

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 17, 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.*



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## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

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**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

1 Tm 2:1-8/  
Ps 28:2, 7-9/  
Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13/  
Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5, 6/  
Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16/  
Ps 111:1-6/  
Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/  
Ps 19:2-5/  
Mt 9:9-13

### Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12/  
Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/  
Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16/  
Ps 100:1b-5/  
Lk 8:4-15

### Sunday

Is 55:6-9/  
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/  
Mt 20:1-16a

## 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.

### We Believe that Faith is a Gift

As Catholics, we believe that faith is a gift that we receive at Baptism and it grows within us as we **live, learn, worship, and celebrate** with our Christian family—**THE CHURCH**. Faith is a powerful gift and Jesus in the Sacred Scriptures speaks about it very often. Faith the size of a mustard seed would be sufficient to uproot a sycamore tree and cast it into the sea Luke 17:6. Because of her faith, the woman who suffered twelve years of hemorrhages was healed simply by touching the tassel of the cloak Jesus was wearing Matthew 9:22. Sight was restored to some who were blind because of their faith Matthew 9:29, and the faith of the men who lowered their friend through the roof brought healing and forgiveness to their paralyzed companion Mark 2:5.

We cannot take the gift of faith for granted. It was in his own hometown of Nazareth that Jesus was distressed by the lack of faith found in his people Mark 6:6. We may profess our faith each week in



the **CREED** but we must guard against just reciting words. Jesus criticized those who performed acts of prayer, fasting or charity in order to appear holy; our actions should flow from the faith we profess right from the time of our Baptism. When we act out our faith, **we grow in faith**. This weekend, as your Pastor, I am calling on all to act out in faith as we pray and reflect on the power

and presence of God in our lives.

Jesus continually draws us to himself and has written in our hearts a deep desire for communion with him. Faith is our response to this desire expressed in our religious practices and values we hold in life. It is in our faith relationship with God that ***In him we live and move and have our being*** Acts 17:28. ***Faith is a gift from God—a response from us to God.*** I am thankful to God for your



faith and generosity to our beloved St John's.

*Peace and love to all,*  
Father Peter



### A Time To Celebrate!!

Word has it, one of our long time parishioners, Mr. Sylvester Stein, is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday THIS Sunday, September 17, 2023. On behalf of all of us, I wish to extend heartfelt birthday wishes to this fine gentleman who has been a pillar of our faith community together with his wife, Rita, (whom I understand is

catching up to Sylvester!). We are grateful for their dedication and support to our beloved St. John's Parish throughout the years. Today we salute Mr. Stein and may our good and gracious God shower him and his family with blessings of good health and happiness. God bless,

*Fr. Peter*

NOTE: Cards can be dropped off at the parish office to be forwarded to Mr. Stein.



### Confirmation Parent Meeting for BOTH 1st & 2nd Year Candidates

**THIS Sunday, September 17** in the Parish Center right after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Meeting is mandatory, materials will be handed out at this time to the 1st year candidates.

**Masses for the Week—Sept 18—24**

**MONDAY, September 18** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Jean Sage*  
 by Steven and Valerie White

**TUESDAY, September 19** *St Januarius*  
 8:15 AM + *Mario Girolamo*  
 by Angelina & Angelo

**WEDNESDAY, September 20**  
*Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang*  
 8:15 AM + *Joseph Paoletti*  
 by Rick & Kathy Paoletti

**THURSDAY, September 21** *St Matthew, Apostle*

**FRIDAY, September 22** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Deceased Benefactors of St. John's*

**SATURDAY, Sept 23** *St Pius of Pietrelcina*  
 4:00 PM + *Craig Ward*  
 by Family

**SUNDAY, Sept 24** *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Ray Kerhaert*  
 by John & Carolyn Kerhaert  
 10:00 AM + *Thomas D'Ambrosio*  
 by Parents

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



**Notre Dame Retreat House**  
**October Women's Retreat—Join Us this Fall Season!**  
 Give yourself the gift of a weekend away with God this Fall in peace and hope.

Join Fr Dennis Billy, CSsR, Fr Daniel Ruiz, Sister Donna del Santo, SSJ, Nancy Lynch, and Jodie Scordo at our beautiful Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

The retreat begins on Friday, October 20 at 7:00 PM and ends Sunday, October 22 at Noon.

To register, contact us at 585-394-5700.

St. John's new parish captain is Eileen Zegarelli

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, September 17**  
 Parent Meeting for Confirmation in Parish Center  
 Following the 10:00 AM Mass

**Monday, September 18**  
 6:30 PM Holy Hour in Church

**Sunday, September 24**  
 Priesthood Sunday  
 11:00 AM Baptismal Class in Parish Center



**Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. They included:

- **City Roots Community Land Trust**, a group of low-income people that renovated blighted properties and became homeowners in inner city Rochester
- **Refugees Helping Refugees**, an organization of and for refugees that provided English classes, job skills training, and tenants organizing
- **Alianza Agricola**, a farmworker group *empowering its membership to achieve a more dignified life*
- **Coffee Connection**, a wholesale and retail coffee business providing job skills and a supportive, sober environment for women in recovery from addiction
- **The Tompkins County Workers Center**, a not-for-profit led by low-income people which promotes living wages and assists workers who are victims of wage theft and other mistreatment in the workplace

In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.

**Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or check out your parish's online giving options for designating your gift to CCHD. Please be generous.**

*Autumn*

**Begins Saturday, September 23**

**Sunday, September 17** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Sir 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He will not always chide,  
nor does he keep his wrath forever.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

**Second Reading** Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:  
None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**Alleluia** Jn 13:34

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;  
love one another as I have loved you.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** Mt 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Holy Hour Sponsored by  
Knights of Columbus Council 3892

**THIS Monday, Sept 18, 2023, from 6:30 ‘til 7:30 PM**

Please join us tomorrow evening when the Knights of Columbus will host our next Holy Hour in preparation for the start of the upcoming *40 Days for Life* campaign; Wednesday, September 27 through Sunday, November 5, 2023



There will be *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* by Father Peter followed by the Knights leading us in the Rosary, the Litany of St. Joseph, and the first prayer to begin the Nine Day Novena for Life.

Together we journey in this Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, and it is the hope that each of us will always seek ways to draw closer to Christ and what better way than to be in His Presence before the Blessed Sacrament.

## Fall 2023 Rochester Campaign

Help save lives in Rochester due to the ongoing scourge of abortion! One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is 40 Days for Life. Since its inception, over 20,000 babies have been saved from abortion! Take part in the Rochester Spring 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **Wednesday, September 27 thru Sunday, November 5**. Through prayer and fasting embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue. Visit [40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY](http://40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY) for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times.

**For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or [Roc40DFL@gmail.com](mailto:Roc40DFL@gmail.com).**



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people

come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb.

Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

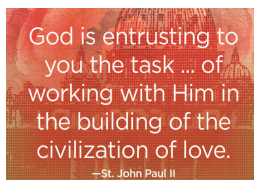
Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.



## Pastoral Planning: Highlighting the Holy Cross Stewardship/Evangelization Committee

The Holy Cross Stewardship/  
Evangelization Committee meets

2-3 Saturdays each month. The committee has organized a Rosary Crusade, Sunday video series, nursing home ministry, and worship book give-away, among others. The committee is currently preparing a Divine Renovation survey to gauge the engagement of parishioners. There are also plans to install a free spiritual library outside the Church.



## Calling All Pets & Bring Your Owners, Too!

Save the date and join Deacon Elmer for our Annual Parish Blessing of the Pets on **Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 10:30 AM** outside in front of church. Our well-behaved feline and canine friends are not the only pets invited—all pets are special and invited to receive this special blessing.



**Deacon Don Germano**  
*Deacon of the Diocese of Rochester*  
**Cynthia Fischer** *Wife of Charles Fischer*  
**Dolores West** *Wife of James West*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Our Farmers**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II Our Seminarians**
- ✚ **Marian I Fallen Away Catholics**
- ✚ **Marian II Those Listed at the Marian Shrine**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



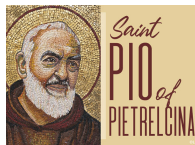
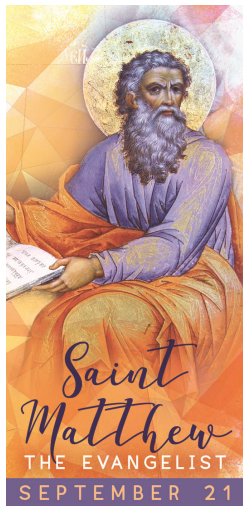
<b>September 2/3</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	404
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,761.61
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,815.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,576.61
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	46.61

<b>September 9/10</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	422
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,698.87
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,137.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,835.87
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	694.13)

**Fiscal Year 2023-24 as September 10, 2023**

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	104,830.00
<u>ACTUAL COLLECTED.....</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>104,635.52</u>
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	194.48)

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



St. Padre Pio, an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift

of the stigmata, which has never been explained, was born Francesco Forgione, on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. Pope John Paul II recognized him as a saint on June 16, 2002. His feast day is September 23.

**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.



**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](mailto: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.



**Knights of Columbus  
Pro-life Dinner**

**Saturday, October 7, 5:30 PM  
in the St. John's Parish Center**

*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.**



Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be holding their annual Columbus Day dinner for the benefit of The Margaret Home, a residential program that empowers pregnant and parenting mothers by supporting their physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs.

The dinner will be a buffet featuring chicken marsala, vegetable, pasta, meatballs, and salad, with live music by Tom and Tony. The cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door. **Seating is limited, so reserve your place soon by calling or texting Dick Dixon at 629-1916.**



**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September 2023**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

September 17, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

September 17, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
September 24, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

September 17 Tom Grieco  
September 24 Bob and Barb Gotham