

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 22, 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.*



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

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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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rom 1:1-7/ Ps 98:1-4/ Lk 11:29-32	Rom 1:16-25/ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/ Lk 11:37-41	2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9	Rom 3:21-30/ Ps 130:1b-6ab/ Lk 11:47-54	Rom 4:1-8/ Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/ Lk 12:1-7	Rom 4:13, 16-18/ Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/ Lk 12:8-12	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.

### 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





**Masses for the Week—October 23—29**

**MONDAY, October 23** *St John of Capistrano*  
 8:15 AM *57th Wedding Anniversary of Alan & Eileen Vieira*  
 2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity*

**TUESDAY, October 24** *St Anthony Mary Claret*  
 8:15 AM + *Barbara LaForce*  
 by Family

**WEDNESDAY, October 25** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Scott Mattle*  
 by Dorann Cook

**THURSDAY, October 26** *Weekday*

**FRIDAY, October 27** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Theresa Rait*  
 by John & Carol Leary

**SATURDAY, October 28** *Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles*  
 4:00 PM + *Elizabeth Wiley*  
 by Kim & Michael Buda

**SUNDAY, October 29** *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Jack Gilligan*  
 by Wife & Family  
 10:00 AM + *For the People of St John the Evangelist*

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

**This Week's Schedule**

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

**Monday, October 23**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
 2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity  
 6:30 PM Women's Fatima Prayer Ministry in Parish Center then Church

**Tuesday, October 24**  
 6:30 PM Holy Hour in Church

**Sunday, October 29**  
 9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center



**World Mission Sunday 2023**

**THIS** Weekend, October 21/22, we celebrate this day by remembering our

baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! 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.



One of the many Ministries we have here at St. John's is that of our Ushers and Greeters. These volunteers are the first point of contact for each weekend Mass for

our parishioners and visitors. They initiate the welcoming and positive experience for everyone who comes to the church, which is essential to keep them coming back. Some of their many responsibilities are: greeting and directing parishioners and visitors, collecting our sacrificial offerings, providing assistance to those in need, providing information about the church, maintaining order during the service and many other services that go unnoticed. We want to THANK these volunteers for their service to our church community. When given the opportunity, please thank these volunteers for everything they do for St. John's.

If you would like to become an USHER or GREETER please contact the Parish Office at 585-225-8980.

*Thank You.*



**Holy Hour This Week**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**  
 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Please set aside this one hour to come and be with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf**

**THIS 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](mailto:napierala12@aol.com).

**Sunday, October 22** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,  
give to the LORD glory and praise;  
give to the LORD the glory due his name!  
Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;  
tremble before him, all the earth;  
say among the nations: The LORD is king,  
he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.****Second Reading** 1 Thes 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

**Alleluia** Phil 2:15d, 16a**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.****Gospel** Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."







**The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal Continues**  
**The goal for St. John's is \$81,000**

As of Tuesday, October 17, 88 Households have

Pledged \$21,405 bringing us to 26.43% of our Goal.

**Have you turned in your pledge card?** If not, we encourage you to do so soon. To all of you who have set the example by "Going Forth with Christ," THANK YOU.

Remember, you can consider a larger gift since you can pay off your pledge over the next 7 months.

\* NOTE: In the memo area of your check, please indicate that your contribution goes towards the goal of St. John's in Greece, parish number 039.

**Visit [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org). View the CMA video. See how the funds are distributed. Make your gift TODAY!**

We are required to complete the *pledge* phase of our campaign by year's end. But remember you have until May 31, 2024 to complete payment on your pledge.

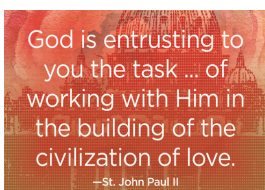
Please pray about making a gift that will support this important appeal in the life of our local church. **If you have not given in the past, please consider doing so this year.** Every gift helps our local Church, reminding all that **God is with Us Always.**

If it is easier, you can make your gift at [www.dor.org](http://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](http://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.*



**Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality— Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Enrollment and Programs**

A total of 744 children and youth participated in faith formation/youth ministry at the 7 parishes during the 2022-2023 school year: Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows 248, St. Charles Borromeo 103, St. John the Evangelist 7, St. Lawrence 228, St. Leo the Great 70, St. Mark 88. These numbers do not include children and teens who were a part of CYO or Scouting. Our parishes offer a variety of faith formation and youth ministry approaches. Beyond sacramental preparation, these include summer intensive, family faith formation, classroom-based, home schooling, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and several approaches to youth ministry.

**More complete information about each parish is available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or through the parish office.**



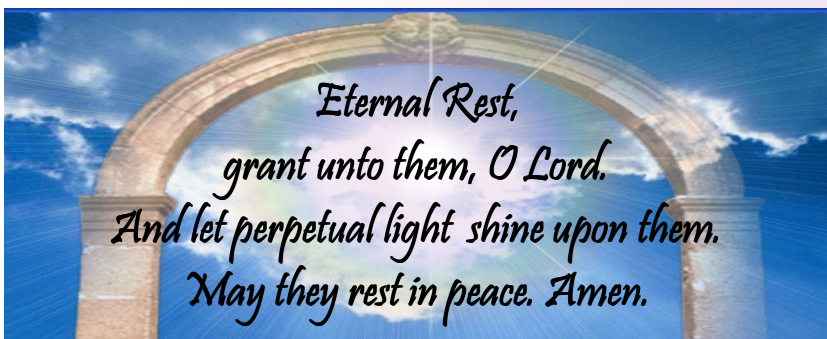
**Youth Programs Build Strong Foundations**

**Memorial Mass**

**Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 AM in Church**

St. John's Parish will celebrate a Memorial Mass, sponsored by St. John's Women's Guild. Relatives and friends of those who died between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023 are cordially invited. This is the list in chronological order of death.

**Please mark your calendar for November 4.**



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|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| James Zarud, Jr.   | Anthony Circhirillo, Jr. | John R. Ort           |
| *Mary Jane Consler | James A. Pierce          | Maria C. Sciortino    |
| James Vilar        | Gilbert Nettles          | Mario Girolamo        |
| Alphonse Palermo   | Evelyn Powers            | Kenneth Ward          |
| *Carol Ann Lennox  | Herbert C. Mattle        | Louis J. Polizzi, III |
| Josephine Embury   | Margaret Curtis          | Giovanna D'Elia       |
| Helen Gibaud       | Jennifer C. Mangan       | James Burdick         |
| Margaret Barnickel | Delmar Leach             | Cynthia Fischer       |
| Joseph Pulvino     | Madeline B. Resch        | Dolores West          |
| Mary Tartaglia     | Frank Magliocco, Jr.     | Florence DiPonzio     |

\* Women's Guild Member



Martha DiPaola *Parishioner of St John's*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I World Leaders
- ✚ Tabernacle II Our Military
- ✚ Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek
- ✚ Marian II Our Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>October 7/8</b>	ATTENDANCE.....384
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,852.12
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,220.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 10,072.12
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$ 542.12)

<b>October 14/15</b>	ATTENDANCE.....420
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,937.52
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,335.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,272.52
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 257.48)

## Fiscal Year 2023-24 as October 15, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$ 486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 152,480.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 150,456.37
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$ 2,023.63)

*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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



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



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Congress** July 17-21, 2024  
Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana

## A Catholic Experience Unlike Any Other

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ.

*God is doing something AMAZING in our lifetime. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same!*

## Making History—The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years

This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited.

*Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?*

## Registration is OPEN for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress

Visit <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org> to find info regarding registration to attend, schedule, speakers, travel, and much more!

*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.**



**Save the Date!**

Women’s Guild Members and all women of the parish are invited to join us for a Christmas Luncheon at Bella Pasta on Tuesday, December 5 at noon.

We will gather for lunch, friendship and gift exchange. *Watch the bulletin for updates.*

**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 22, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

October 22, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert  
October 29, 2023 Chris Hoefler