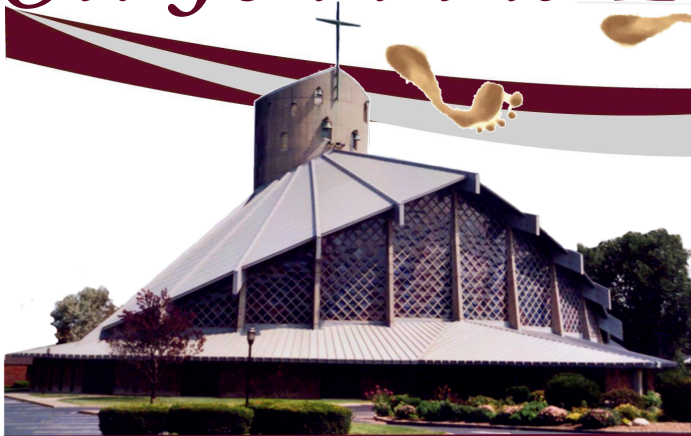


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September 27, 2026

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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.



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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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

Confession By Appointment Only.

Please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980

Baptism 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 (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.

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,
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

the courage to show faith

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING**Monday**

Jb 1:6-22/
Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7/
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/
Ps 88:10bc-15/
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27/
Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/
Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/
Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

Is 5:1-7/
Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/
Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43

Masses for the Week—Sept 28 - Oct 4**MONDAY, Sept 28** *Sts Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz*

8:15 AM No Mass today

2:30 PM Mass at Villages at Unity

TUES, Sep 29 *Sts Michael & Raphael, Archangels*

8:15 AM No Mass today

WEDNESDAY, September 30 *St Jerome*8:15 AM + *Joan White*

by Anthony & White Families

THURSDAY, Oct 1 *St Therese of the Child Jesus***FIRST FRIDAY, Oct 2** *The Holy Guardian Angels*8:15 AM + *Todd Weinmann**(what would be his 50th Birthday)*

by Family

10:00 AM *Benediction***FIRST SATURDAY, October 3** *Weekday*8:15 AM + *Fr Peter's Intention*4:00 PM + *George & Margaret Wallace*

by Family

SUNDAY, October 4 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John's Parish*10:00 AM + *Nicola Mercone*

by Elena & Michael Mussumeci & Family

Wills/Bequests/Memorials -

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule**Monday, September 28**

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

6:30 PM Social Ministry Meeting in the Parish Center

Thursday, October 1

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room

Socktober 2026 Begins

First Friday, October 2

10:00 AM Benediction in Church

First Saturday, October 3

8:15 AM Mass in Church

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

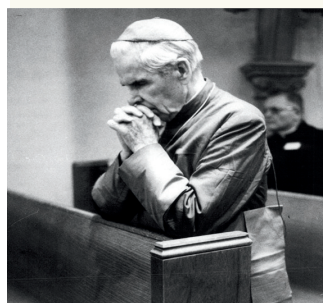
Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

11:15 AM Confirmation Class in Parish Center

**A Special Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
Another Step Closer to Sainthood**

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM



PINTEREST

We hope you will attend Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral with The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici presiding. This is a very special evening when the Diocese of Rochester will receive a first-class relic of now Blessed Fulton Sheen. It's not every day that a diocese has someone from their own

diocese beatified – in this case, our Sixth Bishop of Rochester. The next step after being beatified is becoming a canonized saint! We hope many from St. John's will be able to attend and experience this special occasion.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3
John Podsiadlo	Jorge Ramirez	John Reif	Leo Reinhardt	Robert King	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop John Bonnici


Today, on Priesthood Sunday, We Celebrate and Pray for Our Priests!

Priesthood Sunday is an invitation to thank God for the gift of priests and to pray for their ongoing holiness, strength, and joy in their vocation. Our priests are chosen by God to guide souls, offer sacrifice, and serve the Church with love and dedication. In these challenging times, we are called to support them with unwavering faith and devotion.

We must do 3 things: **Offer Holy Mass and Pray the Rosary for Priests – Every Day.** The Holy Eucharist and the Rosary are the most powerful spiritual weapons.

By offering them daily for our priests, we strengthen their mission and surround them with divine protection and grace.

Live in Holiness and Humility. Let us stop sinning and choose the narrow path of virtue. By leading a quiet life, rooted in humility, we become living examples of Christ's peace and purity. Our holiness uplifts our priests.

Trust in God's Faithfulness. He who called them will never abandon them. Christ Himself helps them carry their cross. But we are called to help too—through our encouraging words, acts of kindness, and by living a life that inspires hope.

Happy Priesthood Sunday to our Pastor, Fr. Peter. May God bless you with good health, happiness and peace.
From Your St John's Faith Community

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!



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 11 after the 10:00 AM Mass

The Social Ministry will once again be hosting the Fall Festival. We will be having a chili cook off, cider and donuts, games for adults and children, prizes, pumpkin painting, and many more fun activities. If you would like to participate in the chili cook off, please drop off your chili in a crockpot before mass in the parish center. All entries will be numbered and voted on by your fellow parishioners. Please invite your family and friends to join in this wonderful opportunity for fellowship at our beloved St. John the Evangelist.



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



3rd Annual Pie Fundraiser - Benefiting our Parish and also supporting the mission of Special Touch Bakery/Holy Childhood!

What better way to celebrate your Thanksgiving or Christmas holiday than with a pie from Special Touch Bakery!

Order forms can be found in the narthex and once completed can be dropped off or mailed to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket at weekend Mass. Please be sure your order form and payment are in an envelope marked "2026 Pie Fundraiser". Payment is due at the time you place your order; payable by cash or check made payable to *St. John the Evangelist Church* in the memo section write: *Pie Order*.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW!

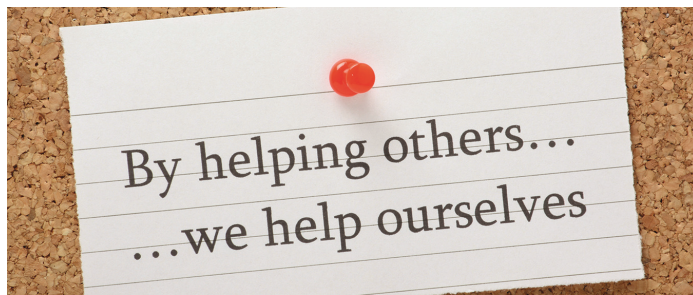
- The last day to submit your order form is **Tuesday, October 27. We cannot accept orders after this date.**
- Pies must be picked up at the Parish Center on **Thursday, November 12 between 3:00 and 6:00 PM** Please plan accordingly.
- Please keep a copy of your order form and bring it with you at pickup.

Thank You for Helping to Make This Fundraiser a Great Success!

From the ROC Catholics Northwest Vocations Committee:

From the 7-parish Vocations Committee--check out the vocations page on the ROC Catholics Northwest website!

Are you wondering if God is calling you to do something different on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ? Do you want to encourage the young people in your life to find the future that God desires for them—for example, encourage your sons and grandsons to consider ordained ministry? Check out the new vocations section of the ROC Catholics Northwest website. You'll find resources about priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and local religious communities for women. Please also read Dcn. Eric Bessette's homily: when Jesus says, "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few," he's not just talking about priests, deacons and women religious. He's talking about all of us. To view the vocations page, go to [Vocations – ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) OR <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>.



**Boscov's
Continues to
Support the Community**

A Fundraiser for St. John the Evangelist Church

It's hard to believe it was a year ago we were anticipating the grand opening of Boscov's at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Boscov's is a welcome addition to our community and we're grateful for the opportunities they provide for various non-profits including St. John the Evangelist Church.

You may recall the fundraiser that took place leading up to their grand opening – the one where you donated \$5 to St. John's and received a coupon for their grand opening specials. Well, there is a similar fundraiser, **Friends Helping Friends taking place on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 from 8:00 AM 'til 11:00 PM**. This is a one day only opportunity. It works the same as last year where you donate \$5 to St. John's and you receive a shopping pass; this one is offering a 25% discount on items from many of their departments (details are on the coupon). Due to the generosity of Boscov's once again, St. John's will keep 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser! It's a win/win situation – you get a great discount (especially before the upcoming holiday season) and at the same time your parish reaps the benefit of 100% of the proceeds from the coupon donations. Keep in mind, with our Socktober event winding up around that same time, it's a good time to make a Boscov's sock purchase to help those who will benefit from all the socks we collect here at St. John's.

The God of Changed Minds by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?" **Are we too proud to change course?**

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late. ©LP

"OH, HOW BLESSED
AND HAPPY ARE THEY
WHO LOVE GOD."

St. Francis of Assisi



✠ This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
✠ Vocations to the Priesthood through the
✠ intercession of Blessed Fulton Sheen

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



September 19/20

Week 12 ATTENDANCE.....430

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....\$ 10,048.00

SUNDAY Offering.....\$ 7,328.01

ONLINE Giving.....\$ 2,719.69

TOTAL Sunday Offering.....\$ 10,057.70

OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....\$ 9.70

2nd Collection

Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....\$ 634.00

ONLINE Giving.....\$ 85.00

TOTAL Catholic Campaign for Human Devel.....\$ 719.00

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of Sept 20, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET\$ 522,500.00

BUDGETED TO-DATE.....\$ 120,576.00

ACTUAL COLLECTED.....\$ 114,800.39

SHORTAGE TO DATE.....(\$ 5,775.61)

As your Pastor, I am so pleased with your very generous support in the amount of \$6,246.21 to this year's Mission Cooperation Plan Collection for the benefit of The Catholic Diocese of Obuasi in Ghana. Please know that Fr. Peter Nkansah, who was here for the Appeal, and The Most Reverend John Yaw Afoakwah, Bishop of The Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, together with the good people of Obuasi Diocese are most grateful for our generosity to help them build the Kingdom of God here on earth and spread The Good News. Many blessings to each of you. Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor



Prayer for Autumn

Dear God, As the weather changes, the birds migrate, and autumn's flowers, colors, and clouds make their entrance, we thank You for the gift of this beautiful season! Help us use this season to draw closer to each other and to You.

Amen. ©LPi

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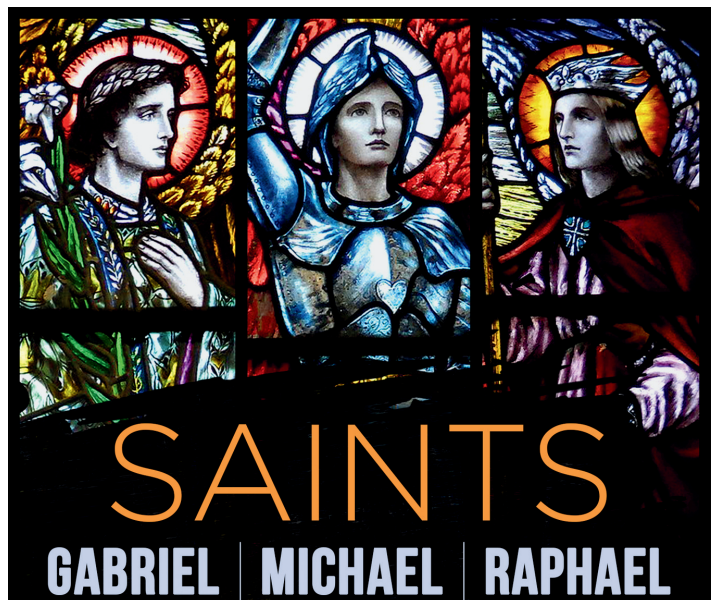
Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



Annual Blessing of Our Pets

Saturday, October 10 at 10:30 AM

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi we will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets by Deacon Elmer. 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.



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.



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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.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September/Early October 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME

October 11 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 27 Barb & Bob Gotham
October 4 Tom Grieco
October 11 Barb & Bob Gotham
October 18 Tom Grieco
October 25 Barb & Bob Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE

September 27 Carolyn Kerhaert
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October 11 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
October 18 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 25 Chris Hoefler

THE VILLAGE AT TOWNGATE

October 11 Kathy Christodaro



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