

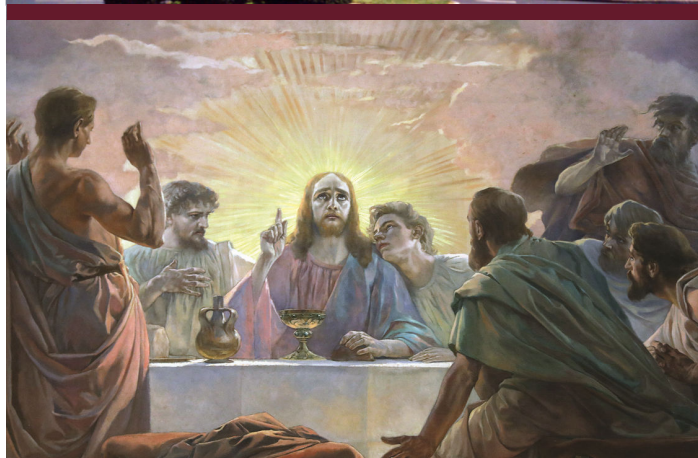
# St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 18, 2024

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 eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”  
- Jn 6:56-57

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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

Ez 24:15-23/  
Dt 32:18-21/  
Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10/  
Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/  
Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11/  
Ps 23:1-6/  
Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

Ez 36:23-28/  
Ps 40:5, 7-10/  
Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

Ez 37:1-14/  
Ps 107:2-9/  
Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

Rv 21:9b-14/  
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/  
Jn 1:45-51

### Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-21, 22-23  
Eph 5:2a, 25-32/  
Jn 6:60-69

## 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 so please 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 Trust in His Promise

Unless one would want to live exclusively on milk (cow, sheep, or goat,) we humans kill what we eat. We should recognize that to provide for our well-being, we consume what God has placed here for our use. That may seem like a pretty harsh description of how we live, but it is how we relate to food. What was once living sustains our lives.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is very direct about what gives us life. He says, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Because Jesus sacrificed himself for our sake upon the cross, we humans can admit that we do indeed kill what we eat. Taking our sins upon himself, Jesus died for us, and as uncomfortable as it may be, we cannot avoid that reality. He died an agonizing death upon the cross, so that we may be freed from the power of sin and death. But he did not stay dead. He rose to life. When we eat His flesh and drink His blood in the Communion that we share, we have life because of Him. What looks and tastes like bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ, and we eat and drink to be nourished with



His life. In our Communion, we trust in His promise that we will live forever.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells those listening that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood will have eternal life. We hear these words at every Mass as the priest recites the similar words

from the Last Supper. We hear them so often we might not even react to their true meaning. Yet, imagine hearing them for the first time that day with Jesus! The people, who have already witnessed his miracles, still refer to Him as "this man." They cannot believe.

We approach the altar solemnly and reverently. The host is placed in our hands; "The Body of Christ." We are offered the cup (when the opportunity presents itself); "The Blood of Christ" and with each gift, we respond, "Amen." It is in that Amen that we are truly saying, "Yes, in receiving the true Body and Blood of Christ; I am becoming the Body and Blood of Christ and wish to share it with others." Our faith, our belief in God's saving

grace, "is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared." CCC 949

Peace to all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



## Expression of Gratitude

Recently our parish hosted Fr. Kilian Terebe of the Diocese of Kigoma, Tanzania, East Africa, for our Annual Parish Mission Appeal. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the **amazing generosity** you offered to assist with the many needs of the Diocese of Kigoma as outlined by Fr. Kilian. Through your generous giving, we collected \$7,825.05!! An Usher commented that while passing the collection basket, they were overwhelmed by the eager participation of everyone from that particular section—people were reaching into their pockets and purses to share a great deal; it was very touching to see and I'm sure this was the case when collecting at all the sections of pews.

As your Pastor, I'm proud of our warm welcome of Fr. Kilian and your subsequent response to this special collection especially knowing times are difficult for most of us but you overlooked that to help those who are in greater need. This is our Catholic Church—we are the Catholic Church! May our good and gracious God reward you and bless you for your kindness and generosity and may He bless our brothers and sisters of the Diocese of Kigoma and those of us in the Diocese of Rochester.

God bless,  
Fr. Peter

*Thank You*

**Masses for the Week—August 19—25**

**MONDAY, August 19** *St John Eudes*  
**8:15 AM + John Westlake**  
 by Paul & Nancy Westlake  
**2:30 PM** Mass at Village at Unity

**TUESDAY, August 20** *St Bernard*  
**8:15 AM** *For the Return to Good Health for John Clark*  
 by Rich & Katie Jacobs

**WEDNESDAY, August 21** *St Pius X, Pope*  
**8:15 AM + Tony Oliveri**  
 by Joseph Nicotina

**THURS, Aug 22** *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**FRIDAY, August 23** *St Rose of Lima*  
**8:15 AM + Vicki Ange**  
 by Albert Yapjoco

**SATURDAY, August 24** *St Bartholomew*  
**4:00 PM + Annette Arbia**  
 by Family

**SUNDAY, August 25** *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**8:00 AM + For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased**  
**10:00 AM + Renee Sergisson**  
 by Pam Tofany-Kern

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, August 18**  
**4:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ  
 in St John's parking lot

**Monday, August 19**  
**9:00 AM** Bible Study in Parish Center  
**2:30 PM** Mass at Village at Unity  
**6:30 PM** Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry  
 in Parish Center then Church

**Let the Children Come to Me**

As many of you may recall, here at St. John's during our 10:00 AM Mass, we had in place, *Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry*. What is Children's Liturgy of the Word, you may ask? This is a ministry in which young children (who have not yet received the Sacrament of Holy Communion) leave the sanctuary during the Liturgy of the Word to hear the Scripture readings proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. These sessions are not faith formation classes, arts and crafts activities, nor babysitting during Mass; rather, the children hear the same Mass readings as the adults but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp.

Like so many things, this ministry was suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic. The suggestion was made to bring this ministry active once again. Cheryl Watt was the leader of this ministry, however, Cheryl and her husband, Michael, have now relocated so without her leadership, we have a void in this position. We are looking for someone to fill this leadership role and if you think you might be interested, you are asked to see Father Peter or Marcia/Parish Office.



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

Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17
James Lawlor	William Leone	Steven Lewis	Bernard Maloney	Deceased Priests	Christopher Linsler	Frank Lioi



**Back-to-School Collection through Sunday September 1**

It's that time of year again when many begin their preparation for their children returning to school and we know part of this preparation is gathering school supplies. This can be a challenge for many families especially those with multiple children and in light of the higher cost for everything. We all want our children to be well equipped with the supplies necessary so they can start off on the right foot as they begin a new school year; so we turn to you, our parishioners, who have so generously supported this collection in the past. The supplies we collect will be distributed to Sr. Mancuso, Principal of Nazareth Elementary School, for the benefit of the children of Nazareth Elementary.

You will find the collection bins for the supplies in the narthex of church by the center doors and the two far end doors between now and September 1. We thank you in advance for support of this annual project.

## The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills.

But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being let-downs, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

***“My flesh is true food,  
and my blood is true drink.”***

— John 6:55  
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## Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him

and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the **“bread of life come down from heaven.”** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **“eat my flesh and drink my blood”** John 6:54. The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts *and* our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir

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## Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,

May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion.

May our “Eucharist” make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You.

May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You.

Amen.

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## Examples of Our Faith

### St. Charbel Makhlouf | July 24

St. Charbel (May 8, 1828 – December 24, 1898) was born Joseph Zaroun Maklouf in the Lebanese mountain village of Beka-Kafra, the youngest of five children. When he was only three years old, his father died. As a child and youth, he took

care of the family cow and spent much of his time in the countryside in quiet contemplation. In fact, he was so pious the villagers called him “the saint.” Against the wishes of his mother and uncle, he left home in 1851, traveling on foot to the Maronite Monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouk to join the monks there. Upon entering the order, the saint chose the name Charbel (or Sharbel) in honor of a second century martyr.

In 1853, St. Charbel joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya where he professed his final vows and was ordained 1859. He lived and worked at the monastery until 1875 when he requested to go live as a hermit like his maternal uncles. Initially denied the request, he was granted permission after the lamp in his cell miraculously burned for hours without oil. In his life as a hermit, St. Charbel practiced severe bodily mortifications, eating and sleeping little, wearing a hair shirt, and sleeping on the hard ground. He performed many miraculous works in his lifetime, was renowned for healing, casting out demons, and levitating during prayer.

St. Charbel had a deep personal love of God’s Eucharistic presence, and it was while he was saying Mass at the age of 70, as he held up the host, that he suffered a stroke and died several days later. Millions have visited his tomb and sought and received his intercession, even those of other faiths. Pope Paul VI beatified St. Charbel in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later. He is the patron of Lebanon. St. Charbel Maklouf, pray for us!

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## Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Why Do We Celebrate The Queenship of Mary?

Catholics celebrate the Queenship of Mary because her Divine Son is King. Pope Pius XII, having declared the dogma of the Assumption, that “the Immaculate Mother of God...was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory,” then established the feast of her Queenship. He set the date for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, August 22 each year.

In his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam*, the Pope proclaimed, “We are instituting a feast so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God. We are convinced that this feast will help to preserve, strengthen, and prolong that peace among nations which daily is almost destroyed by recurring crises. Is she not a rainbow in the clouds reaching towards God, the pledge of a covenant of peace?”

### Grow closer to your Heavenly Mother

Assumed into Heaven, Mary sits at the right hand of Her Son, from where, as both our Queen and Mother, she intercedes on our behalf, so that we, as her spiritual children, may also share in Her Son’s Kingdom Rev 4:4. As a child calls for his mother when he is scared or hurt, we can always call on our heavenly Mother when we have any need.

## Preparing for a Census

As some of you may know, the Diocese of Rochester is implementing a diocesan-wide census, and here at St. John’s we will be part of Phase 2, Late Summer – Fall.

I offer the following as shared by **Bishop Matano**: “that the purpose of this census is to gather accurate and up-to-date information about all our registered parishioners, as well as those Catholics not yet registered in our parishes. By conducting this comprehensive survey and obtaining accurate contact information, we aim to strengthen pastoral care and enhance communication by having a reliable means of informing you about events, programs, ministries, and greater opportunities for spiritual growth at your parish and throughout the Diocese. This process will take place through the end of 2024. When we initiate the census process, we encourage every member of our Diocese to participate. Your involvement is vital to the success of this initiative. Kindly be assured that all information provided will be handled with the utmost confidentiality. The data collected will be used solely for pastoral and communication purposes. As we undertake this census, I invite you to pray for our Diocese and parishes, our priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and all who serve in the numerous and multi-faceted ministries in our community”.

I will update you along the way as more information becomes available.

God bless, *Fr. Peter*



Lawrence Kalb *Father of Robert Kalb*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I Irene Eisenberg
- ✚ Tabernacle II Requests through the Prayer Line
- ✚ Marian I Elizabeth Wiley
- ✚ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

### BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>August 10/11</b> Week 7	ATTENDANCE.....	415
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,928.77
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	3,797.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,725.77
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	1,404.77

### Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of August 11, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	65,247.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	68,156.72
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OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	2,909.72

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

### 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. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home



Page [www.stjohngreece.org](http://www.stjohngreece.org).

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

### Time to "Recharge the Batteries"

It's that time of year again when Father Peter will be returning home to Ghana to re-unite with family and friends and "recharge his batteries." Father Peter will be away beginning August 26, 2024, and returning home on September 27, 2024. During this time we are blessed to have Fr. Bob Ring here with us.



Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a meal at **St Pius X Parish Center** (new venue) 3010 Chili Ave. on **Saturday, September 7**; the program runs from 9:30 AM until noon. Seating begins at 8:30 AM. Come help us celebrate our **25th Anniversary as a Chapter!**

Our speaker is **Carolyn Cannizzaro**. Carolyn has experienced many trials in life including marital strife, the loss of both parents and the tragic loss of her first husband and eldest daughter. Through these many difficulties she surrendered and found her trust and joy in the Lord. He is continually directing Carolyn's life. What next, Lord?

**Reservations \$25.00** (new price!); Student \$20.00; **deadline to register is August 31**. Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. **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 on our website at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org).

**For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: [RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com](mailto:RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com).**



### If You Are in the Hospital, it is Good for Us to Know

Whether you go into the hospital for a planned stay or if you go in under unexpected circumstances, it will be good for Fr. Peter and Tod Simone, our Pastoral Minister, to be aware so they can minister to those in need. How will they know of our parishioners in the hospital? Rochester Regional Hospital (Unity & Rochester General), and Strong Memorial Hospital provide Tod with a list (Mon – Fri) of our parishioners who are in the hospital, however, we're finding times when someone is not on the list.

We are told that in order for a patient in the hospital to be listed as a parishioner of St. John's, Greece, NY, that **you, the person being admitted**, needs to inform the hospital personnel **at the time you are being admitted**. We're told, due to HIPPA, a family member or friend is **not** able to request this on your behalf unless circumstances are such that you cannot verbally do so yourself. It is important for Father Peter and Tod to be aware so they can minister to you in your time of need. We will be grateful for your help with this.



**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.**

**Ministry Volunteers Needed**

Are you passionate about serving others and creating a positive impact? Our chapels are seeking dedicated volunteers to contribute their time, skills, and compassion.

- Transporting
- Communion Ministers
- Friendly Visits
- Lectors
- Greeters

Volunteer on your schedule. We have weekly, monthly, and occasional opportunities available!

**For more information, contact Collen Holcomb, 585-697-6523 or cholcomb@mystanns.com**

For St Ann's Walter and Barbara Parkes Chapel, Irondequoit And Cherry Ridge Community Chapel, Webster

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

August 18, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

August 18, 2024 Tom Grieco  
August 25, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

August 18, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne  
August 25, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin