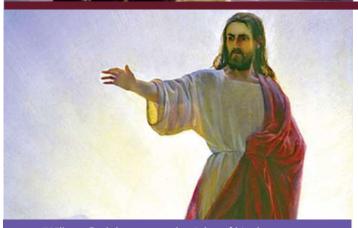
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In the Footsteps of St John

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



"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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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.

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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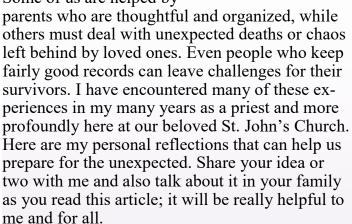
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Rom 4:20-25/ Lk 1:69-75/ Lk 12:13-21	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Ps 40:7-10, 17/ Lk 12:35-38	Rom 6:12-18/ Ps 124:1b-8/ Lk 12:39-48	Rom 6:19-23/ Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Lk 12:49-53	Rom 7:18-25a/ Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/ Lk 12:54-59	Rom 8:1-11/ Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 13:1-9	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/ Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/ Lk 18:9-14

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.

Faith in Action— How Are We Burying the Dead?

More of us are facing these tasks as our family members age and die. This is something most of us do not want to think about. Some of us are helped by



While we may no longer have to physically bury our dead, we are called to show respect for the body even though deceased. As Catholics, we believe in the dignity of the human person and in the resurrection of the body, "caring for the body grows out of reverence and concern for the person whom the church now recommends to the care of God," according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

So not only are we called to comply with the guidelines of the Catholic Church for burying our dead, we are expected to help the dying receive God's grace during the last minutes of life. We should also support those who have suffered the loss to help them bear their pain a little easier. Consider these end-of-life situations, and decide which activity helps in a given moment.



• Visit patients in hospice and arrange for them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist, if appropriate. Call your parish priest or let a church member call for a priest. Where possible, plan one's funeral ahead

of death, with the selection of songs and Biblical passages for the readings, as clergy of our diocese are encouraged to do.

- If death occurs, contact a funeral home concerning burial or cremation arrangements; the parish will work through the funeral home. The church recommends that cremation be interred in a dignified manner and not kept in the home.
- Contact the Social Security Administration and any other government agencies or benefit program that my be making payments to the deceased.
- Family should make sure the deceased has a plot or burial place in which to rest in peace.
- Attend wakes, funerals, and funeral dinners when possible to offer support to the bereaved family.
- Take care of young children of families suffering from or anticipating a loss.
- Continue to visit the bereaved after the funeral flurry is over. Be present to offer help, bring a meal, or just be available to listen.
- Help widows or widowers handle the details of practical life that their loved one used to handle such as records of a business or personal assets.

We need to share our wishes with family



members for them to know what we want when God calls us home.

God bless you. Father Peter

Masses for the Week—October 20—26

MONDAY, October 20 St Paul of the Cross

8:15 AM + Barbara LaForce

by Husband, Ron & Family

TUESDAY, October 21 Weekday

8:15 AM + Peter Cicoria

by Mary Ellen Flannery

WEDNESDAY, October 22 St John Paul II, Pope

8:15 AM Living Alan & Eileen Vieira 59th Wedding Anniversary

by Alan & Eileen

THURSDAY, October 23 St John of Capistrano

FRIDAY, October 24 St Anthony Mary Claret

8:15 AM + *Mark Byrne*

by DePetres Family

SATURDAY, October 25 Weekday

4:00 PM + Living Members of St John's

SUNDAY, October 26 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Baum Family

by Steve & Terri Braya

10:00 AM + Joseph Pizzi

by Family

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25
All	Louis	Walter	Paul	Matthew	Robert	Daniel E.
Deacons	Vasile	Wainwright	Tomasso	Walter	Werth	White



Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, our community of faith remembers those who have gone before us into God's light by inscribing their names in the Book of Remembrance. We will place our Book of Remembrance near the

Pascal Candle. Please write in this book the names of departed relatives and friends. Throughout November we will remember those listed in the book in our Masses.

"Love is never defeated."

St. John Paul II

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 19

Food Drive Weekend

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room

After 10:00 AM Mass First Reconciliation,

First Eucharist & Confirmation Class in Parish Center

Monday, October 20

9:00 AM Bible Study

6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry

in Parish Center & Church

Thursday, October 23

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, October 25

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parish Center

Sunday, October 26

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room



Lanna Isabella Ferrer became a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Deacon Elmer Smith baptized Lanna and we, as a faith community, pray Lanna will live in her baptism by continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of her life with the love and faith-filled support of her parents, family, and godmother.

Help Bring Christ's Message

At Baptism, we are anointed with the same Chrism Oil that priests are anointed with at their ordination. With this anointing, *all* baptized Christians inherit the responsibility for evangelization. This means it is not only up to the clergy to lead souls to heaven, it's our job too!



Together We Bring Hope ...and Hope does not disappoint

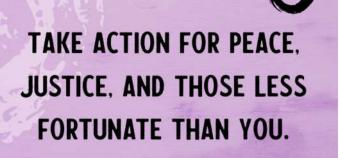


When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal your gift is joined with thousands of others to enable our diocesan community of faith to:

- Support ministries that reach out with the hands and heart of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned
- Ensure we can help struggling families find their way through economic crisis and back to stability
- Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people annually
- Fund ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith and teaches values they'll carry into adulthood.
- Help pay for the education of our seminarians on the road to priestly ordination
- Prepare engaged couples for God-centered marriages rooted in the Catholic Church
- Educate and prepare those who wish to become Catholic for the fullness of life in the Church through RCIA
- Enable us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life and make our voice heard in society
- Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection to the Church.
- Provide important services to your parish that it would find difficult to afford on its own

All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy settlement costs associated with abuse

As of Friday, October 10, 55 households have pledged \$14,365 bringing us to 17.96% of our \$80,000 goal.



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October Prayer Guide

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Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect

There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth.

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross." Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope.

Reflection adapted from "Life: Our Sign of Hope" (respectlife.org/life-our-sign-of-hope).

1 Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 25. | 2 Ibid, 3.

Act (Choose one.)

- Offer "A Prayer for Hope" for this month's intention.
- Visit a local parish and spend an hour adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

One Step Further

October is Respect Life Month! Pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death by joining the novena from October 22-30: <u>bit.ly/respect-life-month-novena</u>.



Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 AM in Church

St. John's Parish will celebrate a Memorial Mass, sponsored by St. John's Women's Guild, on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at10:00 AM in the Church. Relatives and friends of those who died between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025 are cordially invited. This is the list in chronological order of death.

Please mark your calendar for November 8.

Rose Pelano

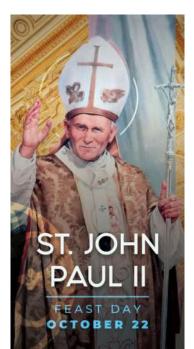
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^{*} Women's Guild Members



The Feast of St. John Paul II

On October 21st, we celebrate the pope who inspired the world! Born Karol Wojtyla in Krakow, Pope John Paul II became the first-ever Polish pope. He came of age in the early 20th century and lived through both the Nazi and communist occupations of Poland. His resistance activities were cultural, operating an underground theater company and entering a secret seminary. Karol was ordained a priest in 1946 and later a bishop. He was elected pope in 1978. As pope, the interests that captured his heart as a young man continued—his pastoral concern for young people, his philosophical emphasis on the human person, and his devotion to Mary and to the mercy of God.

St. John Paul II, pray for us! ©LPi



September 2025

Dr Fr Peter and St John the Evangelist Church,

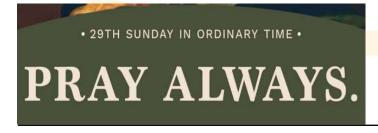
On behalf of the students, families, faculty, and staff of Nazareth Elementary, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible generosity. Your donation of school supplies was overwhelming in the best way! Because of your kindness we were able to host a two-day supply drop-in for families, ensuring each child began the year with the tools they need to learn with confidence and joy.

With the rising cost of supplies, your generosity lifted a real burden from many families. You provided not only notebooks, crayons, and pencils—but also peace of mind and hope for those who have chosen Nazareth Elementary for its strong academics and gospel-based values.

Your thoughtfulness is a shining example of Christ's love in action. As scripture reminds us, "And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16.

We are truly blessed by your support and partnership.
With gratitude and joy,
Rhonda Neal, *Principal*and Amy Rist, *Development*& Marketing Coordinator







This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Deacon Bob
- Tabernacle II Thomas Burke
- **[†]**Marian I Eleanor Zanni
- **[†]**Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to early bulletin deadline for Columbus Day, financials will appear in the October 26 bulletin.

Please know of my sincere gratitude for those who are fulfilling their increased giving pledge to sustain the needs of the church. I humbly ask you to continue with your sacrificial giving and for those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. We are a family and we're in this together to spread the Good News for the greater glory of God! God bless,

Fr. Peter

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





World Mission Sunday 2025

THIS WEEKEND, October 18/19, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Leo XIV invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and 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 week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Your prayerful and financial support are greatly needed and appreciated.

Bartolomeo & Perotto for Peace of Mind Seminar Series

November 5, 2025, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Making the decision to pre-plan your funeral is not an easy one. It may not "feel right" while you are still alive. It's hard to face the fact that we are mortal.

It's okay, take a deep breath. You ARE in fact still in the land of the living! Planning your funeral is simply a means of making things a bit easier for the ones you love when the time comes. What a gift!

Check it off your list! It will be nice to know your personal wishes will be honored and it gives you great peace of mind. **Done!** *Enjoy life!*

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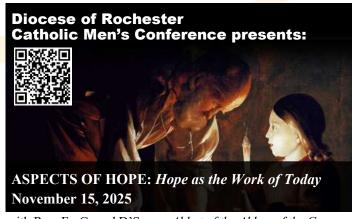


Don't Forget to Order Your Pies

We continue with our annual Pie Fundraiser to benefit our Parish and support the mission of Special Touch Bakery. The holidays will soon be upon us, so **now** is the time to think about pies. You will find information along with order forms in the narthex by the center doors and both far end doors.

Please keep in mind the order deadline is Thursday, October 30. Thank You for Helping to Make This Fundraiser a Great Success!





with Rev. Fr. Gerard D'Souza, *Abbot of the Abbey of the Genesee* \$20 cost includes lunch. **Registration deadline is Nov. 1**. Learn more and register here! www.stbernards.regfox.com/dor-catholic-mens-conference

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers October 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 26, 2025 Ron LaForce

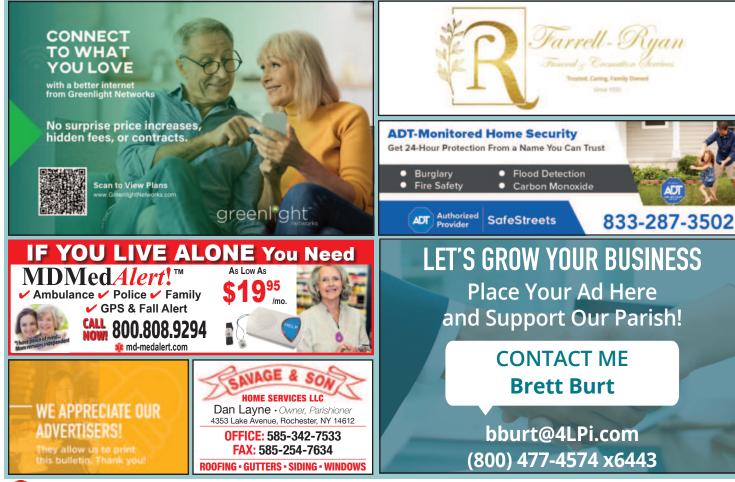
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