

St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 3, 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.



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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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

1 Thes 4:13-18/
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-12, 13/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8/
Ps 52:10, 11/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14/
Ps 98:2-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Mi 5:1-4a/
Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday

Col 1:21-23/
Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

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.

Carrying the Cross and Reaching Out

Sometimes in Scriptures we come across certain passages that are as relevant and practical in our lives today as they were thousands of years ago when they were first written, like 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15. These passages sometimes remind us that as faithful Christians it is our responsibility to reach out to our not-so-faithful sisters and brothers and bring them back to the fold.

A young lady, Gretchen, strayed from the church as a teenager. After nearly ten years of experimenting with atheism, spiritism, and new age, she found herself back to the Catholic Church by the grace of God. Relating her story to me, Gretchen said what hurt her the most in all her nearly ten years of spiritual exile, was that nobody missed her. Nobody phoned or visited to find out what was wrong. "I got the impression that the church does not want me," she said. Of course the Church wants her, but the question today is what are we doing to help the many men and women in her situation find their way back into full communion with the Church?



Today invites us to review our "I don't care" attitude toward fallen and lax members of the Church, reminding us that yes, it should be our business as baptized disciples of Jesus to reach out to them.

We have been blessed by the sacrifices of others and it is our turn to give back. In the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians that I mentioned earlier, Paul writes not to boast or to shame the Corinthians, but to call on them to humbly acknowledge these blessings that God has brought them through others. St Paul's example and words of challenge to the people of Corinth are extended to us. We need to grow our St John's Church family. As Catholics, we are encouraged to follow the examples of the Apostles and other holy men and women by embracing the life of Christ as our own, including a firm resolve to sacrifice in order that others may receive the gift of faith and salvation.



Peace and love to all,
Father Peter



A Prayer for Our Children as they Return to School

For Our Children's Light to Shine

God, there is a reason You tell us to have faith like that of a child. They are bursting with curiosity and full of love.

Protect their innocence and preserve the spark in their eyes from the darkness of the world. Let them be little lights to their parents and teachers.

Allow them to grow and have a fair opportunity to learn. May they be kind on the playground and quiet in the hallways.

Protect our children from gossip and bullying. May they know and hear Your voice louder than all the others.

Godly friends are important, and we pray that You bless our children with those friends today.

May their friendships be innocent and light and filled with kindness, understanding, and compassionate consideration for one another.

Masses for the Week—September 4—10

MONDAY, September 4 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Daniel Englert*
 by Christine & Mark Faulkner

TUESDAY, September 5 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Ronald Paxson*
 by Mike & Patty Fredericks

WEDNESDAY, September 6 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Terry & Joan White*
 by Family

THURSDAY, September 7 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, Sept 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:15 AM + *Ange Zegarelli*
 by Ellis & Catherine DiNitto

SATURDAY, September 9 *St Peter Claver*
 4:00 PM + *The People of St. John the Evangelist*

SUNDAY, Sept 10 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM *A Special Intention for Donald Gerace*
 by The Stein Family

10:00 AM + *Carol Lennox*
 by Gene & Diane Englert

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

This Week's Schedule



Weekend, September 2/3
 Knights of Columbus C&B Ticket Sales
 after all Masses

Monday, September 4 Labor Day
Parish Office CLOSED
NO Bible Study

Saturday, September 9
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, September 10
 Coffee Hours following the 8:00 AM
 and the 10:00 AM Masses in Parish Center
 3:00 PM KofC Chicken BBQ at St Charles



Parish Office CLOSED on Monday, September 4.

**Holy Hour Sponsored by
 Knights of Columbus Council 3892**

Monday, September 18, 2023, from 6:30 'til 7:30 PM
 Please save the date and plan to take part that evening when the Knights of Columbus Council 3892 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.



**Join Us NEXT Sunday,
 September 10**

Our Coffee Hours will soon be back in full swing with the first one scheduled in the Parish Center on Sunday, September 10 following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Our host this month is our Parish Pastoral Council. This is a good time to catch up with fellow parishioners and hopefully make some new acquaintances. We hope to see you there!



**Knights of Columbus
 Chicken Barbecue
 NEXT Sunday, September 10
 from 3:00 PM until the
 dinners are gone**

This drive thru event is taking place in the parking lot of **St Charles at 3003 Dewey Ave.** We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal. To place your order, call or text Dick Dixon at (585) 629-1916 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The cost is \$12, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken
- Baked beans
- Macaroni salad
- Corn bread

Come and get a great meal for a great price!

Sunday, September 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
for your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Alleluia cf. Eph 1:17-18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."





The present Feast forms a link between the New and the Old Testament. It shows that Truth succeeds symbols and figures and that the New Covenant replaces the Old. Hence, all creation sings with joy, exults, and participates in the joy of this day.... This is, in fact, the day on which the Creator of the world

constructed His temple; today is the day on which by a stupendous project a creature becomes the preferred dwelling of the Creator.

~Saint Andrew of Crete

A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator,

Your Word worked wonders to create the heavens and the earth and all they contain.

Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother, You labored alongside your foster father Joseph, living the life of an ordinary worker.

Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life. You live and move and have your being in us as we go about our daily tasks.

On this Employee Appreciation Day, may all who work recognize their intrinsic value.

Show them that their worth depends not on any task, responsibility, or skill.

Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord. In all of our labors, may we remember that we imitate You.

Amen.



Relics—A Holy Mystery

What does the feast day of St Helena, August 18, have to do with our beloved St John’s parish? A devout Christian, St Helena is credited with finding the True Cross of Christ on her pilgrimage to the Holy Land in A.D. 327. Soon after, fragments taken from the Holy Cross (Relics) began to be distributed among the Christian churches.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free.”

Soon we will celebrate the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Thursday, September 14. On this day, I will celebrate the 8:15 AM morning Mass* and the relic of the True Wood of the Cross of Christ with which St. John’s is blessed, will be displayed allowing for veneration after Mass. Please know our church will remain open after Mass until noon and I am encouraging everyone to set aside time this morning to come and venerate and pray before this holy relic. It is my hope and prayer that you will do so.

Father Peter



Mass Honoring First Responders

NEXT Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 11:15 AM

The First Responders Mass for police, fire, and emergency medical services personnel will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester.

Please join Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, presider, as, in gratitude, we pray to God the safety of all first responders who so selflessly serve our community. First responders, active and retired, and their families are cordially invited to attend.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Deceased Priests of St. John's**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Deceased Nuns of St. John's**
- ✚ Marian I **Catherine Lacek**
- ✚ Marian II **Daniel Englert**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 26/27	ATTENDANCE.....	415
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,303.12
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,437.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,740.12
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	1,789.88)

Mission Appeal for Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

TOTAL Mission Collection.....	\$	1,948.00
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Fiscal Year 2023-24 as August 27, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	85,770.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	86,223.04
OVERAGE TO-DATE.....	\$	453.04

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



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.

For More Information about the National Eucharistic Revival 2023 visit: www.eucharisticrevival.org and/or eucharisticrevival.dor.org

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.



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



Magnificat Women's Breakfast with Cece Crawford

Saturday, September 16, Seating begins at 8:30 AM

Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a breakfast at the **Brook Lea Country Club**, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave) on **Saturday, September 16**; the program begins at 9:30 AM until noon.

Our speaker is **Cece Crawford**. She is part of the Magnificat Service Team, serving as Asst. Treasurer.

"One day while walking to my college dorm, I felt frustrated and melancholy. I said to the Lord: 'Is this all that life has to offer?'" Come and listen to Cece's powerful story.

Reservations \$30.00; after Sept. 9: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; **Registration required**; no tickets sold at the door.

Deadline: Tuesday, September 12.

To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number, and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$32.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

*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.**



Examples of Our Faith

V. Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik

Josephine Dudzik was born on August 30, 1860, in a village in Poland called Plocicz. Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago’s Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800’s and the early 1900’s serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago — the first women’s religious congregation in Chicago. In 1918, Sr. Theresa contracted cancer and on September 20 of the same year she passed away. In 1994, Saint Pope John Paul II gave Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik the title of Venerable.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023 Ron LaForce
September 17, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 3 Tom Grieco
September 10 Bob and Barb Gotham
September 17 Tom Grieco
September 24 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023 Chris Hoefler
September 10, 2023 Terry & Pam Hearne
September 17, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
September 24, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert