

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 23, 2022

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.



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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

Eph 4:32—5:8/
Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33/
Ps 128:1-5/
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 6:1-9/
Ps 145:10-14/
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20/
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Eph 2:19-22/
Ps 19:2-5/
Lk 6:12-16

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26/
Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday

Wis 11:22—12:2/
Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
2 Thes 1:11—2:2/
Lk 19:1-10

Welcome!

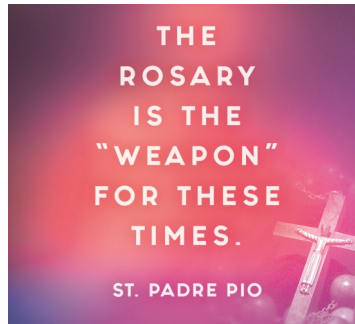
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, 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 Rosary and Why We Should Pray It Daily

We live in dangerous times and it is a dangerous world out there. In the words of Pope Pius XI (1857-1939): "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even a day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors."

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or as we call it, mysteries in history. These are Biblical events that encourage and strengthen us in our Faith. The Rosary is lightweight to carry and easily maneuverable. It fits in one's pocket, purse or glovebox. When we pray the Rosary, we put *ourselves and intentions into God's hands*. As we mediate and pray reflecting on the sacred mysteries, we can let go of any worries we may have and we can choose to completely trust in God, knowing that He (God) is listening to our prayers and that He wants the best for us and those we pray for.

The Rosary has been a weapon of choice for saints, kings, queens, warrior poets, maidens, peasants, missionaries, and misfits for centuries. But why do we call the Rosary many a time a sacramental "WEAPON"? We call it that because the Rosary is one of best defenses against our mortal enemy, the DEVIL. We are truly engaged in a spiritual war at all times, and Satan, as St. Peter says, "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" 1Peter 5:8. The devil never sleeps and never tires. The Devil is always plotting our downfall. We



have got to be on the offensive against him if we are to spiritually survive and make it to heaven.

If we are going up against the devil, we would be best fighting under the banner of Our Lady. The devil fears her like he fears no one else. She is like "*an army set in battle array*" (Song of Songs 6:10) against the forces of evil. She has given

her warriors a special weapon for the fight, and they carry her Rosary like a sword at their side. In fact those in religious communities carry their rosaries on the left side, hanging from their belt, because this is the traditional place for a sword!

"LOVE THE MADONNA AND PRAY THE ROSARY, FOR HER ROSARY IS THE WEAPON AGAINST THE EVILS OF THE WORLD TODAY".
— ST. PADRE PIO

Finally, the Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the Angel Gabriel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. The mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous.

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead us into a restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The repetition of the words helps us enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's Spirit dwells.



Pray the Rosary always and Pray for Peace!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Peter

SAVE THE DATE! Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, November 2, All Souls' Day
10 AM to 5 PM at Holy Sepulchre All Souls' Chapel (*East side of Lake Ave*) Benediction with Bishop Matano at 5 PM
Mass at 5:30 PM at Christ Our Light Chapel (*West side of Lake Ave*) Bishop Matano, Presiding and Preaching

Masses for the Week—October 24—30

MONDAY, October 24 *St Anthony Mary Claret*
 8:15 AM + *Thomas D’Ambrosio*
 by Ken & Jane Mattle

TUESDAY, October 25 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *For the People*

WEDNESDAY, October 26 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Joel Daniel Craddock*
 by Wife & Family

THURSDAY, October 27 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, October 28 *Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles*
 8:15 AM + *Melody Welch*
 by Dan & Melissa Kabasin

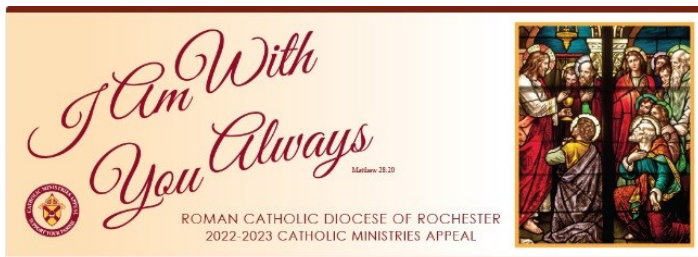
SATURDAY, October 29 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Elizabeth Wiley*
 by Kim & Michael Buda

SUNDAY, October 30 *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *For the People*
 10:00 AM + *Frank Conte*
 by Family

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

This Week’s Schedule

Monday, October 24
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:30 PM Fatima Women’s Prayer Group
 in Parish Center then in Church



**The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal is Underway
 The goal for St. John’s is \$83,000**

As of Tuesday, October 18 , 114 Donors have Pledged \$21,911, taking us to 26.4% 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 that “God is with us always” THANK YOU. Remember, you can consider a larger gift since you can pay off your pledge over the next 6 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. 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, 2023 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—you can also pay your pledge off in six installments. Pledge forms, which can be put in the collection or mailed directly to the Diocese, are available in the back of church. There is also a **Text Gift** option. *See the back of the diocesan letter from Bishop Matano.*

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Please pray for the success of our efforts.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29
William Endres	Peter Enyan -Boadu	Thomas Erdle	Richard Farrell	James Fennessy	John Firpo	Raymond Fleming

Art & Environment Ministry



Before long we will be getting underway with the Advent Season (November 26/27, 2022) and with this Season and the other liturgical seasons throughout the year, comes the opportunity to take part in decorating our church and the other details associated with the Art and Environment Ministry.

If you are a new to this and you think you’d like to take part, we’d love to hear from you and bring you on board. If you are someone who has been part of this ministry all along, we ask that you still make contact regarding your interest to continue on in the ministry—your experience and enthusiasm is of great value! All are welcome—both men and women!

We look forward to hearing from you so please reach out to the Art and Environment Ministry leader, Patty Hoag at 585-880-2426.

Sunday, October 23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**Second Reading** 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia 2 Cor 5:19**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

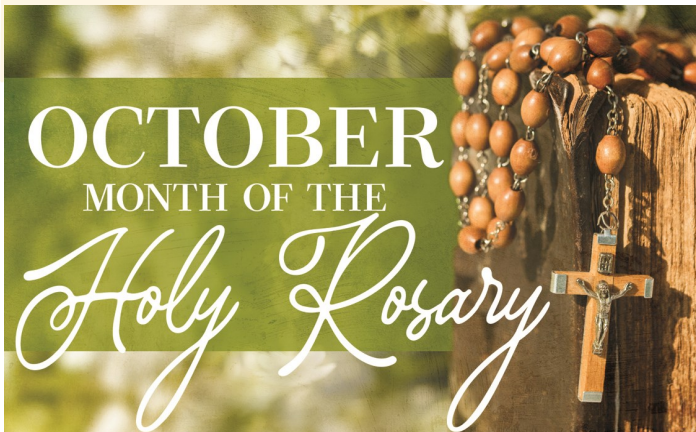
God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
and entrusting to us the message of salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Lk 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity - greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



More Ways to honor Our Lady of the Rosary in October...and all year round

Read a Marian Classic Here are some suggestions: *The Secret of the Rosary* or *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis de Montford; *The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary*; *The Imitation of Mary* by Thomas a Kempis; *The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God* by Fulton Sheen.

Devote Saturdays to Mary's Honor Saturday is the day our Church sets aside for Our Blessed Mother. Make a visit to a church that has a Marian chapel or statue and ask for Mary's intercession. It's a great day to focus on her and let her prepare you for receiving her Son in the Eucharist, either at the Saturday Vigil or on Sunday. Consider going to Saturday Confession as part of that preparation.

Practice Special Acts of Charity Choose one of the noted feast days in October — for example, Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), any Saturday (since all Saturdays are devoted to Mary) or the feast of Pope St. John Paul II on October 22 (he was famously devoted to the Rosary) — and do a special act of charity for someone in need. Offer it up to Jesus through Mary's Immaculate heart.

Pray the Rosary Every Day for the Month of October or Pray a Family Rosary If you don't already, why not start saying the Rosary every day. Or try saying a family Rosary or even just a decade together. Let each person share an intention they'd like the whole family to pray for.

Find Ways to Share the Rosary with Others Perhaps you can give rosary beads to a friend going through a challenging time, or bring a few to the local hospital or nursing home for any patients who might benefit from them. Perhaps you can join a group at church such as your parish Rosary Society and try the beautiful act of praying the Rosary with others. Maybe you could even start your own group or ask a family member or friend to join you once a month, on First Fridays or First Saturdays, for example, as a time to pray for each other and share time with Mary. If you are able to commit to praying the complete Rosary weekly, join the Rosary Confraternity and join your prayers to the prayers of all members, creating a beautiful bond of support and mutual prayer linking you to other members worldwide.



Remember A Loved One....

Again this year we will be offering the opportunity for you to purchase a candle to remember a loved one or friend this *All Souls' Day*, November 2nd. Each candle is \$10 and will be personalized with your loved one's name and Father Peter will bless the candles. They will be on display in church burning during Mass from October 31 thru November 7, 2022. If you'd like to place an order, please order early due to limited

quantity. Please complete the order form provided and return it to the Parish Office in an envelope marked *All Souls' Day Candle*, along with your check or cash payment on or before Wednesday, October 26. In the event we are unable to fulfill your order, you will be notified.

Payment by cash or check. Checks are made payable to: *St. John's* and in the memo section please write: *All Souls' Day Candle*.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. *Thank You!*

Your Name

Telephone Number

_____ @ \$10 each = \$ _____ Cash Check

of Candles

Loved One's Name
(i.e. James Smith or Deceased Members of Smith Family)



A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States

The Catholic Bishops of the United States (USCCB) are re-issuing the teaching document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful*

Citizenship. This teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. You can view this document online at [usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship](https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship) OR you may call the Parish Office at 225-8980 to arrange to pick up a copy.

YOUR VOTE *Matters*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I Nick Lippa
- ✝ Tabernacle II Nick Lippa
- ✚ Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek
- ✚ Marian II Nick Lippa

October 8/9	ATTENDANCE.....	387
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	9,971.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,871.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,842.02
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	3,136.02

October 15/16	ATTENDANCE.....	385
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,897.29
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,811.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,708.29
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	2.29

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of October 16, 2022

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	155,296.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	149,837.65
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	5,458.35)

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.



“Prayers that have worked for Millenia: The Psalms”

Day of Prayer at Notre Dame Retreat House
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY
November 15, 2022

Presented by Fr. Bob Ring

Day begins at 9:00 AM and concludes at 3:00 PM

There is a \$25.00 Fee. Please call 585-394-5700 or email us at ndretreat@rochester.rr.com to register.

Attendance will be capped at 50 people!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
BAPTIZED & SENT!

World Mission Sunday

THIS Sunday, October 23
TODAY is World Mission Sunday. 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.



Diocese of Rochester Permanent Diaconate

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church.

The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information.

A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry.

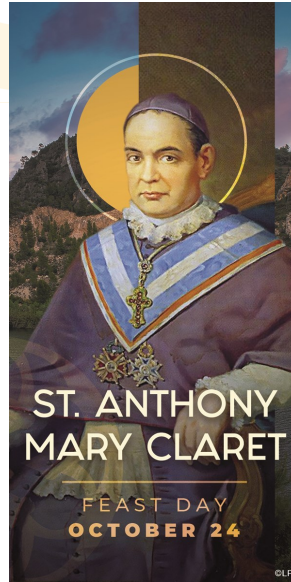
Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members, men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate.

Examples of Our Faith

Saint Anthony Mary Claret | October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the “spiritual father of Cuba.” He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

From 1850 to 1857 he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage and instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash



crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II’s confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exceptions that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen’s household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. ©LPI

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers, October 2022

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 30, 2022 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

October 23, 2022
October 30, 2022

Carolyn Kerhaert
Chris Hoefler