

October 5, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road Rochester, New York 14626

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.



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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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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/ Jon 2:3- 5, 8/ Lk 10:25-37	Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/ Lk 10:38-42	Jon 4:1-11/ Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/ Lk 11:1-4	Mal 3:13-20b/ Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Lk 11:5-13	JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9/ Lk 11:15-26	JI 4:12-21/ Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Lk 11:27-28	2 Kgs 5:14-17/ Ps 98:1-4/ 2 Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19

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.

I prepared my article for this weekend's bulletin before my departure home to Ghana as I wanted to be sure to kick-off the 2025-26 CMA Campaign before my return home to St. John's at the end of October. By



now you should have received my letter asking for your support with this year's campaign — *Together We Bring Hope And Hope does not disappoint*. If your household did not receive my letter, I ask that you please call the Parish Office so we can be sure to get one to you.

This year's theme is fitting because, as a parish, we are not able to achieve our CMA goal, or any other goal, without being in this TOGETHER! It takes every parish household to make a sacrificial giving to this campaign as it is best suited to your household situation. If your household is not supporting our parish CMA goal, it is important for me, as your Pastor, to understand why rather than me wondering why. Certainly it's not easy for me to ask for money for the various needs of the parish but these various needs are all part of working toward strengthening our parish and our diocese.

As my letter indicated, this year's CMA goal for our parish, #039-St. John the Evangelist, Greece, is \$80,000. It is my hope and prayer that once again we reach our goal as we have been doing these past few

years. In addition, we've not only reached our goal, but we have done so at a much earlier time than in past years. This is always refreshing when this happens because it saves me from asking and you from hearing my reminders for all of us to make our pledge and fulfill our commitment over the entire span of the 8 month campaign; it's good for all to wrap it up early.

It is my hope and prayer that TOGETHER we can achieve our goal as we did so wonderfully last year. I recognize challenging time continue but I'm confident through your sacrificial giving you will reap blessings from our loving and gracious God.

During my time away please take good care and know that you remain in my prayers and I will be grateful for you to please keep me in your prayers.

Peace,

Fr. Peter



Prayer for THIS Respect Life Sunday, October 5

Dear God,

Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE. Amen.

Masses for the Week—October 6—12

MON, Oct 6 St Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher 8:15 AM + Nicola Mercone

by Andrea Mercone

TUESDAY, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15 AM + John Drdul

by Ray & Marcia Parsons

WEDNESDAY, October 8 Weekday

8:15 AM + James Mikel

by Ray & Marcia Parsons

THURSDAY, October 9 Sts Denis & John Leonard

FRIDAY, October 10 Weekday

8:15 AM + *Richard A. D'Imperio* by Family

SATURDAY, October 11 St John XXIII, Pope

4:00 PM + *George & Margaret Wallace* by Family

SUNDAY, October 12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Living Members of St John's

10:00 AM + Robert Weiser

by Gene & Diane Englert

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11
Pope	Louis	George	William	Edison	David	Deceased
Leo XIV	Sirianni	Smith	Spilly	Tayag	Tedesche	Priests



Annual Blessing of Our Pets THIS Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 AM

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi we will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets by Deacon Elmer on Saturday, October 11. We will gather outside on the lawn in front of church but in case of rain, we will gather under the canopy in front of church. Our feline and canine friends are not the only pets invited—all well-behaved pets are invited to receive this special blessing. We look forward to this special gathering.

This Week's Schedule

Weekend, October 4/5

In Person Pie Orders taken after all Masses in Narthex Ocktoberfest Ticket Sales after all Masses in Narthex 9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room

Monday, October 6

9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg in the Parish Center7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in the Parish Center

Thursday, October 9

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, October 11

10:30 AM Pet Blessing Outside, Front of Church 5:30 PM Columbus Day Dinner in the Parish Center

Sunday, October 12

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room



Columbus Day Pro-Life Dinner THIS Saturday, October 11 at 5:30 PM | Open to All



Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be hosting their annual pro-life Columbus Day dinner at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center. This year's dinner will benefit *Mom Mentors*, a group who assists women who

have chosen life for their babies and are in difficult circumstances. The new moms are provided with material aid, parenting skills, travel resources, housing assistance, spiritual guidance and more. Our featured speaker will be Jan Healy, leader of *Mom Mentors*. A buffet dinner will be served. There is no admission cost but free-will donations will be accepted.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling or texting (preferred) Rick Paoletti at (585)489-9555 with your name and the number of people attending.

October - The Month of the Rosary

As you may know, the Catholic Church devotes the month of October as *The Month of the Rosary*. For those who may not know, 1/2 hour before the start of each weekend Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the pews in front of the Blessed Sacrament. On Saturday this begins at 3:30 PM and on Sunday it begins at 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM. Compared to the attendance at each Mass, there is only a very small group of people who partakes in this group prayer. We'd certainly like to see more people take part and so would our Blessed Mother. You are not required to lead a decade of the Rosary but you can certainly volunteer to do so. Anyone not leading the decade, you would simply join the others in the prayers of the Rosary. Pamphlets are available for those who may not be familiar

The Fátima children,
St. Francisco Marto,
St. Jacinta Marto,
and Venerable Lucia
dos Santos, ages
7-10 years, impacted
the world after the
many apparitions of
Mary they
experienced. They
shared Mary's call
to pray the rosary
and for peace in
the world.

with praying the Rosary and there is always someone who can help you in learning how to do so. Now is wonderful time to do so!

We also bring to your attention our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry led by Eileen Zegarelli. We are a group of women who meet once a month to faith share with the focus on

our Blessed Mother and praying the Rosary. We gather in the Parish Center where Eileen guides us in deepening our understanding of the story of Fatima as well as various topics surrounding Our Lady. We also share prayer intentions anyone would like us to pray for. After this, we go over to Church and our group prays the Rosary offering our intentions in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. We are always open to women joining our group so whether you're a longstanding parishioner, someone new, or anywhere in between, know that you are welcome to join us – we'd love to have you! Should you have any questions about this Ministry, please contact Marcia at the Parish Office at 225-8980 and you can be put in touch with Eileen Zegarelli.

"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world." ~ Pope John XXIII



Dear Music Ministry and Parish Family,

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you".

The readings speak of faith that waits with hope, worship that listens, and service that does what is needed. We need to trust and rely on God, even when life feels unfair or unclear. This Sunday is a reminder that faith grows when we trust God and serve Him with simple obedience. An invitation to live each day in hope, love and faithfulness.

"Pilgrims of Hope" is this Sunday's meditation hymn.

Refrain:

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word. Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son. (*Refrain*)

God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free. (Refrain)

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time. Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him. *(Refrain)*

We journey through life with trust in God's love and plan, embracing the future with optimism, and actively spreading joy, kindness and the message of hope to others, especially during difficult times. "Pilgrims of Hope", the theme of Jubilee Year 2025, encourages faith in God's continued presence and guidance, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose in building a more hopeful future.

We are called to keep faith alive and active because discipleship means being a tireless servant.

Faith and Love,

Consuelo

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less." ~ C.S. Lewis.

For more information about joining our ministry, please contact Consuelo De Los Santos, Director of Music

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Bereavement Group Meeting (SJE)

Wednesday, October 15 at 10:30 AM St. John the Evangelist Parish Center

Topic: Anna Stetzel, LMSW from Lifespan will be presenting the many services Lifespan offers with at our bereavement group. All are invited!

Some of Lifespan programs include:

- Care Management
- Caregiver support for those caring for someone with memory loss, dementia, Alzheimer's
- Social work advocacy supporting older adults living in nursing homes or who are being abused/mistreated by loved ones
- Financial services
- Information & assistance with long-term supports and services
 - Transportation
 - Medicare
- Health and wellness
- Fall prevention
- Education

These services may greatly help you in a time of need. Please come sit in, have a cup of coffee and spend a little time socializing. Peace, Deacon Lon



Honoring Mickey Corsi with a Blood Drive

In recognition of our long-time parishioner and friend Mickey Corsi, who tirelessly contributed to many parish activities, including organizing on-site blood drives here

at St. John the Evangelist Church in the past, we are considering hosting a blood drive in her honor, possibly mid-April 2026.

However, before we can schedule the event, we need to gauge interest. The American Red Cross requires a minimum number of participants to hold a drive, so if you are willing to donate in Mickey's honor, 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.

We sincerely hope that you will help celebrate Mickey's legacy by supporting this life-saving cause.

Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf Weekend of October 18/19



The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece residences each month. They are asking for donations of the following items:

- Tuna, chunky style soup, cereal, canned pasta
- Salad dressing, flavored noodles, rice mixes
- Baking mixes, condiments
- Bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant, body wash
- Dish detergent
- menstrual pads and tampons.

Food will be delivered on the morning of October 20. Please, contact Pamela Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053 or email gakern85@gmail.com if you can help with the delivery.



2nd Annual Pie Fundraiser -Benefiting our Parish and also supporting the mission of Special Touch Bakery/Holy Childhood!

What better way to celebrate your

Thanksgiving or Christmas holiday than with a pie from Special Touch Bakery!

This year Special Touch Bakery is offering 9 varieties of pies ranging from cream pies, to fruit pies, to pecan & pumpkin.

Check out the display boards in the narthex at the center doors and each of the two far end doors, where you will see Brochures describing the pies available for purchase along with Order Forms.

Please note that the pies come frozen-some only require thawing while others need to be baked. Instructions are included.

All completed order forms can be dropped off or mailed to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket at weekend Mass. Please be sure your order form and payment are in an envelope marked "2025 Pie Fundraiser". Payment is due at the time you place your order; payable by cash or check made payable to *St. John the Evangelist Church* in the memo section write: *Pie Order*.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW!

- The last day to submit your order form is Thursday, October 30th. We cannot accept orders after this date
- Pies must be picked up at the Parish Center on Monday, November 17 between Noon-2 PM OR 4:15-6:15 PM. Please plan accordingly.
- Please keep a copy of your order form and bring it with you at pickup.

Thank You for Helping to Make This Fundraiser a Great Success!



Gerard Kraus Brother of Rev. Stephen Kraus



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Anthony Barbato
- Tabernacle II Homebound Parishioners
- TMarian I Fr Peter during His Respite
- Marian II World Peace

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



September 27/28 Week 13	ATTENDA	NCE402
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	6,207.17
ONLINE Giving	\$	1,110.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering	\$	7,317.17
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFEI	RING(\$	2,632.83)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as September 28, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE	\$ 129,350.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED	\$ 133,809.98
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$ 4,459.98

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

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.

Capital Improvement/Boiler Fund THIS Weekend, October 5/6



This Collection for our Boiler Fund/Capital Improvements will be taken up. Please use the yellow envelope found in your envelope packets.

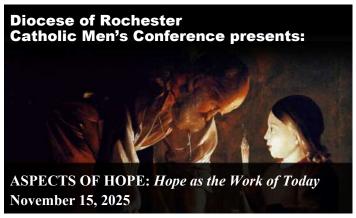


America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally—Last One until 2026!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on Monday, October 13 at 6:00 PM.

NOTE: Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.



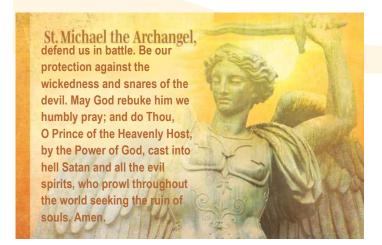
with Rev. Fr. Gerard D'Souza, *Abbot of the Abbey of the Genesee* \$20 cost includes lunch.

Registration deadline is November 1.









Rosary Coast to Coast '25–8th Annual Event THIS Sunday, October 5 at 3:45 PM at the Mother Mary

Grotto behind the Holy Cross Parish Center

Please join us as Holy Cross Church prays the rosary in unison with the faithful from across America.

Bring a friend and spread the word.
Rosary prayer starts promptly at 4:00 PM followed by a brief Reception in the Parish Center.

Bring a chair and your Rosary. We have complimentary rosaries if you need one. If it rains, the Rosary will be prayed inside the church.

4492 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14612

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September/October 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 12, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

October 26, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

October 5, 2025 Tom Grieco

October 12, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

October 19, 2025 Tom Grieco

October 26, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 5, 2025 Chris Hoefler
October 12, 2025 Terry & Pam Hearne
October 19, 2025 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
October 26, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert





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