

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 15, 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.



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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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
Rom 1:1-7/
Ps 98:1-4/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday
Rom 1:16-25/
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday
2 Tm 4:10-17b/
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday
Rom 3:21-30/
Ps 130:1b-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday
Rom 4:1-8/
Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday
Rom 4:13, 16-18/
Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12

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

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 Salvatore Matano, 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 God bless,
Father Peter*



Blessings Abound!

We welcomed many pets last Saturday, October 7, for our Annual Pet Blessing by Deacon Elmer—15 dogs and 1 brave cat!



Masses for the Week—October 16—22

MON, Oct 16 *Sts Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque*
8:15 AM + **John Englert**
by Gene & Diane Englert

TUESDAY, October 17 *St Ignatius of Antioch*
8:15 AM + **Frances & John Wambold**
by Rick & Kathy Paoletti

WEDNESDAY, October 18 *St Luke, Evangelist*
8:15 AM + **Eleanor Zanni**
by Beloved Husband, Tony & Family

THURS, Oct 19 *Sts John de Brebeug & Isaac Jogues*

FRIDAY, October 20 *St Paul of the Cross*
8:15 AM + **Robert Foley**
by Joe & Laura Foley

SATURDAY, October 21 *Weekday*
4:00 PM + **Joseph Pizzi**
by Family

SUNDAY, October 22 *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM + **For the People of St John the Evangelist**
10:00 AM + **Cosmo & Marji Lombardini**
by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 15
9:00 AM RCIA in Meeting Room THIS Week
Fall Festival following the 10:00 AM Mass
in the Parish Center

Monday, October 16
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

Wednesday, October 18
5:30 PM RARTL Annual Meeting/Dinner
in Parish Center

Sunday, October 22 World Mission Sunday
9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center
Confirmation Class in Meeting Room
following 10:00 AM Mass



October is Respect Life Month

**After Roe: Becoming
a Pro-Life Advocate**

Presented by Father Jim Hewes

**THIS Tuesday, October 17, 2023
at 7:00 PM**

St Mark's Church, 54 Kuhn Road,
Rochester, NY 14612

Father Jim Hewes holds a Masters
Degree with a concentration in

medical Moral Ethics, is the author of numerous pro-life
articles, is one of the founding members of the Rochester
Area Right to Life Committee, and former Director of
Project Rachel.

Please join us!

Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf

NEXT Weekend October 21/22

The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece residences
each month. We are looking for 10 of the most needed
SPECIFIC FOOD ITEMS:

- Large size cans of: vegetables, corn, beans etc....
- Spaghetti O's,
- Cream of Chicken Soup,
- Chunky Soups,
- Cans of Stews,
- Chili,
- Canned Fruit



If you can help Carol Napierala box and deliver the food to the Greece
Food Shelf, please contact her at 585-225-8660
or napierala12@aol.com.



Share a Prayer

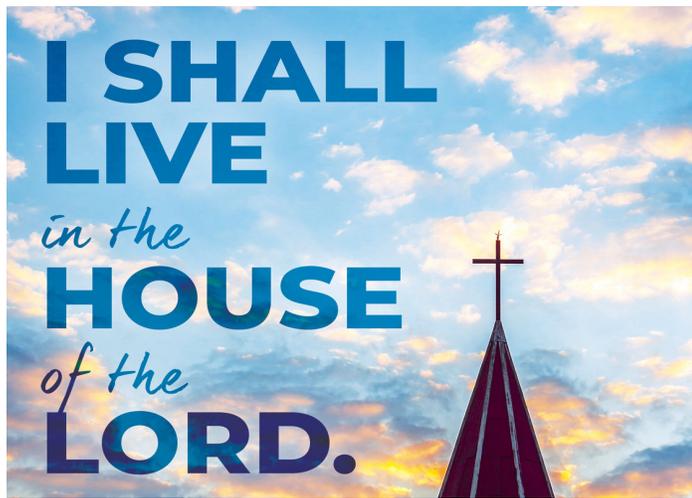
Do you have a favorite prayer? Maybe it's a prayer that you learned from a grandparent or parent, or one that you found on a prayer card, or one that you heard in church. It may be an old prayer that's been part of your life since childhood, or a new one that you learned recently.

Our Faith in Action Team (FIAT), after receiving this suggestion from a fellow parishioner along with Fr. Peter's blessing to proceed with this, invites you to share your favorite prayer with other parishioners at St. John's. Simply send your prayer to our Prayer Line at StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com. You can also place the prayer in the offering basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

We will periodically share the prayers in the bulletin. Perhaps the prayer that means so much to you may also resonate with someone who needs those words at the moment!

Sunday, October 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Cf. Eph 1:17-18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 22:1-10

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."



The goal for St. John's is \$81,000

Make your pledge today!

As of Tuesday, October 10, 60 Donors have Pledged \$14,075, taking us to 17.38% of our Goal.

Every dollar received in the CMA is used directly or indirectly to fund ministries affecting every Catholic and faith community in the diocese.

Supporting the CMA means you are providing pastors, other clergy, and lay ministers with the tools needed to minister to you. Diocesan supports funded by the CMA and used by both parishes daily include:

- Information Technology
- Evangelization Professionals
- Human Resources
- Buildings & Grounds Advisors

Also, as a Diocesan Church, we are called to support the mission of our local Church. Among many other activities, contributions to the CMA:

- Helps with the Formation of Seminarians



- Provides needed funding to Catholic Charities so that refugees can have the support they need in creating a new life for themselves and their families.

Please pray about making a gift that will support this important appeal in the life of our local church. **If you have not given in the past, please consider doing so this year.** Every gift helps our local Church, reminding all to **Go Forth with Christ.**

If it is easier, you can make your gift at www.dor.org—you can also pay your pledge off in installments. Pledge forms, which can be put in the collection or mailed directly to the CMA, are available in the back of church. There is also a **Text Gift** option. *See the back of the diocesan letter from Bishop Matano.*

Visit www.dor.org. View the CMA video. See how the funds are distributed. Make your gift TODAY!

Please pray for the success of our efforts.

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 worshipers. 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

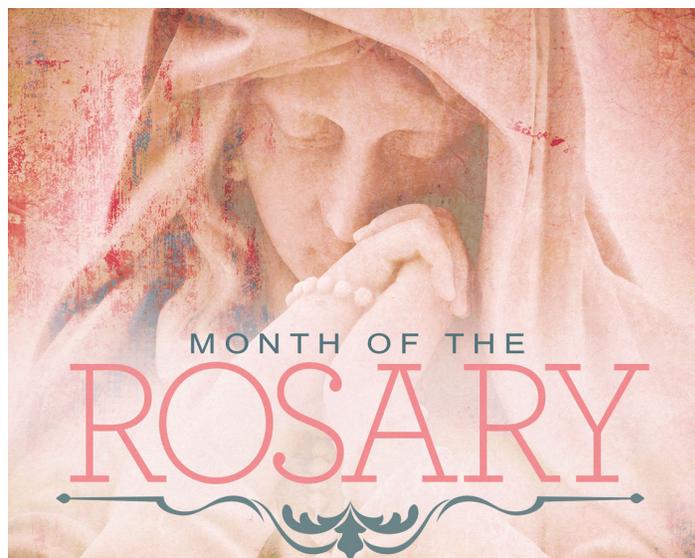
For more information about joining our ministry, please contact Consuelo De Los Santos-Humphrey, Dir. of Choir Ministry consuelo.delossantos@dor.org or 585-225-8980.



World Mission Sunday 2023

NEXT Weekend, October 21/22, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis

invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, parts of Latin America, and parts of Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.





Roger Forgues *Brother of Pauline Leger*
Dolores Felice *Mother of Sandy Heerkens*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

**Respect and Protection of All Human Life
Victims in the Attack on Israel**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline for Columbus Day, our October 7/8 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin.

Thank you!

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.



Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the Civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coor: Deborah A. Housel, 585-328-7177, x1555; Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, x1555 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org



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!



Notre Dame Retreat House

Overlooking Spectacular
Canandaigua Lake

*Notre Dame
Retreat House*
invites you to
come and take
time with God in a

beautiful setting. Upcoming opportunities to renew your spirit are:

"Keep Hope Alive" Retreat Weekends

- October 20-22—Women
- November 17-19—Couples
- November 3-5—Women
- December 8-10—Men

"Spirituality of Aging" Day Retreat

- November 7 with Fr. John Rose

"Boundless Compassion" Week Retreat

- October 30—November 2

"Advent, A Season of Darkness and Light" Day Retreat

- December 5th with Sr. Karen Dietz, SSJ

For more details on presenters, themes, fees and how to register, please visit our website

www.notredameretreat.org

Or <https://www.facebook.com/NDSpirituality/>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament All Souls' Day and Holy Mass



On Thursday, November 2, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery is pleased to host a day of Eucharistic Adoration as part of the 3-year *Eucharistic Revival*, which aims to "renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

The Faithful are invited to pray quietly in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord in the historic All Souls Chapel.

Following these hours of Adoration, a Mass for The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be offered by The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, for the souls of those buried at Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden Cemeteries.

Join Us November 2, 2023

Eucharistic Adoration *All Souls Chapel*, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Holy Mass *Chapel in Christ Our Light Mausoleum* - 5:30 PM

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

2461 Lake Ave. Rochester, NY 14612 | holysepulchre.org

HOLY
SEPULCHRE
CEMETERY

ASCENSION
GARDEN

*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 22, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

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

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 15, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
October 22, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 29, 2023 Chris Hoefler