

St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 21, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road
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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.



"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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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.

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, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

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

Friday

Hg 2:1-9/
Ps 43:1-4/
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

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

Sunday

Am 6:1a, 4-7/
Ps 146:7-10/
1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

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.

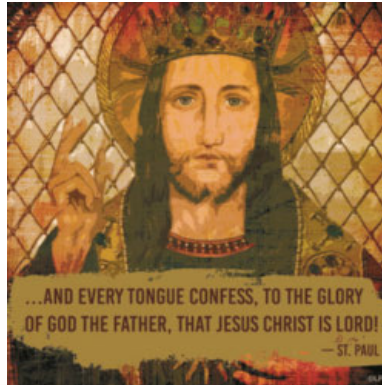
God Can Do Wonders in Our Lives

Faith is a simple word, yet it contains a powerhouse of potential for our happiness and even our survival as people. Faith cannot be scientifically measured or quantified; yet we know it exists. Countless people throughout time have witnessed to the importance of faith in their lives. Some have taken their faith to the limits of martyrdom because they remained steadfast for what they believed. For most of us, our faith sustains us in the daily routine of life. As well as for others, faith is the driving force that carries us through our most difficult times.

St Paul once wrote: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 The creed we recite every Sunday at Mass is our statement of faith. So, we can trust that salvation is ours as we "confess" this creed and as we place our faith and trust in the truths that this creed announces.

St Augustine said God created us without our help, but he will not save us without our help. While Jesus' death and resurrection have brought about our redemption, we still have a role to play in letting that redemption penetrate our hearts and minds.

Jesus tells us we cannot serve two masters. If we try to serve two masters, we will either be



devoted to one and despise the other, or we will love one and hate the other Matthew 6:24. Placing this teaching within the context of our lives, most of us probably have several masters we are trying to serve. These include trying to serve the Lord while trying to gain the love and approval of others. The way to help ensure that our lives and hearts are truly focused on serving

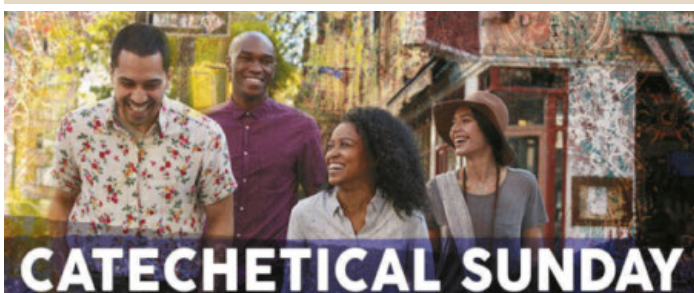
the Master, the Lord our God who promotes our greatest good, is through prayer and reflection. That is right—good, old-fashioned prayer and reflection. This means that we need to clear away the clutter and, perhaps, shut off our cell phones, televisions, and computers so we can make time to pray each and every day.

It can be easy to forget that we depend on God's mercy for every breath we take. Every good attribute we have is a gift from his generous hand. It can be easy to think that Jesus "owes" us a favor because of our faithfulness. But in reality, we owe him for everything we are and everything we have. He is our Savior, not our business partner; he is our Lord, not our next door neighbor. Connected to the Lord Jesus in faith, we really can move mountains!

May we pray to serve our God and him alone and not rely solely on material things that do not endure forever.



Peace and May God Bless us all.
Father Peter



This Weekend, September 20/21, we recognize the Church's Mission to share the Gospel and celebrate those who help others learn our faith.

Masses for the Week—Sept 22—28

MONDAY, September 22 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + **Bruno Mezzatesta**

by Wife, Lina

2:30 PM **Mass at Village at Unity**

TUESDAY, September 23 *St Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:15 AM + **Thomas Sweeney, MD**

by John & Carol Leary

WEDNESDAY, September 24 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + **Thomas D'Ambrosio**

by Family

THURSDAY, September 25 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, September 26 *Sts Cosmas & Damian*

8:15 AM + **Nick Sassano, Sr**

by Family

SATURDAY, September 27 *St Vincent de Paul*

4:00 PM + **Florence Cally**

by Daughter, Barbara

SUN, September 28 *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + **Raymond Kerhaert**

by John & Carolyn Kerhaert

10:00 AM **Living Members of St John's**

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

This Week's Schedule

Weekend, September 20/21

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales following **all Masses** in the Narthex

Monday, September 22

9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center

2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church

Thursday, September 25

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Weekend, September 27/28

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales following **all Masses** in the Narthex

Sunday, September 28

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room



Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Cenacle Council #3892 will be sponsoring Holy Hour to honor Mary Our Mother at St. John the Evangelist Church, **THIS Monday, September 22, 7-8 PM**. The Holy Hour will be as follows: Exposition, Adoration, Reflection, Holy Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph

and the Divine Praises. All are welcome to participate in this Holy Hour of Adoration and prayer, together with Deacon Elmer.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26	Sept 27
Pius Pathmarajah	John Podsiadlo	Jorge Ramirez	John Reif	Leo Reinhardt	Robert King	Sriram Sadhanala



2025 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 25,000 babies have been saved from abortion! Take part in the Rochester Fall 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **THIS Wednesday, September 24 through November 2**. 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.**



Time Away

The time is arriving soon for my departure to Ghana for a period of rest and time with family, friends, and my brother priests.

A time of respite is good for body, mind, and soul; we all need it from time to time and this is my time. I will be leaving on September 29, 2025 and returning at the end of October, 2025. During my time away, Fr. Bob Ring has graciously agreed to celebrate Mass here at St. John's. With the limited number of priests in our diocese, I am extremely grateful to Fr. Ring for his support. I know you will provide him a warm welcome to our beloved St. John's. The way time flies by, I will be back here before you know it!

I humbly ask for your daily prayers for me while I am away and please know that my prayers will include you. Thank you for your care, concern and support!

God bless,

Fr. Peter

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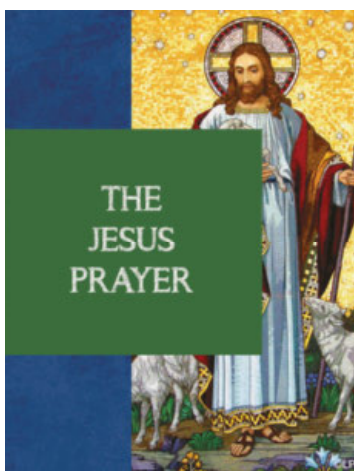


Saturday, October 18, 2025
5:00-8:00 PM
St. John's Parish Center

First Drink is FREE
Great Fun
Table Prizes
Games & Contests
German Singing & Yodeling

\$20 PER PERSON
MUST BE 21+

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The Jesus Prayer, Explained!**

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt).

The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy."

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Pie Sale Fundraiser

Again this year we are connecting with Special Touch Bakery for our annual Pie Sale Fundraiser to benefit our parish. Please consider ordering your holiday pies (yes, the holidays are fast approaching), ordering one to give as a random act of kindness, or ordering one to give as a way to say "Thank You". You will find information, including order forms, in the Narthex at the center doors and each of the two far end doors. If it's helpful, please know there will be **in-person order assistance available following each of the Masses the weekend of October 4/5.**





PRACTICING CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

WOMAN: A GIFT of GOD
*A women's morning to give thanks, bring hope,
 and celebrate faith*



October 18, 8:00 AM—2:00 PM
Parish of the Holy Family—4100 Lyell Rd, Gates, NY 14606
 Join the Diocese of Rochester for a morning of prayer and reflection with Professor Lisa Lickona, STL! The day will begin with Mass with Bishop Matano, followed by a reflection, prayer, fellowship, and lunch.
Sponsored by the Diocesan Dept. of Pastoral Services and St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry
Learn more and register at
www.stbernards.regfox.com/dor-womens-morning-oct-2025

Dear Music Ministry and Parish Family,

**YOUR TALENT IS
 GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.
 HOW WILL YOU
 USE IT FOR HIM?**

To our Adult Choir, you are an extraordinary group of people and I am so blessed to be serving with you. I believe half of our members have been singing in our choir for three decades. Your dedication and love for our parish is such gift and I thank all of you from the bottom of

my heart. You are a witness of God's love by showing up every Sunday, ready to lead our congregation into singing.

Hypothetically speaking, what will happen if we do not have any music during liturgy? Are we going to miss it? Do we start to wonder why there are no volunteer musicians? What if this becomes a reality? I know having one of my life's purposes be taken away would be devastating.

You are probably getting tired of hearing about recruitment and the reasons why we need new members. But I must be first to communicate our needs and how you can be an instrument of God's love. Music has been a source of healing and hope. Our ministry of evangelization brings us to invest and commit to serving God and our community through music. We have chosen to serve God and decided to follow Him. Our ministry has revealed to us the authentic truth about God's love and how our faith has been strengthened when we serve. We are simply giving everything back to Him. We are his disciples whose mission is to help spread the Gospel.

If you know you have a musical gift, please don't be shy to share it with us. If you love to sing and willing to learn and have fun, come upstairs, and meet "happy us". We would love for you to be part of an amazing choir family. Come see us after the 10:00 AM Mass!

Faith and love, Consuelo

For more information about joining our ministry, please contact Consuelo De Los Santos, Director of Liturgical Music consuelo.delossantos@dor.org or 585-225-8980



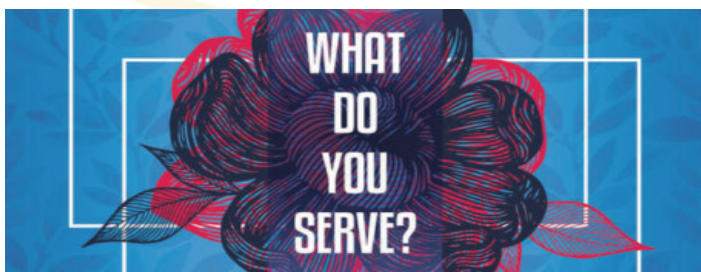
Honoring Mickey Corsi with a Blood Drive

In recognition of our long-time parishioner and friend Mickey Corsi, who tirelessly contributed to many parish activities, including organizing on-site blood drives here at St. John the Evangelist Church in the past, we are considering hosting a blood drive in her honor, possibly mid-April 2026.

However, before we can schedule the event, we need to gauge interest. The American Red Cross requires a minimum number of participants to hold a drive, so if you are willing to donate in Mickey's honor, please sign up on one of the sheets located at the back of the church.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact Tom Corsi at 585-857-8850.

We sincerely hope that you will help celebrate Mickey's legacy by supporting this life-saving cause.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I Mickey Corsi
- ✠ Tabernacle II : Peace in Our Country
- ✠ Marian I Joan White
- ✠ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



September 13/14 Week 11	ATTENDANCE..413
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,816.41
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,150.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 7,966.41
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 1,983.59)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as September 14, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 109,450.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 117,572.56
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 8,122.56

Please know of my sincere gratitude for those who are fulfilling their increased giving pledge to sustain the needs of the church. I humbly ask you to continue with your sacrificial giving and for those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. We are a family and we're in this together to spread the Good News for the greater glory of God! God bless,

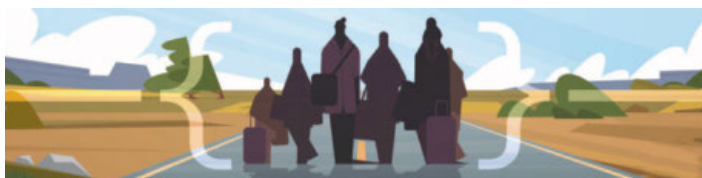
Fr. Peter

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



Reflect on our history as an immigrant Church and how our country has been enriched by generations of immigrants who have adopted this land as their own.

Calling All Men: You Are Invited

Ecce Homo, meaning "Behold the Man Jn 19:5," invites men from all parishes to gather occasionally for fellowship, faithful support, good food and to listen to a guest speaker's journey of discipleship. Our speaker for October is Ted Janiszewski, Director of St. Irenaeus Ministries. Special Guest: Mike Sauter, Pastoral Services, Diocese of Rochester. Mike will talk about the upcoming Men's Conference in November.

When: Saturday, October 4

8:00 AM: Mass (optional)

8:30 AM: Coffee followed by breakfast at 9:00 AM

Where: St. Marianne Cope Church Hall
2061 East Henrietta Road, Rochester

Cost: Free/Donations Accepted

RSVP to ecce.homo.rochester@gmail.com by Monday, September 29.



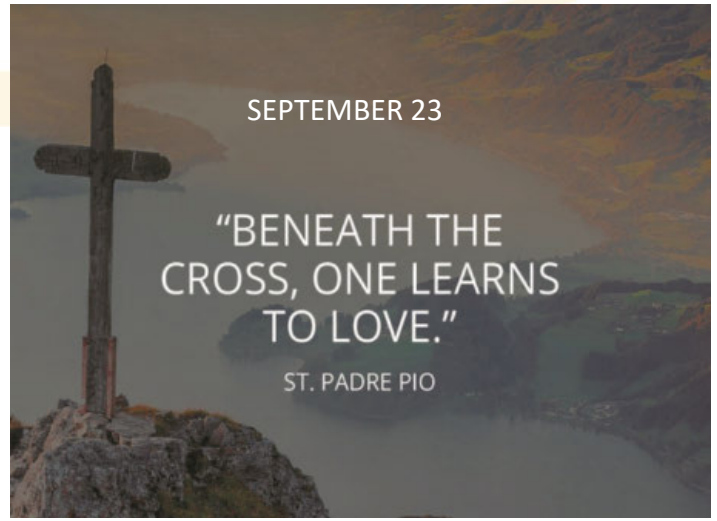
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil. May God rebuke him we
humbly pray; and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the Power of God, cast into
hell Satan and all the evil
spirits, who prowl throughout
the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen.



SEPTEMBER 23

"BENEATH THE
CROSS, ONE LEARNS
TO LOVE."

ST. PADRE PIO



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 28, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 21, 2025 Tom Grieco
September 28, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 21, 2025 Terry & Pam Hearne
September 28, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert

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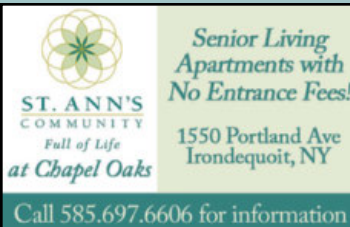
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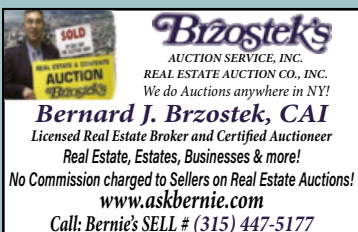
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