

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 11, 2026

2400 West Ridge Road
Rochester, New York 14626

In the Footsteps of St John

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

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

Confession By Appointment Only.

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Baptism For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Marriage Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980.

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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.

The Power of Prayer

The month of October is a time to pray the rosary and to ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Church, to help us do the work entrusted to us by her Son. It is also time for us to reflect on spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth, as well as to pray for vocation awareness in our diocese and indeed for the universal Church. We do this, by encouraging vocations from our own families and acquaintances, to build the church of God. October is generally the month that we pray for missionary vocation awareness as well. God so willing, many men will move toward ordination in the next few years. We need vocations. So let us allow our minds to draw us to this ministry entrusted to us by our baptism. We all need to be what we want others to become.

Let us remember our Bishop John Bonnici, that God will continue to bless him. May the Lord, through our prayers, also bless the people



and priests and religious in the Diocese of Rochester to stand firm in the faith. We each need to hear God speak to our heart in His own way so that God alone, who knows the direction in which he wants His Church built, will lead and direct us.

We are in challenging times, so let us encourage each other, from our homes to our streets, as well as in our parishes, to open the goodness and blessing of the faith. Invite your family to pray the Rosary. Come and pray the group Rosary one half hour before each weekend Mass. Overcoming challenges is what makes life meaningful, and through the power of the Rosary the Blessed Mother of our Lord Jesus has done wonders and continues to do so. No one can grow the faith for us, we must each grow for ourselves using scriptures and traditions of our faith. Please do not forget to say a Rosary for me as I will do for you.



Peace and love to all,
Father Peter



**Parish Office Closed
for Columbus Day,
Monday, October 12**



DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/
Ps 113:1b-4, 5a, 6-7/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6/
Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Gal 5:18-25/
Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Eph 1:1-10/
Ps 98:1-6/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Eph 1:11-14/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Eph 1:15-23/
Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7/
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6/
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

Masses for the Week—October 12 - 18**MONDAY, October 12 Columbus Day**

8:15 AM + *Thomas H. Wiesner*
by his 5 Wiesner Siblings

TUESDAY, October 13 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Paul Miller*
by John & Judy Weckesser

WEDNESDAY, October 14 *St Callistus I, Pope*

8:15 AM (living) *Special Intention for Eileen Zegarelli*
by Family

THURSDAY, October 15 *St Teresa of Jesus*

FRIDAY, Oct 16 *St Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque*
8:15 AM + *Samuel Imburgia*
by Family

SATURDAY, October 17 *St Ignatius of Antioch*
4:00 PM + *Deceased Members of St John's Parish*

SUNDAY, October 18 *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of the Baum Family*
by Steve & Terri Braya
10:00 AM + *Frank & Barbara Conte*
by Daughter, Donna Lodato

Wills/Bequests/Memorials -

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule**Sunday, October 11**

C&B Ticket Sales in Narthex

Before & After Mass in Church

9:00 AM OCIA Class In Meeting Room

11:30 AM Fall Festival in Parish Center

Monday, October 12 Columbus Day

Parish Office CLOSED

NO Bible Study TODAY

Thursday, October 15

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room

Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

**Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17
Louis Sirianni	George Smith	Redemptorist Frs & Brs	William Spilly	Edison Tayag	Deceased Priests	David Tedesche

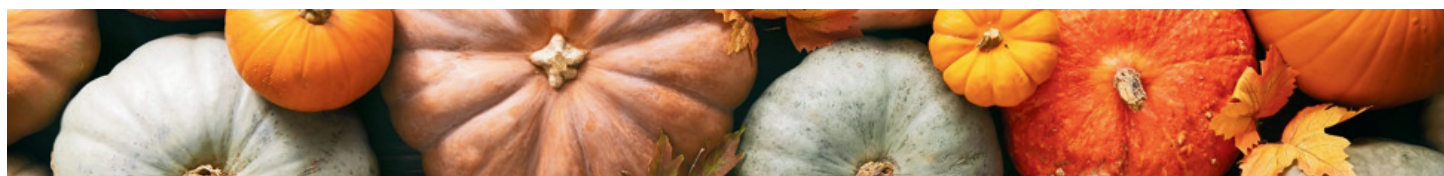
Blessing for Our Common Home

God, bless and protect this beautiful earth You have created, the place we call home. Grow Your compassion in us, as we share our lives in this world, together.
Amen. ©LPi

Eve was called the “mother of all the living”

Gen 3:20. Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation.

Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

**Fall Festival - THIS Sunday, October 11 after the 10:00 AM Mass**

Come join members of Social Ministry and fellow parishioners for our Fall Festival taking place TODAY, October 11 following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center. There will be a chili cook-off along with cider and donuts, games for adults and children, prizes, pumpkin painting, and many more fun activities. All chili entries will be numbered and voted on by your fellow parishioners. We hope to see many of you for food, fun and fellowship!



www.dor.org/cma

The 2026-27 CMA Campaign is now underway under the leadership of our new bishop, The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici. Bishop Bonnici reminds us we are united in a common mission – a mission to share the love of Christ with all people. Embracing our mission in Christ reminds us that through faith, generosity, and hope, God is continually renewing His Church and calling us forward together and together, we will make a difference!

Here at St. John's, Greece, NY (039) our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$78,000. If you have received your pledge card in the mail from Bishop Bonnici, please use it to make your pledge soon. You can mail it to CMA directly OR put it into the weekend collection basket in a sealed envelope marked: CMA OR drop it off OR mail it in to the Parish Office (2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626).

IMPORTANT: Please make checks payable to: CMA. In the memo section please write: 039-St. John's-Greece.

NOTE: If your household did not receive a pledge card from the bishop, you are still asked to take part. There are CMA envelopes in the back of church; you can check with an Usher or see me, Fr. Peter. Every pledge matters! As your Pastor, I am so pleased we have been able to fulfill our parish goal these past few years and it is my hope and prayer that we will do so once again for 2026-27!

THANK YOU ALL!!

SOCKTOBER Our Collection Continues



Our sock collection continues throughout this month of October. Please place your donation of new men's, women's and/or children's socks into one of the bins located in the church narthex. These will help the many people in need throughout our community especially during the upcoming cold months of winter. God bless you for your kindness.



Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser to Benefit St. John's

Boscov's is holding a fundraising event to benefit local non-profit organizations and this includes St. John's Church. The event/sale will take place at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 8 AM till 11 PM. Get a head start on your holiday shopping! With your \$5 donation to St. John's, you will receive a shopping pass offering a 25% discount on items from many departments (details are on the coupon). The nice part is not only do you receive a nice discount but St. John's keeps each \$5 donation! Time is running so don't miss out. If you'd like to receive a shopping pass for yourself, family or friends, call (225-8980) or email (gstjohnt@dor.org) the Parish Office and we can arrange to get the pass to you.

The Holidays are Fast Approaching. Order Your Pies Today!



We are accepting orders for pies as part of our 3rd Annual Pie Fundraiser to benefit St. John's Church and Special Touch Bakery/Holy Childhood. Order forms can be found at the information displays in the church narthex. Paid orders are due at the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, October 27. Pie pick-up will be at the Parish Center on Thursday, November 12 from 3:00 'til 6:00 PM



Everyday Stewardship

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the Washington Post who died in 2007 is credited with saying, “The best things in life aren’t things.” As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives

Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs

are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Holy Cross CYO Thank You

Holy Cross Bombers soccer teams and their families had the opportunity to attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece on September 20, 2026 as a special thank-you for welcoming us and allowing us to use their soccer field this season.

It was a beautiful service and a wonderful opportunity for our Holy Cross/OMOS community to come together and show our appreciation.

We truly cannot thank St. John the Evangelist Church and their parish community enough for opening their doors—and their field—to our teams this season. Your generosity and support have meant so much to our players, coaches, and families.

Thank you for helping make this soccer season possible!

Mike Horn

Reminder on Qualified Charitable Distributions as a Way to Donate to St. John's Parish

(QCD) (sometimes referred to as “IRA Charitable Rollovers”) In December, 2015, the IRA QCD Legislation was signed into law permanently. 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 transfers up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities (i.e. St John’s). This opportunity applies only to IRA’s and no other types of retirement plans.
- Since a QCD can potentially reduce a donor’s Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), please discuss your situation with your Financial Advisor.
- 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, 2026 to qualify this year.
- The gift needs to be sent directly from a financial institution 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 in the Business Office at St. John’s, at 585-225-8980, or joseph.spurrier@dor.org



Susan Wrue *Wife of Richard Wrue*
Samuel Imburgia *Husband of Dolores Imburgia*
Casimer Stanchus *Father of Kathleen Cirincione*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
The Respect for All Human Life
from Conception until Natural Death

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



October 3/4

Week 14	ATTENDANCE.....418
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 13,910.45
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,877.19
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 15,787.64
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 5,739.64

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of October 4, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 522,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 140,672.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 136,676.07
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 3,995.93)

Capital Improvement/Boiler Fund

THIS Weekend, October 10/11



This Collection for our Boiler Fund/Capital Improvements will be taken up. Please use the yellow envelope found in your envelope packets.

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. It is easy, safe and secure! Find the link to Online Giving on our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



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



World Mission Sunday

NEXT Sunday, October 18 is World Mission Sunday, a day when we, together with all the Catholics around the globe, unite in prayer and generosity

for the Church's missionary work. This year's theme, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal missionary identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.



Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

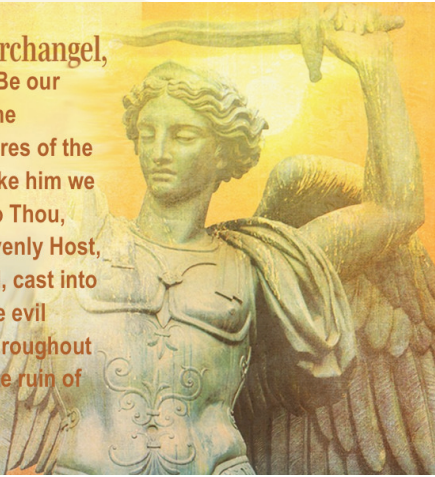
Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" *Matthew 22:5*. The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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 throughout
the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen.



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connecting with this joint website listed here. Check in with it often for various offerings at the parishes listed.

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



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October 11 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

October 11 Barb & Bob Gotham
October 18 Tom Grieco
October 25 Barb & Bob Gotham

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October 11 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
October 18 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 25 Chris Hoefler

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October 11 Kathy Christodaro

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