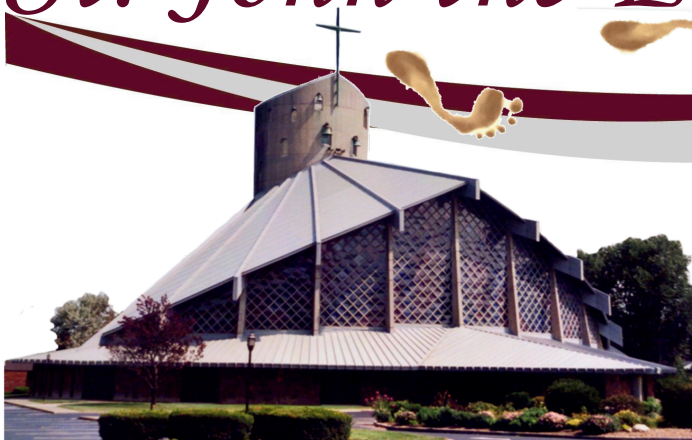


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September 20, 2026

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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.



"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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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

Confession By Appointment Only.

Please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980

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Marriage Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980.

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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



Scheduling Sanctuary Candles & Masses

If anyone is interested in scheduling a Sanctuary Candle – a red one at the Tabernacle or a blue one at the Marian Shrine – please know there are various open dates for the remainder of 2026 and into 2027. For scheduling a Mass

intention, we have various 8:15 AM weekday Mass dates open for 2026. We are currently scheduling Masses until the end of December 2026. Please call the Parish Office (585-225-8980) if your interested in scheduling.



Help Spread the Good News! - Volunteer Opportunity

St. John's uses a variety of Social Media Platforms to communicate with parishioners. We are looking for someone to help the Social Media team update our Facebook page and Website Church Calendar on a weekly basis. The commitment is only a few hours per week and training will be provided.

Please, contact the Rectory 225-8980 or Gary Kern at email gakern85@gmail.com if you are interested in learning about how St. John's uses a variety of Social Media Platforms and are interested in volunteering your time.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday

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

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9/
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11/
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11/
Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4/
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Eccl 11:9-12:8/
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

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

Masses for the Week — Sept 21 - 27**MONDAY, Sept 21** *St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*8:15 AM + *Giuseppe & Maria Antonia Paiano*
by Granddaughter, Giulia**TUESDAY, September 22** *Weekday*8:15 AM + *Victor D'Souza*
by Prema D'Souza**WED, September 23** *St Pius of Pietrelcina*8:15 AM + *Barry & Marie Balch*
by Marcia Parsons**THURSDAY, September 24** *Weekday**Beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen***FRIDAY, September 25** *Weekday*8:15 AM + *Nick Sassano, Sr.*
by Family**SATURDAY, September 26** *St Cosmas & Damian*4:00 PM *Living Members of St John's Parish***SUNDAY, Sept 27** *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM + *Florence Cally*
by Daughter, Barbara10:00 AM *For the Good of the Church*
In Honor of Blessed Fulton J. Sheen**Wills/Bequests/Memorials -****Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish****Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26
Timothy Niven	Symon Peter Ntaiya	Malachy Nwosu	John Omboga	Edward Palumbus	All Deacons	Pius Pathmarajah

**Be Sure to Look the Part**

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

This Week's Schedule**Sunday, September 20**

GEFS Food Drive Collection in Narthex

9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

Following 8 & 10 AM Masses Coffee Hour in Parish Center

Monday, September 21

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Group
in the Parish Center and Church**Thursday, September 24**

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room



Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf THIS Weekend, September 19/20

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

- Chunky-Style Soup, Canned Pasta, Ramen Noodles,
- Condensed Soups, Crackers, Flavored Instant Oatmeal,
- Ketchup, Mayo, Dry Dog Food, Dry Cat Food
- Small Size Dish Soap (8-12oz.), Razor Blades,
- Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo,
- Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Baby Shampoo,
- Small Size Laundry Detergent, Tampons,
- Sanitary Napkins, and Panty Liners

Food will be delivered on the morning of September 21.

Please, contact Pamela Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053

or email gakern85@gmail.com if you can help with the delivery.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



The 2026 SOCKTOBER

The 2024 SOCKTOBER was so successful we skipped the 2025 sock donation. This October I ask you to please contribute again as we will work together to deliver socks to those who live on the margins in our local nursing homes, Bethany House, Dimitri House, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, and the homeless living in tents around the city.

- You can donate any size/gender/style of sox.
- Collection boxes will be open from October 1 - 31.
- Please place your donations in the Rubbermaid boxes in the NARTHEX

The Hebrew word anawim means those who are bowed down. The anawim of the Old Testament were the poor of every sort: the vulnerable, the marginalized, and socio-economically oppressed, those of lowly status without earthly power. In fact, they depended totally on God for whatever they owned.

Where are the anawim today? They exist in abundance in Monroe County and especially in the City of Rochester. Our city is about 3 times the national average for the percentage living in poverty (About 33%) and our children (<18 years old) is a national high at over 51%.

Thank you for participating in this act of Christian support for those who live on the edge of society.

Peace and Blessings,
Deacon Lon



St. Pius of Pietrelcina, known as Padre Pio, was born Francesco Forgione in Italy in 1887. A Capuchin Franciscan priest, he was marked by illness, deep prayer, and the stigmata. Serving in San Giovanni Rotondo, he devoted long days to Mass, confession, and blessing the sick. He inspired the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza hospital and was canonized in 2002.



Thank you to the St. John's parishioners who so generously donated school supplies to Nazareth Elementary! Your gifts have helped them start off the school year on the right path.

Pro-Life Columbus Day Dinner

Saturday, October 10 at the St. Charles Borromeo Ministry Center, 3003 Dewey Ave., Rochester.



Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host its annual Columbus Day dinner. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Focus Pregnancy Help Center in their mission to help mothers who choose life for their children. Doors will open at 5:00 PM and a buffet dinner will be served at 5:30. Admission is \$25 per person paid at the door but reservations are necessary.

For reservations, call or text Rick at 585-489-9555 and leave your name, phone number and number of people attending. Payment may be made in the form of cash or check. Checks should be made out to "Knights of Columbus 3892".

Come and enjoy a great meal for a great cause!



A Time to Reflect, Pray, Give Thanks, and Rejoice!**Venerable Fulton J. Sheen – from Altar Boy to Blessed**

CATHOLIC REVIEW

“The more empty the soul is of self, the greater the room in it for God.”

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified and become Blessed. To learn more about this man, soon-to-be Blessed, we share the following:

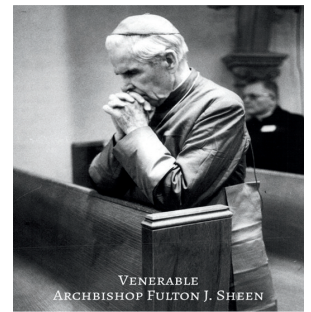
- Born Peter John Sheen on May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois. Then where did the name Fulton come from? -- later on he went by his mother's maiden name – Fulton.
- Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois on September 20, 1919.
- Earned degrees in philosophy and theology, later teaching at The Catholic University of America for 23 years.
- Hosted the Sunday night radio broadcast *The Catholic Hour* beginning in 1930, drawing millions of listeners weekly.
- Served as the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 – 1966.
- Served as Auxiliary Bishop of New York from 1951 – 1966.
- Launched his ground-breaking television show, *Life is Worth Living*, in 1951, which attracted an estimated 30 million viewers each week!
- In 1953 he Won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, famously thanking his “four writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.”
- Served as Bishop of Rochester New York from 1966 -1969 before being named an archbishop.

Many of us remember Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and some of us have heard stories of this man who spoke so profoundly, captivating many people through his preaching, through his time on radio and television, and for those of us here in Rochester, when he served as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester from 1966-69. The time is drawing very near as Thursday this week, September 24, Venerable



Bishop of Rochester, 1966-1969, Fulton J. Sheen
FRED POWERS/Rochester Democrat & Chronicle Staff Photographer

- In 1969 he was named Archbishop of the Titular See of Newport, Wales by Pope Paul VI.
- Throughout his life his preaching carried a consistent theme of making a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He did not give this advice without practicing it himself – he maintained a daily holy hour from the day of his priestly ordination until his death on the floor of his private chapel in Our Lord's presence on December 9, 1979
- His cause for canonization was opened in 2002 under the leadership of the Diocese of Peoria and from then on, he was referred to as a “Servant of God”.
- He was proclaimed “Venerable Servant of God Fulton J. Sheen” by Pope Benedict XVI on June 28, 2012, when his life was recognized as one of “heroic virtue.”
- March 6, 2014: the Congregation for the Causes of Saints unanimously approved a reported miracle attributed to his intercession.
- On November 18, 2019, Pope Francis called for Archbishop Sheen to be beatified on December 21, 2019, however, the Vatican decided to indefinitely postpone the beatification to allow additional investigation.
- September 24, 2026: Beatification Mass, St Louis, Missouri, presided over by Cardinal Louis Antonio Tagle



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“Before the sin, Satan assures us that it is of no consequence; after the sin, he persuades us that it is unforgivable.”

“Bishop Sheen Returns to His Cathedral, Our Cathedral”

An Invitation from The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester

Following the September 24, 2026, Beatification of Bishop Sheen, please join Bishop John S. Bonnici for a special Mass at **Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM** as the Diocese of Rochester receives a first-class relic of Bishop Sheen through the generosity of the Diocese of Peoria and Bishop Louis Tylka.

Bishop Bonnici asks that we use this special occasion to make an appeal for vocations to the Priesthood. He is asking for each of us to daily ask Blessed Fulton Sheen to send us good and holy priests.

There will also be a tour of the relic throughout our diocese. You can refer to the dates, times, and locations on the flyers posted on the bulletin boards in the Narthex at Church.



Grace Mastrella *Grandmother of Chantal Zodorecky*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Tom D'Ambrosio**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Pat Kastner**
- ✠ Marian I **Angelo Zegarelli**
- ✠ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



September 5/6

Week 10	ATTENDANCE.....	442
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	9,511.06
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	3,529.69
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	13,040.75
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	2,992.75)

September 12/13

Week 11	ATTENDANCE.....	433
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,583.01
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,644.69
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,227.70
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	1,820.30)

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of Sept 13, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	522,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	110,528.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	104,742.69
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	5,785.31)

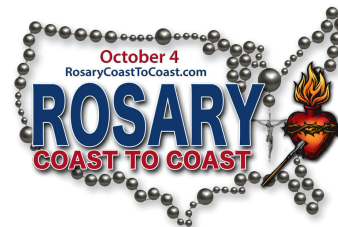
As your Pastor, I wish to extend my gratitude for the ongoing support from all of you who have been faithfully contributing to the Sunday collection and other various collections throughout the year. Please know your generosity is a vital part of maintaining the mission of the Church. May our good and gracious God bless you abundantly. Fr. Peter

NOTE: For those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. Please contact the Parish Office if you need church envelopes or wish to donate through electronic on-line giving. Also, this QR code is a convenient option.



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. 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 give at our parish web site, under "Second Collections". Please be generous.



**Pray for Peace in
our communities,
our nation, and
our world.**

**Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 PM at
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and/or on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary,
**Wednesday, October 7 at 5:30 PM at
Our Mother of Sorrows Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto**

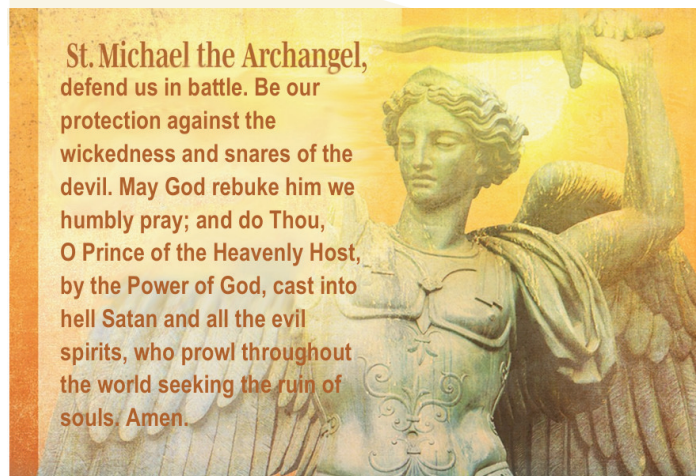
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connecting with this joint website listed here. Check in with it often for various offerings at the parishes listed.

Please note: This does not replace the individual parish websites; it's another resource to find out what's going on throughout our 7 parishes.



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October 11 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

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September 27 Barb & Bob Gotham
October 4 Tom Grieco
October 11 Barb & Bob Gotham

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