leadership during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass from September to June. This vocal ensemble generally sings in four parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and is open to adults. This vocal ensemble rehearses before Mass in the Church. Additional rehearsal times will be scheduled in preparation for Christmas and Easter Triduum. If you are interested, please come see me after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Faith and love, Consuelo

For more information about joining our ministry, please contact Consuelo De Los Santos-Humphrey, Dir. of Choir Ministry consuelo.delossantos@dor.org or 585-225-8980.

Masses for the Week—October 2—8

MONDAY, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*
 8:15 AM + **Anthony & Helen Vieira**
 by Alan & Eileen Vieira

TUESDAY, October 3 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Deceased Members of the Drdul Family**
 by John Drdul

WEDNESDAY, October 4 *St Francis of Assisi*
 8:15 AM + **Salvatore Panella**
 by Family

THURSDAY, October 5
St Faustina Kowalska & Bl Francis Xavier Seelos

FIRST FRIDAY, October 6
St Bruno & Bl Marie Rose Durocher

8:15 AM + **Shawn Conley**
 by Family
 10:00 AM **Benediction**

FIRST SATURDAY, Oct 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*
 8:15 AM **Fr Peter's Intentions**
 4:00 PM + **Norma Nelson**
 by Friend

SUNDAY, October 8 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + **For the People of St John the Evangelist**
 10:00 AM + **Douglas Locklin**
 by Parents

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

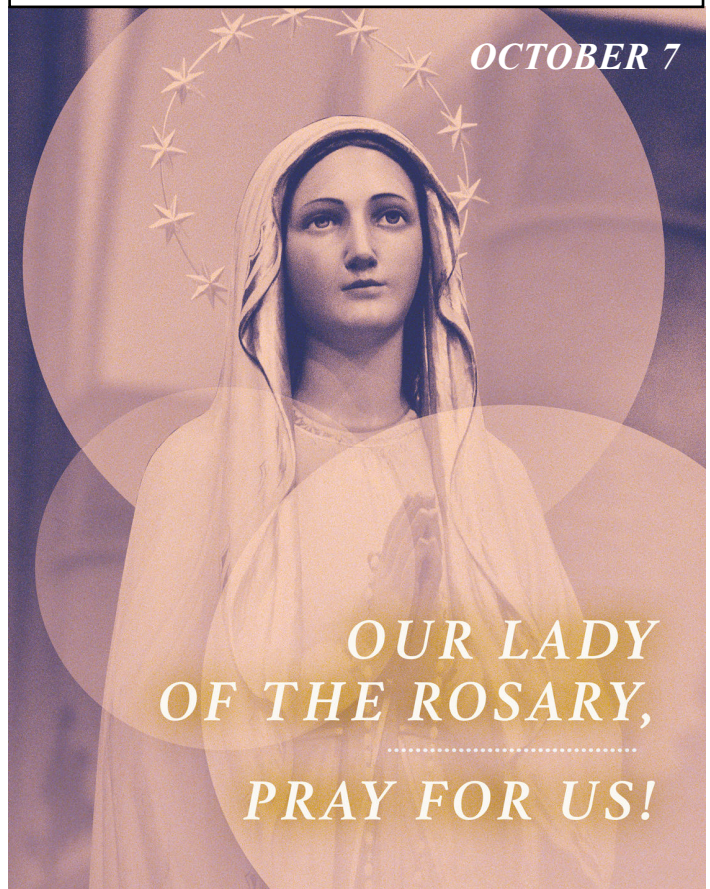
This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 1
 9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center

Monday, October 2
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

First Friday, October 6
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration
 with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

First Saturday, October 7
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation &
 Devotional Prayer in Church
 10:30 AM Blessing of Pets on front Lawn of Church
 5:30 PM Knights of Columbus Dinner in Parish Center



RCIA *...A Journey in Faith* **The Journey Begins...**

This weekend, October 1, our parish will begin the RCIA journey with 5 people taking part. Some are looking to come into the Catholic Church not having been baptized, someone would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and a couple others are fully initiated in the Catholic Church but look to deepen their faith. We look forward to getting underway and should you, or someone you know, like to take part in the program, please contact the Parish Office.

This is a very exciting time for those taking part and for each one of us as we offer, as a parish family, our prayers and encouragement. We humbly ask you to include in your daily prayers those taking part in RCIA, not only here at St. John's but throughout our Diocese of Rochester and throughout the world.

Jesus said to them,
*"I am the Bread of Life;
 whoever comes to me will never hunger,
 and whoever believes in me will never thirst."*

John 6:35



Scripture & Scones

The Monday morning get-togethers in the Parish Center at 9:00 AM with the Bible Study Group is a great way to start the week!

We will start a new topic on October 16, when we will begin discussing the Ascension Press study on the New Testament Book of Hebrews, alternating weekly with a discussion on a Psalm.

For information or any questions, call Sue Thiele at 752-5305 or just stop in any Monday. All are welcome!

Sunday, October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

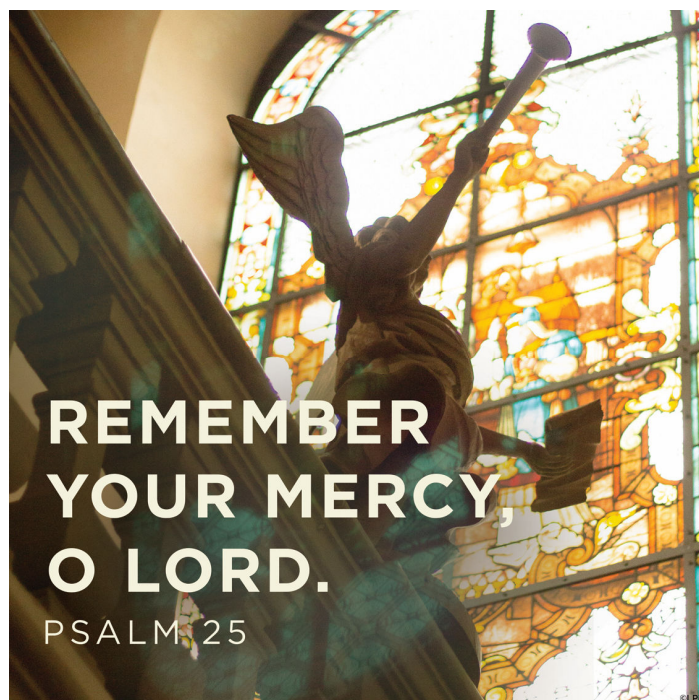
Second Reading Phil 2:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

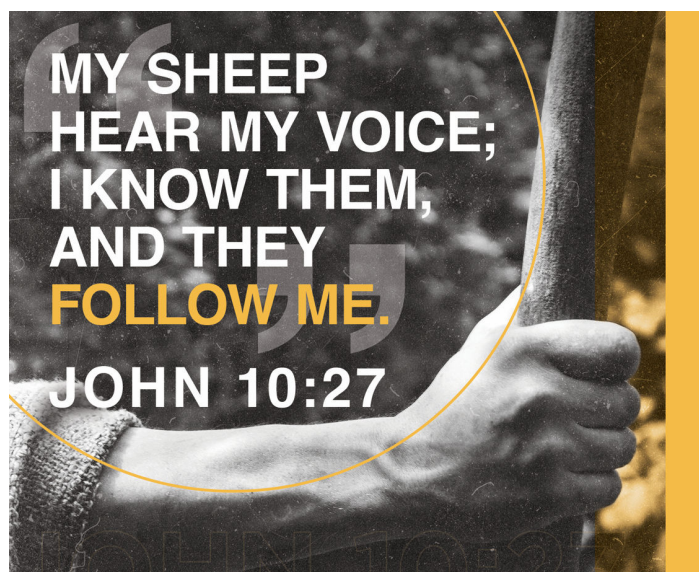
If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia** Jn 10:27**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**Gospel** Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Parish Council Meeting Minutes—September 11, 2023

Opening Prayer: Sharon Miller

Attendance: Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Nick Sassano, Tod Simone, Paul Parkman, Jill Bailey, Melissa Ryan, Wayne Howard, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Karen Bessette, Patty Hoag, Tammy Maher *Absent:* *Excused:* Nick Verdino, Deacon Elmer *Visitors:* Marcia Parsons

Approval of Agenda for tonight's Meeting (Emailed 8/7/2023) Approval: Melissa Ryan Second: Sharon Miller

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 5, 2023, Meeting (in bulletin on 6/25/2023) Approval: Patty Hoag Second: Wayne Howard

Chairperson's Comments:

- **CMA UPDATE:** CMA is right around the corner. Our Goal for this year is set at \$81,000, which is lower than last year. If each household in our parish donates \$250.00, we will make our goal.
- **Conflict of interest forms:** Bob passed out the conflict-of-interest forms for 2023/2024 term and all of the council members filled them out.
- Bob passed around a card from Kathryn Burke thanking Father Peter and the council for dedicating it and placing a **picture of Deacon Bob** at the entrance to church. Father Peter presented a **certificate of appreciation** to Pam Tofany-Kern. Father thanked her for all of her time and talent that she gives to St. John's. Pam was grateful for the recognition and thanked the council and Father. Bob also mentioned that there are 5 months that we do not have a ministry signed up for a **coffee hour** and we may just have to skip those months unless we get volunteers.

Fr. Peter's Update: Father talked about the **CMA** and that he sent out 600 letters to our parishioners encouraging them to be generous so that we can once again make our goal this year. Father also said that he plans to have a refresher meeting in church for all of the **Eucharist Ministers**, he has noticed that some things are not being done correctly and would like to refresh the ministers on the proper distribution of the holy Eucharist. Father talked about the **Eucharist Revival** and said that we all need to participate. We need to reinvigorate worship in our church and our community. We must become missionaries to invite people back to church. Invite your friends, your neighbors, your children and grandchildren. When you come to church you need to sing! Singing is an important element that is special and beautiful. If a visitor attends a singing church, they will want to return. Father said that a few people attended the **RICA** informational meeting. A couple of people are considering joining our faith and a couple of our baptized parishioners would like to renew and learn more about their faith.

Arts and Environment: Patty Hoag said she is working on a schedule for the upcoming holidays and will be scheduling a meeting with her committee in October.

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon Miller said that there are 2 certificates that are ready to be presented on Sunday.

Liturgy Committee: Tod - **Respect for life Sunday** – October 1 at 11:15 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Tod asked if any of the members could attend, and Rick said that he and Kathy would attend. The **Blessing of the Pets** will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 10:30 AM. **All Saints Day** Masses will be at 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM. **All Souls Day** Mass will be at 8:00 AM. The **Annual Memorial Mass** for deceased parishioners will be held on Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 AM. The **7-Parish Task Force** is asking for volunteers for a subcommittee for vocations. Rick Paoletti agreed to join.

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach

Update: Tod said that it is getting easier to visit the nursing homes.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Update: Rick Paoletti - We had our final **Chicken BBQ** for the summer yesterday and it went very well. The knights will be hosting a **Holy Hour** in preparation for the **40 Days for Life** campaign on Monday, September 18 from 6:30-7:30 PM. The campaign begins on Wednesday, September 27 and runs until Sunday, November 5. Saturday, October 7 is our **Annual Columbus Day Dinner**, the cost is \$25.00 per person and we will have live entertainment. The proceeds will benefit the Margaret Home, which helps young mothers get on their feet.

Outreach – Social Media/Communications

Committee Update: Gary Kern – **Website update:** The company that hosts our website is OSV. They are planning to migrate all of their customers to a new platform. After reviewing the costs and many options, we have decided to redesign and relaunch the St. John website on a new platform no longer using OSV. The net savings is approximately \$1700.00 the first year and \$900.00 annually. Gary is asking for help to participate in the review of our existing content and provide updates and is also looking for help with providing maintenance and support for the new site. Training will be provided.

Christine Paoletti via Cleveland– **Facebook update** – likes 593 Followers 766

Paul Parkman – Talked about the 7-parish committee which is preparing our churches for the future. Everything we do here at our parish is important and does not go unnoticed. The purpose for this committee is to help us become more informed about what is going on in all of the parishes. Father stated that in the 70's and 80's St John's had 5000 registered families. He then gave us numbers on the attendance at all 7 parishes for their weekend Masses and the total was 3,366.

Safety: Nick Sassano: Safety committee update - No update at this time

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish: The council prayed the O Most Blessed Virgin Mary prayer at the end of our meeting for a tribute to 9/11.

Closing Prayer: Sharon Miller

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023

Opening and Closing Prayers: Karen Bessette

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
Peace in Our World

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



September 23/24	ATTENDANCE.....	418
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,290.58
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,051.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,341.58
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	1,188.42)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as September 24, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	123,890.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	121,807.60
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	2,082.40)

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
THIS Weekend, September 30/October 1

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!*



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.



Blessing of Our Pets

THIS Saturday, October 7 at 10:30 AM

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Memorial we celebrate on October 4, we will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets by Deacon Elmer. We will gather outside on the lawn in front of church but in case of rain, we will gather under the canopy in front of church. Our feline and canine friends are not the only pets invited—all well-behaved pets are invited to receive this special blessing. We look forward to this special gathering.



Knights of Columbus Pro-life Dinner

THIS Saturday, October 7 at 5:30 PM

In St. John's Parish Center



Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be holding their annual Columbus Day dinner for the benefit of The Margaret

Home, a residential program that empowers pregnant and parenting mothers by supporting their physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs.

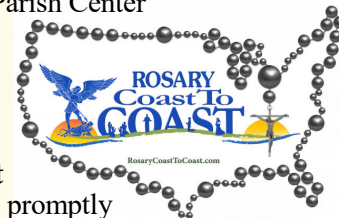
The dinner will be a buffet featuring chicken marsala, vegetable, pasta, meatballs, and salad, with live music by Tom and Tony. The cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door. **Seating is limited, so reserve your place soon by calling or texting Dick Dixon at 629-1916.**



Rosary Coast to Coast 2023 ~ 6th Annual Event

NEXT Sunday, October 8 at 3:45 PM at the Mother Mary Grotto behind the Holy Cross Parish Center

Please join us as Holy Cross Church prays the rosary in unison with the faithful from across America.



Please spread the word about the event! Rosary prayer starts promptly at 4:00 PM! Followed by a brief Reception in the Parish Center. If you would like to donate a dessert, please contact Julie at 585-330-7927.

Please bring a lawn chair and your Rosary. If it rains, the Rosary will be prayed inside the church.

*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 October 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 8, 2023 Ron LaForce
October 22, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

October 1, 2023 Tom Grieco
October 8, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
October 15, 2023 Tom Grieco
October 22, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 1, 2023 Chris Hoefler
October 8, 2023 Terry & Pam Hearne
October 15, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
October 22, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 29, 2023 Chris Hoefler