

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 8, 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.



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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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

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/
Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Jon 3:1-10/
Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11/
Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b/
Ps 1:1-2- 4, 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/
Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Jl 4:12-21/
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Is 25:6-10a/
Ps 23:1-6/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14

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.

Our official parish-wide effort for the 2023-24 Catholic Ministries Appeal of our diocese is now underway. By now you should have received my letter outlining our parish needs through your participation in this year's campaign—***Go Forth With Christ***. A special thank you to those who have already made your pledge.

It is my prayer that many of us in our faith community, after prayerful consideration, will determine they can pledge \$250 (as referenced in my letter) to this year's campaign. I recognize not everyone is able to pledge this amount; I am grateful for whatever amount you can pledge. As your pastor, I want you to know that I, too, financially support the CMA. I am hopeful many will find it helpful to utilize the installment payment program over these next 8 months (Oct – May) with the notion it will decrease the overall burden a one-time payment of \$250 may create for some of



us. We made our goal last year, and I believe by God's grace we can make this year's goal a reality as well. Again, we need everyone's participation; past donors, lapsed donors and new parishioner donors. All donations make a difference for the good of building God's

Kingdom here on earth. As Pope Francis says eloquently and reminds us all, "a Church without charity does not exist."

Soon we will be listing the names of our contributors in the bulletin. We ask that once you make your pledge that you allow appx 2 bulletins to see your name appear and if you don't see it, please be sure to contact the Parish Office so we can be sure everything is in good order with your pledge.



God bless us all in our spirit of giving as we ***Go Forth With Christ***.
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor

The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal is Underway

The goal for St. John's is \$81,000

As of Tuesday, October 3, 25 Households have pledged \$4,205, taking us to 5.19% of our goal.

By now you should have received your pledge card in the mail from the Diocese. If you have not, please contact the parish office at 225-8980.

We encourage you to return your card with a pledge soon. To all of you who have set the example and have "Gone Forth with Christ," THANK YOU.

** 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 60 second CMA video. See how the funds are distributed. Make your gift TODAY!

Remember, you can consider a larger gift since you can pay off your pledge over the next 8 months, Oct—May
Please pray for the success of our efforts.

We are required to complete the ***pledge*** phase of our campaign by year's end, 2023—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 to ***Go Forth with Christ***.

If it is easier, you can make your gift at 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 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.*

Masses for the Week—October 9—15

MONDAY, October 9 *Sts Denis & John Leonardi*
 8:15 AM + **Jim Pierce**
 by the Stanton Family

TUESDAY, October 10 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Ken Ward**
 by John & Carolyn Kerhaert

WEDNESDAY, October 11 *St John XXIII, Pope*
 8:15 AM + **Vincenzo & Damiana Leonardis**
 by Angelo Leonardis & Family

THURSDAY, October 12 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, October 13 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **John Englert**
 by Bill and Sandy Smith

SATURDAY, October 14 *St Callistus I, Pope*
 4:00 PM + **For the People of St John the Evangelist**

SUNDAY, October 15 *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + **Deceased Members of the Baum Family**
 by Steve & Terri Braya
 10:00 AM + **Mario Girolamo**
 by Wife, Angelina

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 8 Deacon Sunday
 9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center

Monday, October 9 Columbus Day
 Parish Office CLOSED
 NO Bible Study

Wednesday, October 11
 6:30 PM Arts & Environment Meeting in Parish Center

Sunday, October 15
 9:00 AM RCIA in Meeting Room THIS Week
Fall Festival following the 10:00 AM Mass
 in the Parish Center

Fall Festival

NEXT Sunday, October 15 after the 10:00 AM Mass



Please join us NEXT Sunday, October 15 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center for a Fall Festival. We will be having a chili cook off, cider and donuts, games for adults and children, prizes, pumpkin painting, and many more fun activities. **If you would like to participate in the chili cook off, please email Karen Bessette at karengreen4043@gmail.com** with the type of chili you will be entering. You can drop off your chili in a crockpot before Mass at the parish center. All entries will be numbered and voted on by your fellow parishioners. It is Fall and it is Sunday which means it is also Football! Wear your favorite team's jersey, and invite your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to share fellowship at this fun event at our beloved St. John's.

A Prayer for Deacons

O Christ, You are the source of all ministry in the Church. In response to the needs of the People of God, You have called forth and ordained deacons as servants for our Church.

Continue to sustain those You have called to this ministry so they remain ardent servants with gentle hearts, proclaiming the Gospel and serving at Your Holy table.

Help them reflect the real and true presence of Christ, the Deacon, to the needy among us. We also give thanks for those who accompany these men in their journey of service—their wives and families, their parish communities, and all those who call them to respond in faith, hope, and love.

Loving Savior, continue to help Your Church affirm our deacons in their service. Together as one family of faith, may all that we say and do give honor and glory to You and draw others ever closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

Prayer by Most Rev. Douglas Lucia, bishop of Syracuse, NY



Parish Office CLOSED this Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day. Office will reopen Tuesday, October 10 at 9:00 AM.

Deacon Sunday Today we celebrate *Deacon Sunday* and here at St. John's, on this special day, we especially remember and pray for Deacon Elmer and also

our past deacons, Deacon Bob Burke—may he rest in perfect peace, Deacon Ed Knauf, and Deacon Paul Virgilio, together with their wives who support them in this Ministry. A special thank you to these men who have answered God's call to this beautiful Ministry and for all they do in helping to build God's Kingdom here on earth.

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.

Sunday, October 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

A vine from Egypt you transplanted;
you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls,
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste,
and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted,
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**Second Reading** Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia Cf. Jn 15:16**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."



Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!
Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following date/time:

THIS Friday, October 13 at 6:00 PM

This is our last Rally until May of 2024. We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585)225-8980.



October is Respect Life Month

After Roe: Becoming a Pro-Life Advocate

Presented by Father Jim Hewes

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM

St Mark’s Church, 54 Kuhn Road, Rochester, NY 14612

Father Jim Hewes holds a Masters Degree with a concentration in

medical Moral Ethics, is the author of numerous pro-life articles, is one of the founding members of the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee, and former Director of Project Rachel.

Please join us!



September 18, 2023

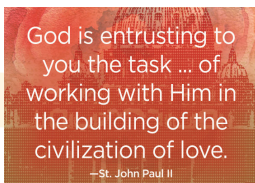
Dear Father Enyan-Boadu,

Sincere thanks from here and Maryknollers around the world for your kindness. Fr Douglas May, M.M. enjoyed the weekend and the people of St John the Evangelist were very receptive. Needless to say, this is a great help towards our efforts to bring the “Good News” to all nations. May this kindness rebound to you and your people.

Our sincere thanks to your parishioners. There will be a grateful remembrance in our Masses and prayers. May God bless your own wonderful labors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Claudia A. Velardo, *Administrative Assistant*



Pastoral Planning: Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met again on August 29. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to preparing for the priesthood of the future when pastoral leaders will likely be responsible for an increased number of parish communities. We want to consider ways to keep the mission of our parishes at the center while trying to relieve our Pastors/Pastoral Administrators of some responsibilities. To help lay members of the Task Force have a better sense of what leaders actually do, each pastoral leader was asked to share some of his actions on a typical weekday. Task force members learned some of the ways that a bridge has been built between Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows. Finally, Karen Rinefierd, who facilitates the work of the Task Force, shared what has been learned from leaders, staff, and parishioners across the diocese about healthy practices in clustering parishes. In October the Task Force will continue its work to draft possible parish groupings to present to parishioners for input as preparation for the time when the Bishop is not able to fill an opening for a Pastor/Pastoral Administrator.



Share a Prayer

Do you have a favorite prayer? Maybe it’s a prayer that you learned from a grandparent or parent, or one that you found on a prayer card, or one that you heard in church. It may be an old prayer that’s been part of your life since childhood, or a new one that you learned recently.

Our Faith in Action Team (FIAT), after receiving this suggestion from a fellow parishioner along with Fr. Peter’s blessing to proceed with this, invites you to share your favorite prayer with other parishioners at St. John’s. Simply send your prayer to our Prayer Line at StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com. You can also place the prayer in the offering basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

We will periodically share the prayers in the bulletin. Perhaps the prayer that means so much to you may also resonate with someone who needs those words at the moment!





Deacon Dan Kinsky, Diocese of Rochester
Florence DiPonzio Mother of Tracy Farmer



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Richard A. D'Imperio**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **RCIA Participants**
- ✚ Marian I **Those Who Care for the Dying**
- ✚ Marian II **Those Who Defend the Unborn**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Sept 30/October 1	ATTENDANCE.....	389
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,107.13
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,197.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,304.13
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	225.87)

2nd Collection

Boiler Fund.....	\$	1,964.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$.00
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TOTAL Boiler Fund.....	\$	1,964.05

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as October 1, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	133,420.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	131,111.73
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SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	2,308.27)

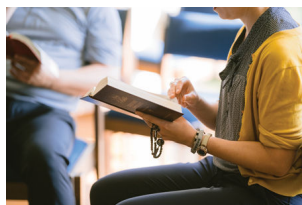
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

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. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



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



Scripture & Scones

The Monday morning get-togethers in the Parish Center at 9:00 AM with the Bible Study Group is a great way to start the week!

We will start a new topic on October 16, when we will begin discussing the Ascension Press study on the New Testament Book of Hebrews, alternating weekly with a discussion on a Psalm.

For information or any questions, call Sue Thiele at 752-5305 or just stop in any Monday. All are welcome!

Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf

Weekend of October 21/22 *Please be generous.*

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.



Notre Dame Retreat House
 Eucharist in Our Lives as Men of Faith

November Men's Retreat—Join Us Nov 17/18, 2023

This 24 hour Retreat experience for men will focus on the Eucharist in our lives as men of faith. There will be sharing and time for quiet reflection and prayer following short presentations on the centrality of the Eucharist. The experience begins at 3:00 PM on Friday afternoon, November 17 at the Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. Three meals are included as well as overnight accommodations in private rooms at the Retreat house. Fr. Ed Palumbos, a Pastor of 40 years, priest of 51 years and experienced retreat Leader will be our guide.

For more information to register contact Phil Palumbo at 585-455-8793 and for Notre Dame Retreat House call Nancy Lynch at 585-394-5700.

*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.**



12th Annual St. Charles Borromeo Ladies Luncheon & Fundraiser

THIS Saturday, October 14, 2023

11:00 AM (Doors open 10:00 AM)

Guest Speaker: Donna Dedee,
President & CEO Special Touch Bakery

\$20 per person—Tickets may be purchased at the St. Charles Parish Office during business hours.*

Join us for a delicious hot luncheon including baked chicken, ham, potatoes & green beans as well as raffles and silent auctions to benefit the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Ministries, including the Joshua Opladen Scholarship Fund

Live music provided by Eric Trumpowsky!

**Purchase your tickets in person OR on-line on our website www.stcharlesgreece.org (Register for Events)*

ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers October 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 8, 2023 Ron LaForce
October 22, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

October 8, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
October 15, 2023 Tom Grieco
October 22, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 8, 2023 Terry & Pam Hearne
October 15, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
October 22, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 29, 2023 Chris Hoefler