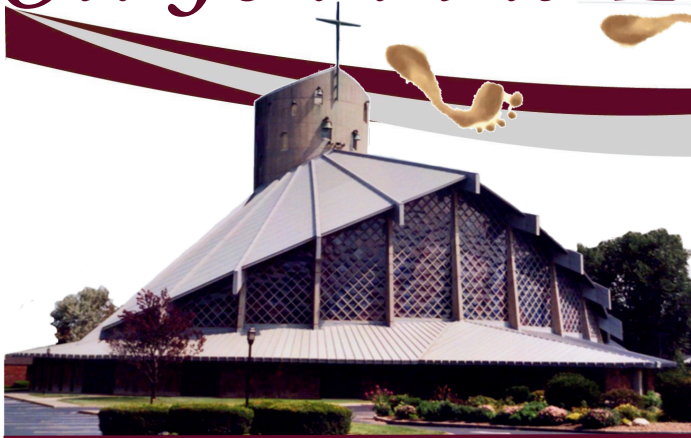


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October 18, 2026

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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.



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

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Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

Confession By Appointment Only.

Please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980

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.

May We be Guided by the Holy Spirit

The last wishes of Alexander the Great... On his deathbed, Alexander summoned his army generals and told them his three ultimate wishes:

1. The best doctors should carry his coffin... 2. The wealth he has accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery... 3. His hands should be let loose so they hang outside the coffin for all to see!

One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain. Here is what Alexander the Great said:

I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal.

I want the road to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, will stay on earth.

I want my hands to swing in the wind so that people understand that we come into this world empty-handed and we leave this world empty-handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is TIME.

We do not take to our grave any material wealth. TIME is our most precious treasure because it is LIMITED. We can produce more wealth but we



cannot produce more TIME. When we give someone our time, we actually give a portion of our life that we can never take back. Our time is our life! The best present that we can give to our family of faith and ourselves is our TIME with GOD. We are part

of the Church but also we are part of a society and world that is filled with constant changes and surprises. We bring this reality wherever we go. We don't leave this cultural reality of change at the church door. Yet despite all of this, we find ourselves searching for stability in our church, but even that reality has changed and continues to change. We often experiencing the challenge of this constantly shifting reality, but it is also an opportunity to remember what truly anchors us. As Catholics we have faced changes in our parishes and in the Mass itself. I invite us to reflect on these questions below in the next few weeks.

1. What are some threads—personal beliefs and convictions—that I hold onto in life and help anchor me amidst shifting sands of change?
2. What helps me hold onto them?
3. What makes it difficult to hold on? And why?
4. What inner resources serve to sustain me?

Let us spend time focusing on what makes us members of St. John's church.



May God Bless Us All,

Father Peter

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday

Eph 2:1-10/
Ps 100:1b-5/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22/
Ps 85:9ab-14/
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12/
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Eph 3:14-21/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6/
Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16/
Ps 122:1-5/
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

Ex 22:20-26/
Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/
Mt 22:34-40

Masses for the Week—October 19 - 25

MON, Oct 19 *Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues*
 8:15 AM + *Maria Maldera*
 by John & Carol Leary

TUESDAY, October 20 *St Paul of the Cross*
 8:15 AM + *Barb LaForce*
 by Ron

WEDNESDAY, October 21 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Michael Andrew Robbins*
 by Albee Family Dental

THURSDAY, October 22 *St John Paul II, Pope*
 8:15 AM + *60th Wedding Anniversary*
of Alan & Eileen Vieira
 by Alan & Eileen Vieira

FRIDAY, October 23 *St John of Capistrano*
 8:15 AM + *60th Wedding Anniversary*
of Tom and Jean Raisbeck
 by Fr Peter

SATURDAY, Oct 24 *St Anthony Mary Claret*
 4:00 PM + *Joseph Pizzi*
 by Family

SUNDAY, October 25 *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM *Living Members of St John's Parish*
 10:00 AM + *Linda Tufano*
 by Mary Frances Staub-Carr

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 18
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

Monday, October 19
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:30 PM Fatima Ministry in Parish Center and Church

Wednesday, October 21
 10:30 AM Bereavement Gathering in Parish Center

Thursday, October 22
 Begin Respect Life Month Novena
 4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room

Sunday, October 25
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room
 11:15 AM Reconciliation Class in Parish Center



**World
Mission
Sunday**

**Today We Celebrate
100 Years of
World Mission Sunday**

Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization. We are all called to be a part of this missionary work, and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday.

The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24
Matthew Temple	Paul Tomasso	Daniel Tormey	Martin Truong	Jeffrey Tunnicliff	Gary Tyman	Michael Upson

**respect life
month
novena**



October is Respect Life Month. Join your fellow parishioners and Catholics nationwide in praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. **The novena begins**

THIS Thursday, October 22 and concludes on Friday, October 30. Copies of the novena can be found in the front of church in a basket near the ambo. We are all encouraged to take part in this special prayer each of the 9 days either privately on our own or with others. For those who wish, you can get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by signing up at respectlife.org/celebrate!

Don't Grieve Alone

**Next Bereavement Gathering**

The next Bereavement Gathering will take place this Wednesday, October 21 from 10:30 AM 'til Noon in the Parish Center. For those in need, please know you are welcome.

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!



www.dor.org/cma

GIVING FROM OUR GIFTS

Traditionally, Catholics have been used to giving when a fixed amount is needed. Stewardship on the other hand is different. Its starting point is that everything we have is a gift from God. We give not because the parish is asking to fund the parish budget or a concrete project, but because it is essential FOR US to give.

Even if one decides for whatever reason not to give very much to the parish or the CMA, then it becomes even more imperative that this person finds some other viable charity to give generously to, in recognition of and gratitude for, the many blessings one has already received from God. The deeper issue is not really about money, but our faith and the participation that flows from it. So that for the most part, many times people who are “stingy” with giving to the church/parish of their time, talent or treasure are for the most part “stingy” with their mercy, their forgiveness, their almsgiving to charities and their gift of time. Most of those on the other hand who are generous in their giving to the church or parish are generous in these other aspects of their lives because they

know that everything, they receive is a gift from God. Whether giving of your treasure through the weekend collection and the CMA or giving of the precious gift of your time & talent, we must never forget that since every single blessing we have received, has been given by our gracious God.

Likewise, we must find ways to reflect this generosity because All Things New: Embracing Our Mission in Chris,.” as we live our lives each and every day.

Here at St. John’s, Greece, NY (039) our parish goal for this year’s campaign is \$78,000. **As of Tuesday, Oct 13, 48 households have pledged \$14,155 bringing us to 18.15% of our goal.**

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!!



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” *Lk 1:38*. Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” *Jn 14:6*. In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.



HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR ALL VOCATIONS

Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester and the 7 ROC Catholics Northwest parishes: a Holy Hour to pray for all Vocations followed by an information session about the permanent diaconate

Please join us on Thursday, November 12 to pray for all vocations, 5:30-6:30 PM, in St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Rd. Those who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate are invited afterwards to an information session in Deacon Hall. **If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Ed Giblin at Edward.Giblin@dor.org.**

Invitation to Adopt a Seminarian

The Vocations Committee of the Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes invites parishioners to send an occasional note of encouragement to the seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester, not only to give them a word from “home” but also to thank them for their willingness to discern a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. We need good, holy priests to serve the Church and to carry on the generous pastoral ministry of our priests, and affirming a young man’s call to discern a vocation is something that we can all do. St. John’s is again adopting Joseph Maurer. All of the parishes have been asked also to include Anthony Nicolosi who is one of our own! Their addresses are below.



Please send along only a note or a card, no snacks or treats, and don’t expect that they will respond – they are very busy with their studies and would surely appreciate a note of encouragement! Thank you very much for your consideration, and for praying for our seminarians!



Mr. Joseph Maurer (birthday December 18)

Mr. Anthony Nicolosi (birthday March 31)

Address for both:

St. John’s Seminary | 127 Lake St. | Brighton MA 02135



Call for Little Saints!

In Celebration of the Feast of All Saints, on November 1st at the 10:00 AM Mass, we invite children to dress up as any saint you admire. Those dressed as saints will join the procession before we begin Mass. This is a beautiful opportunity to teach children about belonging, remembrance, and the ongoing story of God’s love. It is also a perfect chance for families to talk about saints, maybe even choosing one you’re named after or someone who inspires you. Let our children bring the communion of saints to life!

Thank you and God bless,
Consuelo De Los Santos



St. John’s Parish will celebrate a Memorial Mass, sponsored by St. John’s Women’s Guild, on **Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the Church.** Relatives and friends of those who died between October 1, 2025 and September 30, 2026 are cordially invited together with our parish family. This is the list in chronological order of death.

Ernest Frasco	Daniel Merola	Thomas Wiesner
Francesca Mallia	Ralph Englert	Palma Anselm
Joan Lowrey	Carol Mary Brancato	Connie Leary
Catherine Hiler	Rita Lukacko	Todd Weinmann
Barbara Parkhurst *	Paul Miller	Kathryn Zambuto
Doris Gendron	Dolores DeConinck *	Rosemarie Marcello
Bruce Miller	Sandra MacMillan	Jean Zamiara
Joyce Fike	Yolanda Cirrincione	Daniel Yargeau
Jennie Maenza	Scott Kruppenbacher	Jean Raisbeck
Antoinette Borrelli	Barbara Masi	Roger Measer
Dolores Vanderburgh	Joseph Arbia	Duane Czajka
Rita Roides	Kenneth Volkmar	Patricia Kastner
Michael Sufrá	Barbara Sotile	Kenneth Francis

Services at Funeral Homes or Graveside

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**Women’s Guild Members*



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 Agnes J. Hill *Mother of Patricia Hill*



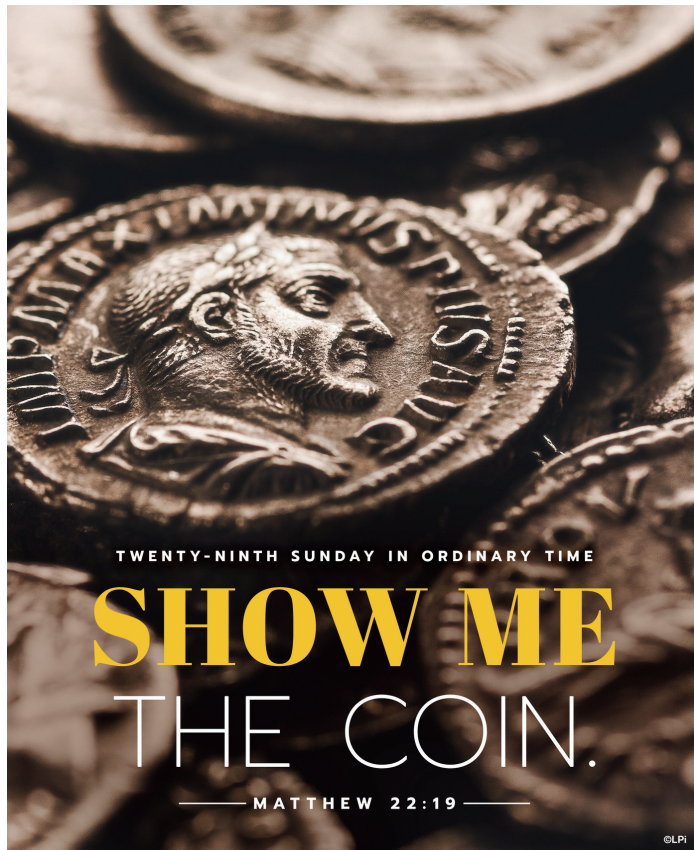
This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Jean Raisbeck**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **The Homeless & Marginalized**
- ✠ Marian I **Those Listed at the Marian Shrine**
- ✠ Marian II **Rosemarie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to early bulletin deadlines for the Columbus Day Holiday, our October 10/11 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin.
 Thank you!



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.

There's Still Time ...



Shopping passes for Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event are available now through the Parish Office for \$5 each including the day of the event – Wednesday, October 21. Please call the Parish Office (225-8980) and we will arrange to get you your passes. Why not catch a great deal on socks by using your shopping pass to help with the Socktober collection?



Pie orders are still being taken; don't delay. The pies are from Special Touch Bakery/Holy Childhood. **Paid orders must be received at the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, October 27.** You will find order forms at the Pie Fundraiser displays in the narthex. Your pies will need to be picked up at the Parish Center on Thursday, November 12 from 3:00 'til 6:00 PM.



It's still **Socktober!** Collection of your sock donations will continue through Saturday, October 31. Your donation of new men's, women's and/or children's socks can be placed into the receptacles found in the narthex. Your generosity will benefit the needs of many folks in our community!

Second Annual Blood Drive

Sign Up now in the Narthex



Following the success of our 2026 drive, we are pleased to announce our **2nd Annual Blood Drive, Saturday, April 10, 2027** in honor of our long-time parishioner and friend Mickey Corsi, whose dedication to St. John the Evangelist Church and numerous parish activities has touched many lives.

We are grateful for the generous response to last year's drive and hope to continue this wonderful tradition in Mickey's memory.

The American Red Cross requires a minimum number of participants to hold a drive, **so we invite anyone willing to donate to please sign up on one of the sheets located at the back of the church.** If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Tom Corsi at 585-857-8850.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Mickey's legacy through this life-saving act of kindness.

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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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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