# St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 28, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road Rochester, New York 14626

# 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.



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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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.

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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5/ Jn 1:47-51	Zec 8:20-23/ Ps 87:1b-7/ Lk 9:51-56	Neh 2:1-8/ Ps 137:1-6/ Lk 9:57-62	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Ps 19:8-11/ Mt 18:1-5, 10	Bar 1:15-22/ Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9/ Lk 10:13-16	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Ps 69:33-37/ Lk 10:17-24	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/ 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/ Lk 17:5-10

#### 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.

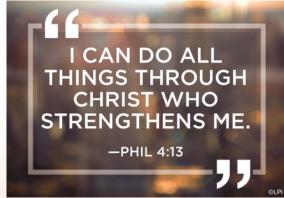
# Don't Quit Keep the Faith

I want to share with you a poem that a friend once sent me as I was going through hard times.

When things go wrong as they sometimes will When the road you're trudging seems all uphill When you're feeling low and the stress is high,

And you want to smile but you have to sigh, When worries are getting you down a bit... By all means pray - and don't quit.

Success is failure turned inside out
God's hidden gift in the clouds of doubt
You never can tell how close you are
It may be near when it seems so far
So trust in the Lord when you're hardest hit
It's when things go wrong that you must not quit!



Many people strive for spiritual or even a religious life for many years, but instead of building a healthy and holy way of life, they snack on junk food that does not satisfy the soul. In this delay, their enthusiasm for Christ's coming quickly burns out and is spent far from the finish line in union with Christ. The

lesson is hard, but simple. Wisdom is required. Rash decisions are to be avoided. Advanced planning is necessary. All this should keep us going with a burning desire to finish the race and enter into God's kingdom. Let us keep the faith

and the Church that our faith has built.

Blessings and love in Christ Father Peter

#### Well Wishes for Fr. Peter on His Respite

Fr. Peter, we will remember you in our prayers as you begin your journey home to Ghana on Monday. We pray you have a smooth flight and land safely in your Motherland, welcomed by family, friends and brother priests. May your time at home afford you peaceful days, restful nights, good health, and lots of Ghanaian laughter; and, of course, the food! Enjoy your much needed respite

food! Enjoy your much needed respite and we look forward to your return at the end of October. Stay well.

From your faithful flock here at St. John's 🕻



#### 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. Take part in the Rochester Fall 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign as it continues **through November 2.** Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue.

Visit <u>40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY</u> for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or <u>Roc40DFL@gmail.com</u>.

#### Masses for the Week—Sept 29—Oct 5

#### **MONDAY, September 29**

Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

**8:15 AM** + *Joan White* 

by The Anthony & White Families

TUESDAY, September 30 St Jerome

8:15 AM + William Doherty

by Judy Weiser

WEDNESDAY, October 1 St Therese of the Child Jesus

8:15 AM + Tony & Helen Vieira

by Alan & Eileen Vieira

THURSDAY, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

FIRST FRIDAY, October 3 Weekday

8:15 AM + Jack Gilligan

by Wife, Mary & Family

10:00 AM + Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, October 4 St Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM Fr Peter's Intention

4:00 PM + Deceased Members of St John's

**SUNDAY, October 5** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Clarence & Adrienne Preston

by Son, Gene

10:00 AM + Salvatore Panella

by Family

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

# Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

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# **Annual Blessing of Our Pets** Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 AM

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi we will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets by Deacon Elmer on Saturday, October 11. 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.

#### This Week's Schedule

#### Weekend, September 27/28

Octoberfest Ticket Sales after all Masses in Narthex 9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room

#### **Monday, September 29**

9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center

#### Thursday, October 2

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

#### First Friday, October 3

Following 8:15 AM Mass Adoration until 10:00 AM 10:00 AM Benediction

#### First Saturday, October 4

8:15 AM Mass

**10:00 AM** Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center Pie Orders after 4:00 PM Mass in Narthex

#### **Sunday, October 5**

Pie Orders after 8 and 10 AM Masses in Narthex **9:00 AM** OCIA in Meeting Room

# YOU'RELINVITED!

#### to Adopt a Seminarian

The Vocations Committee of the Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes invites parishioners to send an occasional note of encouragement to the seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester, not only to give them a word from "home" but also to thank them for their willingness to discern a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. We need good, holy priests to serve the Church and to carry on the generous pastoral ministry of our priests, and affirming a young man's call to discern a vocation is something that we can



Joseph Maurer

all do. St. John's is adopting Joseph Maurer. All of the parishes have been asked also to include Anthony Nicolosi who is one of our own! Their addresses are below. Please send along only a note or a card, no snacks or treats, and don't expect that they will respond – they are very busy with their studies and would surely appreciate a note of encouragement! Thank you very much for your consideration, and for praying for our seminarians!



Anthony Nicolosi

Mr. Joseph Maurer (birthday December 18) Mr. Anthony Nicolosi (birthday March 31) Address for both: 127 Lake St. Brighton MA 02135





2nd 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!

This year Special Touch Bakery is offering 9 varieties of pies ranging from cream pies, to fruit pies, to pecan & pumpkin.

Check out the display boards in the narthex at the center doors and each of the two far end doors, where you will see Brochures describing the pies available for purchase along with Order Forms.

Please note that the pies come frozen-some only require thawing while others need to be baked. Instructions are included.

All completed order forms 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 "2025 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 **Thursday**, **October 30th. We cannot accept orders after this date.**
- Pies must be picked up at the Parish Center on Monday, November 17 between Noon-2 PM OR 4:15-6:15 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!

#### **Columbus Day Pro-Life Dinner** Saturday, October 11 at 5:30 PM | Open to All



Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be hosting their annual pro-life Columbus Day dinner at the St. John the Evangelist parish center. This year's dinner will benefit Mom Mentors, a group who assist women who have

chosen life for their babies and are in difficult circum-stances. The new moms are provided with material aid, parenting skills, travel resources, housing assistance, spiritual guidance

and more. Our featured speaker will be Jan Healy, leader of Mom Mentors. A buffet dinner will be served. There is no admission cost but free-will donations will be accepted.

**Reservations are required** and can be made by calling or texting (preferred) Rick Paoletti at (585)489-9555 with your name and the number of people attending.



#### Parish Council Meeting Minutes—September 8, 2025

**Opening Prayer:** Karen Bessette

**Attendance:** Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Rick Paoletti, Wayne Howard, Melissa Ryan, Nick Verdino, Christine Paoletti, Tod Simone, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Karen Bessette, Patty Hoag, Nick Sassano, Alan Christodaro, Stephanie Braya-Black, Joe Waters *Absent: Excused:* Paul Parkman, Sharon Miller, Deacon Lon Smith, Deacon Elmer Smith *Visitors:* Marcia Parsons, Tom Corsi

Motion to approve the agenda for tonight's Meeting (Emailed September 2, 2025)

Approval: Wayne Howard | Second: Karen Bessette

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from the 6/2/2025 Meeting, in the Bulletin on June 22, 2025. Approval: Pam Tofany Kern | Second: Nick Verdino

#### **Chairperson's Comments:**

Coffee Hours and Opening and Closing prayers:
October 12 coffee hour is still without a host. I have contacted a few of the ministry heads and I am waiting for a response. We may just go without a coffee hour in October.

Review of the Ministry Contact and PPC Member Liaison List.

#### MY LAST TOPIC

My last topic concerns the tragedy that occurred in Minneapolis Minnesota. Many of you already know that a gunman that was carrying a Rifle, Shotgun, pistol and explosive devices opened fire on the congregation that was attending Mass for the start of the school year. Two children died and 17 others were injured. The gunman opened fire outside the church through a window, he could not get into the church because the doors were locked as part of the normal procedure for the church. The Police Chief (Brian O'Hara) believes that many lives were saved because of this process that had been put in place. I am bringing this up, because when St. John's instituted this same process there were a number of parishioners that were not happy with this. What the Police Chief stated is one man's opinion. However, in this case, he is 100% correct. We do still allow people to be let in and explain why the doors are locked when we let them in, but this security measure is in place to protect us.

#### **DEACON LON SMITH UPDATE:**

**Octoberfest** – Saturday, October 18 –fund raiser for SJE is \$20/person. Tickets go on sale at the back of the church in September.

**Dady Concert** – sponsored by K of C 3892 will be held Sunday, December 14, 3:00 PM. FREE CONCERT FOR ADVENT! But you must have a ticket to get in. My hope is to fill SJE!!!!

**Bereavement Luncheon** was a GREAT SUCCESS. Thirty people from 6 parishes. This directed me to have the following meeting format:

- EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY 10:30 AM—12 Noon
- Located in the SJE Parish Center.
- Placed in our bulletin and our website. Also shared with the other 6/7 Parishes Bulletin and ROC Website
- Each month there will be a 20–30-minute talk addressing various related topics (Dementia Caregiving, Life Span, Hospice Care, pre-planning funerals, etc.) with an hour

of pure social time, like the Circle of Hope used to do.

- We will have a reference library
- It was great working with Rose DiBella who gave me excellent insights and support.

#### **FATHER PETER'S UPDATE:**

- Welcome to Joe Waters to the Parish Council. Tom Corsi is also welcomed for this meeting as a visitor.
- 160th Anniversary Update: There is a song written and composed by Paul Parkman that is available to listen to on our parish website.
- Update to the church roof and silo: Contract has been signed, and Elmer Davis will be here tomorrow, 9-9-25 to take measurements.
- We met last year's CMA goal. This year's theme is: "Together We Bring Hope....and Hope does not disappoint"
- Pie Fundraiser will take place again this year. Orders will soon be underway and due by Thursday, Oct 30.
   Pick-up day is Monday, November 17. Upcoming bulletins will have more details.
- This year, All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be our usual 8:15 AM First Saturday Mass and the weekend Masses (4 PM, 8 AM & 10 AM) will be celebrated for All Souls' Day— for the faithful departed.
- The Order for Anointing of the Sick will be revised and effective April 5, 2026.
- There is now a form in place that will be used when someone/ministry needs to reserve the Church,
   Meeting Room or Parish Center for an event. Marcia will make the form available to Ministry Leaders via an upcoming e-mail. A call can be made to Marcia if you want to check date availability.
- I'm grateful to all those who came to the aid of a
  parishioner who had a medical concern during a recent
  Sunday Mass. I appreciate the care and concern for one
  another. In the Ushers' Room we have a supply of water
  and candy on hand if needed. This is not for general
  consumption but for emergency situations.

**Social Ministry:** There is a coffee hour on Sunday, September 14. Oktoberfest will be happening next, and a liquor license has been obtained. Tickets will be on sale for the next 3 weeks. Dinner and beer/wine will be included in the price of the ticket. Additional items will also be on sale for extra food options.

**Arts and Environment:** Giving tree has already started, this year instead of angels, they will be Jesse tree symbols. This will start on the Weekend of November 29/ 30 and the due date will be Sunday, December 14. The theme for advent is "Waiting in Hope".

**Certificates of Appreciation:** No update at this time **School Supply Collection:** Christine Paoletti stated that we had a great collection, and that Nazareth Elementary was grateful. The items were delivered the day before school started. Next year, we will do it at the end of July/ beginning of August and deliver the supplies mid-August to allow them to distribute them earlier. They do have a wish list on Amazon with teacher requested items. Also, Christine thought that a good donation item would include cleaning supplies.



Express your gratitude for their service, support, and spiritual guidance.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Bridget McArdle
- Tabernacle II: Geard McArdle
- <sup>†</sup>Marian I Janice Wasilewski
- <sup>†</sup> Marian II Ed & Regina Wasilewski

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Greece Food Shelf - Food Drive: Next food drive is planned for the weekend of October 18/19. Food will be delivered on Monday, October 20. March and June will also have coordinated drives

#### **Knights of Columbus Council 3892:**

- Third and last Chicken BBQ was at St. Charles on 9/7. It was a sell out!
- Holy Hour at St. John's on 9/22 at 7pm.
- Annual Columbus Day dinner at St. John's on October 11th, and this is open to all who wish to attend.
- 40 Days for life starts on 9/24
- Speaker on October 13th, Dr. Haywood Robinson, who is a former abortion doctor turned prolife, who will speak outside Planned Parenthood.

**Outreach - Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Update:** No update

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>September 20/21</b> Week 12 ATTENDA	NCE402
BUDGETED Sunday Offering\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering\$	5,660.25
ONLINE Giving\$	3,260.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering\$	8,920.25
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING(\$	1,029.75)
2nd Collection Human Development	
SUNDAY Offering\$	664.00
ONLINE Giving\$	35.00
TOTAL Offering\$	699.00
Fiscal Year 2025-26 as September 2	21, 2025
YEARLY BUDGET\$ 5	17,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$1	19,400.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$1	26,492.81
OVERAGE TO DATE\$	7,092.81

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

#### **Liturgy Committee:**

- Saturday, October 11 there will be a Blessing of Pets at 10:30 AM
- All Saints Day on Saturday, Nov 1
- All Souls Day on Sunda, Nov 2
- Annual Memorial Mass will be Nov 8
- Advent theme: Waiting in hope

#### St. John's Social Media - Statistics:

Website:

QR Code: The One Time Gift QR code has been placed on the St. John Website. Just touch or click on it to make a one-time gift.

Last 30 days: Visitors: 950 up 18% | Views: 2584 up 23% **YTD: Visitors:** 6969 up 6% | Views: 17691 down 6% Device: Mobile 60% | Tablet 4% | Desktop 36% Country: US 88% | 67 other countries 12% Operating System: Windows 25% | Android 22%

Mac 10% | i-OS 43%

Annual Content Review: Gary will prepare a list of pages for the PPC Ministry Liaison Member to contact the

Ministry Leaders to review their pages.

Facebook: Last 30 Days

Followers: 855 | Views: 17366 down 10%

Followers: 75% down 13% | Non-Followers: 25% up 8.4%

Post Interaction (comment, likes, shares): 641

Followers: 587 down 26% | Non-Followers: 54 up 350%

Safety and Security: Nick Sassano and Alan Christodaro explained that whenever someone arrives late for mass, they see them on the monitor and two ushers view the person approaching. If nothing seems out of the ordinary, they allow the person to enter. Generally, it is the same people that are late. When in doubt, they are instructed to call "911".

Faith Stories: At Father's request we played the song that Paul Parkman wrote called "THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT JOHN".

#### **Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:**

Tom Corsi: he will begin the blood drives again at the parish, but they do want 20-30 donors before they come to us. We would be looking for a Saturday from 10-2 in April

Gary Kern: on behalf of the Holy Cross CYO directors, thank you to Father Peter for allowing them to use the field behind the church and Aquinas for loaning the lining machine. This is a great example of how our Catholic community can come together to support our youth.

Wayne Howard: We are working on a new mass setting: the Gloria will be implemented this weekend!

Closing Prayer: Karen Bessette **Next Meeting: 10/6/2025** 

Opening and Closing Prayers - Deacon Lon

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