

St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 24, 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.



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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

Ezr 1:1-6/
Ps 126:1b-6/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/
Ps 122:1-5/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9/
Tb 13:2-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8/
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 138:1-5/
Jn 1:47-51

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/
Jer 31:10-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/
Ps 25:4-9/
Phil 2:1-11/
Mt 21:28-32

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 Mass—Why Do We Sit & Kneel?

WHY DO WE SIT AT MASS?

We sit for the readings and the homily. We sit for the preparation of the gifts and a moment of silence after communion. Why? We sit so we can listen and be attentive. We “take the load off of our feet” in order to ponder the goodness and mercy of God in our lives. But we must be careful that our sitting doesn't lull us to sleep. In our culture today, we sit when we want to be passive or entertained. We sit to watch television. We're quiet then and not involved much. That's not the kind of sitting liturgy needs.

WHY DO WE KNEEL? We kneel sometimes to beg for mercy or ask the saints to pray for us or the Holy Spirit to come down upon us. Humility



is the very foundation of prayer. Without it, pride gives way to envy that, in turn, keeps us from acting charitably toward others. We need to train ourselves in humility by directing our attention to our utter dependence on God. Kneeling is the posture of a servant, of someone in need—someone in need of prayer.

Our postures are an important part of our prayer. Let's use them with care at Mass and in our prayer at home, too. Being a Christian is not a hard thing to be, but living a Christian life can be very difficult. For this reason we must humble ourselves; “decrease so that Christ may increase in us.”



Peace and love to all,
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

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 for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times.

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



Masses for the Week—Sept 25—Oct 1

MONDAY, September 25 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Nick Sassano, Sr*
by Family
2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

TUESDAY, September 26 *Sts Cosmas & Damian*

8:15 AM + *Joan White*
by Family

WEDNESDAY, September 27 *St Vincent de Paul*

8:15 AM + *Florence Cally*
by Daughter, Barbara

THURSDAY, Sept 28 *Sts Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz*

FRI, Sept 29 *Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels*

8:15 AM + *Ange Zegarelli*
by Ellis & Catherine DiNitto

SATURDAY, September 30 *St Jerome*

4:00 PM + *Louis J. Polizzi III*
by Joe & Laura Foley

SUNDAY, October 1 *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Madeline B. Resch*
by Dave & Mary Ellen Bauman
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, September 24 Priesthood Sunday

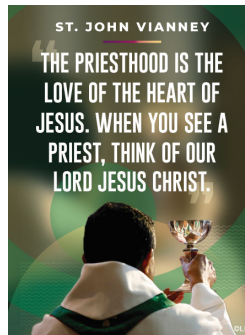
11:00 AM Baptismal Class in Parish Center

Monday, September 25

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity
6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Group in the Parish Center and Church

Sunday, October 1

9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center



Some Catholic Churches throughout the country celebrate Father's Day twice a year!

In addition to the well-known Father's Day held the third Sunday in June each year when children honor their dads, the last Sunday in September is **Priesthood Sunday** and is set aside to thank our spiritual fathers—priests.

In 2003, the USA Council of Serra International organized the first Priesthood Sunday. They felt there was a great need to honor those who are called to be priests. There are many references throughout the Old and New Testament regarding the importance of priests and clergy: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" Jeremiah 3:15

The role of priests is essential to the prosperity of the Church. Priests wear many hats in the Church, yet the most important is to be a mediator between God and us. Without priests, there would be no one to transform the bread into the Body of Christ, no one to absolve us of our sins, no one to marry us, bury us, and the list goes on...

In addition to thanking your parish priest this year, remember to pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

<https://www.catholicfaithstore.com/>



Blessing of Our Pets

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Memorial we celebrate on October 4, we will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets by Deacon Elmer on **Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 10:30 AM.** 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.



Knights of Columbus Pro-life Dinner
Sat, October 7, 5:30 PM, St. John's Parish Center



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.

All are Welcome! The buffet dinner will feature chicken marsala, vegetable, pasta, meatballs, and salad. 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.**



The Secret of My Joy is Jesus

On this day when we celebrate Priesthood Sunday, we wish you, Fr. Peter, Happy Father's Day!

Thank you for answering God's call to the priesthood and know how grateful we are for everything

you offer to each of us spiritually and for all that you do as Pastor of our beloved St. John's. Most of all, we thank you for bringing Christ himself into our lives. You are there for us every weekend and for our weekday morning Masses; each time giving us this infinite gift. We know times are challenging in so many ways and we offer you our daily prayers for improved health, happiness and peace.

Sunday, September 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**Second Reading** Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia Cf. Acts 16:14b**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’

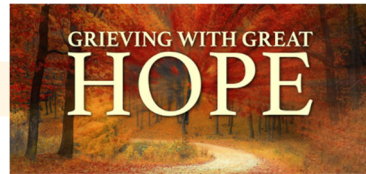
When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’

He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



Dear Fr Peter and Parishioners,
 Your kind hearts and generous spirits have once again blessed the children of Nazareth Elementary. We were overwhelmed with the large donation of school supplies that recently arrived! *Thank you* so much for including Nazareth in your Back-to-School Supplies collection.
 All were thrilled to be able to choose backpacks, notebooks, crayons, pencils, and so much more from your donations! Please know that you brought smiles to many children, and to their parents and teachers as well!
 We will hold you and your parish in our prayers of gratitude for your kindness and generosity to Nazareth families. Wishing you many blessings...
 Peace,
 Sr Margaret Mancuso, SSJ, *Principal*



Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Theodore Parishes are collaborating and welcoming all who are grieving to consider

joining us for the next offering of this *Grieving With Great Hope* 6 week series.

Jesus wept before breathing new life into His friend, Lazarus. So too, those who have suffered loss, suffer and weep.

This support workshop series offers a personal, practical, and prayerful approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have experienced such a loss or multiple losses, you are encouraged to attend. Your loss may be one of the following, yet not limited to: a spouse, partner, child, grandchild, parent, sibling or other family member(s) and or friend(s).

Program is free and all are welcome. Previous program participants are encouraged to join as well.

Please contact one of the following parish offices if interested: Holy Cross @ (585) 663-2244
 Our Mother of Sorrows @ (585) 663-5432

Location: Holy Cross Church Parish Center (*enter building from the doors located off the back parking lot*)

When: Saturdays, **October 7 through November 11, 2023**, 1:00—3:00 PM

An additional program will be held on November 18, 2023, from 1:00—3:00 PM entitled, *Surviving the Holidays*. *More details to follow.*



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



My Life with God, An Ignatian Day of Prayer
Presented by Fr. Daniel Ruiz

Offering a Day to Fill your Soul . . .
 Discover the presence of God in your life story, and learn how to continue to find God everywhere and always.

Thursday, October 12, 2023
Day begins at 9:00 AM and concludes at 3:30 PM.

There is a \$35.00 Fee. Please call 585-394-5700 or email us at ndretreat@rochester.rr.com to register.

For more details on the day and presenter’s visit www.notredameretreat.org

Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY





James Manczak *Father of Julie Wagner*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Pro-Life Advocates**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **In Honor of Fr Peter on Priesthood Sunday**
- ✠ Marian I **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✠ Marian II **Those in Hospice Care**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



September 16/17	ATTENDANCE.....	412
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,683.50
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,147.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,830.50
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	699.50)

2nd Collection

Campaign for Human Development.....	\$	935.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	40.00
TOTAL Human Development Offering.....	\$	975.00

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as September 17, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	114,360.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	113,466.02
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	893.98)

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

Special Boiler Fund Collection

NEXT Weekend, September 30/October 1

Your donation can be made by using the yellow envelope found in your envelope packets. For those who donate electronically, you can donate through Online Giving, or you can donate with cash or check using a regular envelope marked: Boiler Fund + your name and address. *We are grateful for everyone's support!*



Online Giving

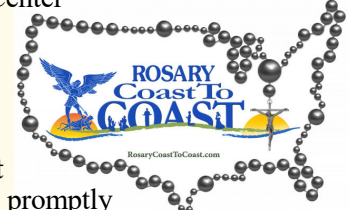
You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



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

Rosary Coast to Coast 2022 ~ 5th Annual Event Sunday, October 8 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.



Please spread the word about the event! Rosary prayer starts promptly at 4:00 PM! Followed by a brief Reception in the Parish Center. If you would like to donate a dessert, please contact Julie at 585-330-7927.

Please bring a lawn chair and your Rosary. If it rains, the Rosary will be prayed inside the church.



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.

*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.**

A Note from our Neighbors at St Theodore's!



In anticipation of our 100th Parish Anniversary Celebration in 2024, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, also celebrating 100

years, will be presenting a concert at St. Theodore's Church on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

The concert is free and open to the public, so please bring your families and invite all your friends and neighbors.

We are so very fortunate to have this world famous orchestra in our own city. So, please mark your calendars and plan on attending. We'd love to fill our church!

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September/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

September 24, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham
October 1, 2023	Tom Grieco
October 8, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham
October 15, 2023	Tom Grieco
October 22, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 24, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
October 1, 2023	Chris Hoefler
October 8, 2023	Terry & Pam Hearne
October 15, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
October 22, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
October 29, 2023	Chris Hoefler