

St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 9, 2025

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.



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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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

Gn 1:1-19/
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a/
Ps 8:4-9/
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25/
Ps 128:1-5/
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8/
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24/
Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Jer 17:5-8/
Ps 1:1-4, 6/
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26

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.

Now & Forever is a Profession of Faith

The task of renewal of our Catholic faith in this parish is our responsibility, each and every one of us. Every baptized member is called forth to be a witness of Christ in our family, at work, and in the community. Certainly the task of renewal will require changes in our thinking about the Catholic faith, structures, and organizational life of our beloved St John's parish.

As Catholics we can no longer allow ourselves the complacency of the past. The way things have always been needs to become the way things need to be. If we have any hope of preaching Jesus Christ to the world around us here in Greece and beyond, then we need to stand up for our faith. We need to proclaim God's love for us in our family. We need to make room for the love of God to transform our lives so that we can put Christ first. In doing this we will be able to love God and neighbor as well as make sure our Sunday obligation becomes part of our everyday life. Finally, we need to announce to the whole world our love for our Catholic faith despite its human imperfections. This means we have to pray for all the fallen away Catholics, and those who do not have faith. We should tell them of our stories and how God has been the rock of our foundation.



In the years ahead as we grow together in the we need to speak the truth to each other with charity and respect—but also candidly. This should be the spirit that should animate every level of our Church life. In the words of Archbishop Charles Caput of Philadelphia: No one “owns the Church, not the bishops, not the

clergy, and not the people. The Church belongs to Jesus Christ and to Him alone.” We are all called by our baptism to service in this Church and as St. Paul says, we are called to the different ministries in the Church to make God's kingdom grow. You and I are needed to build this Church of Christ founded on the apostles, which is now our turn to uphold. We are the driving force behind the function of the body of Christ, the Church.

We are never alone, God is always with us. As we are with God, we are one with each other. As we go through each day, let us pray to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us go forth now and forever with the realization we are never alone; let us smile at the stranger in the pew and safely offer the sign of peace. Let our worship show by word and deed that God is with us. When we recite our

Profession of Faith, may it be one that we truly believe and put into action in our lives. *God bless us all,*
Father Peter



The Catch

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.



Masses for the Week—February 10—16

MONDAY, February 10 *St Scholastica*
 8:15 AM + *Rev Donald E. Lux*
50th Anniversary of Passing

TUESDAY, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*
 8:15 AM + *Ellie Pellegrino*
 by Jim & Cindi Grotke
 2:30 PM *Mass at Hamilton*

WEDNESDAY, February 12 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Jim Wenskus*
 by Judy, Tim, and Ted

THURSDAY, February 13 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, February 14 *Sts Cyril, Monk, and Methodius*
 8:15 AM + *Eleanor Zanni*
 by Loving Husband & Family

SATURDAY, February 15 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Erasmo DiTucci*
 by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, February 16 *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John's;*
Living and Deceased
 10:00 AM + *Karen Grimshaw*
 by Gene and Diane Englert

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 9 World Marriage Day
 Coffee Hours following 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

Monday, February 10
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center & Church

Wednesday, February 12
 10:30 AM *Journey through Grief* Bereavement Group in Parish Center

Thursday, February 13
 4:30 PM Cursillo Men's Group Mtg in Meeting Room

Sunday, February 16
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room



Join Us THIS Sunday, February 9

Join us following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Our host this month is our Prayer Shawl Ministry. This is a good time to catch up with fellow parishioners and hopefully make some new acquaintances. We hope to see you there!

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15
All Deacons	John Loncle	Bernard Maloney	Kevin Mannara	Joseph Martuscello	Frank Lioi	Joseph Marcoux



Trust—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Jesus calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Surely Peter knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.



The Many Legends of Valentine

Some say this Valentine was a young man with a tender heart who aided Christians who were undergoing martyrdom. He was not even a Christian at the time. Arrested for his activities, he converted to faith while in prison and would not renounce

it. Knowing he was going to die, he wrote letters to his friends saying, "Remember your Valentine."

Another legend says that the Roman Valentine was a priest who defied Emperor Claudius's temporary order and secretly married couples so the husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Claudius desperately needed more soldiers and did not appreciate this interference.

A third legend says the Roman Valentine was a priest who refused to sacrifice to pagan gods. Imprisoned for this, he gave testimony in prison, and through his prayers, the jailer's daughter was healed. On the day of his execution, he left her a note signed "Your Valentine."

During the Middle Ages, it was popularly believed birds paired in mid-February. This also reaffirmed the association of romantic love with Valentine's name. Whatever the truth behind the legends, St. Valentine's day has become a day we connect with romance and friendship.



Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel is held this weekend, February 8/9, 2025.

Recently Pope Francis addressed participants in the 64th International Military Pilgrimage at the French Marian Shrine of Lourdes. Entrusting to God's mercy all of their comrades-in-arms who died serving their countries and defending peace, Pope Francis urged Catholic members of the military to let their faith inform their service: "The world needs you, especially at this dark moment in our history. We need men and women of faith who are capable of putting weapons at the service of peace and brotherhood."

The Pope also emphasized the need for quiet time for spiritual discernment that will allow military personnel to reaffirm with hope their vocation in prayer: "This spiritual pause at Lourdes is a time to rethink our military vocations from the perspective of faith, and of the love that every Christian must cultivate towards his brother, even his enemy."

In addition, Pope Francis urged members of the military to renew their commitment to the transformative Word of God: "Be military men and women who stand tall and proud to honor your uniform, your motto and your homeland, but who are also aware that you are part of a single human family, a family that is divided and wounded, but which Christ came to redeem and save through the power of love, not the violence of arms."

Here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church we recognize and pray for the brave men and women of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel who stand in the line of duty to protect us each and every day and are willing to lay down their life for us.

On a smaller scale, but important nonetheless, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize, on this special Jubilee Weekend, those of our own faith community who work to maintain safety and security at our parish—those of our parish Safety and Security Ministry; **Nick Sassano, Michael Maher, Mike Zodarecky and Mike Bessette**. There are occasions when we are complimented by security support from **Chris Muscato**. Also in the effort of maintaining safety and security is the much needed support of our parish **Ushers** who are dedicated to the well-being of all who gather for weekend Masses. The behind the scenes work they train for and implement when necessary, is a valuable asset to our parish; one that is an all-volunteer crew. Our offer of gratitude extends to the fine men and woman of the **Greece Police Department, Rochester Police Department, and the Monroe County Sheriff Dept.** who serve and protect 24/7.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



302 households have pledged \$83,658.02 taking us to 107.25% of our goal.

A very special **THANK YOU** to those of you who supported this year's CMA campaign—*Extending Christ's Mission*.

As an important reminder: While we have successfully reached our goal on paper, we can sing *Alleluia* once we officially reach our goal by way of fully paid commitments from those who opted to make monthly payments by the end of May, 2025 (or sooner).

The following are the most recent donor since our last posting in the February 2 bulletin.

Mr./Mrs. Eugene Englert
Mr./Mrs. Joseph LaLoggia

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments The Gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

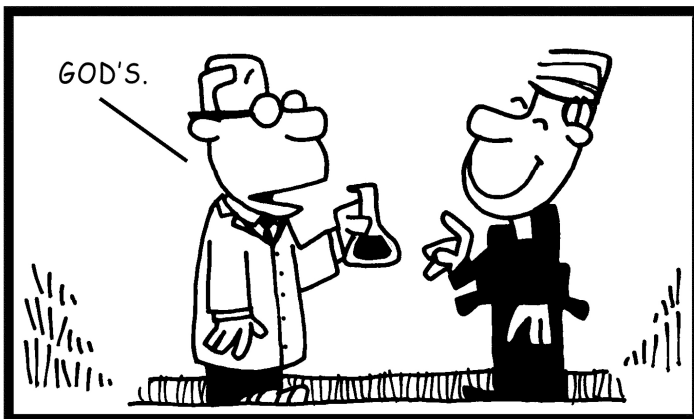
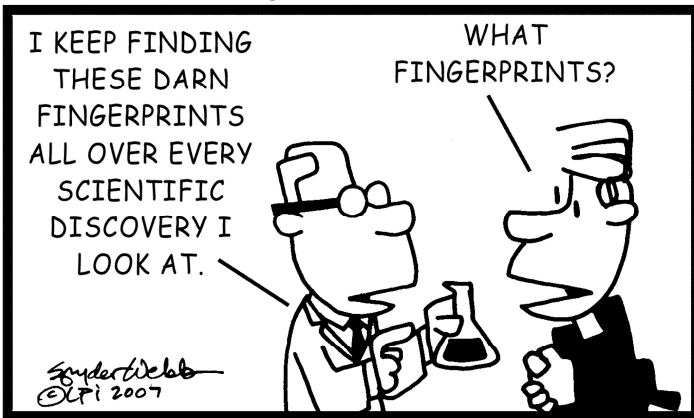
But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Almighty God,
We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian, those courageous men and women fighting fire in California will be protected and strengthened by Your providence. Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings, and their sense of security. May they find a home in your gracious love and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth. Amen.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Deacon Bob Burke**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Thomas O. Burke**
- ✚ Marian I **Rev. Donald E. Lux**
- ✚ Marian II **Janice Wasilewski**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February 1/2 Week 32	ATTENDANCE.....	361
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,686.62
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,342.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,028.62
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	292.38)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of February 2, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	298,272.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	288,972.69
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	9,299.31)

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. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



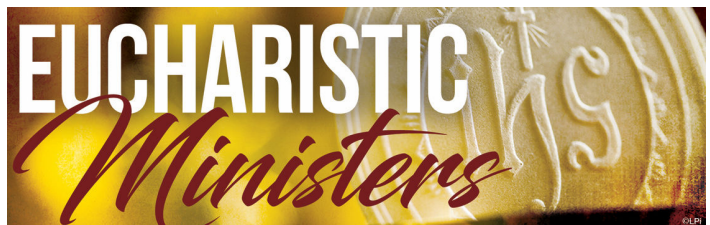
Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

Special Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement Collection

THIS Weekend, February 8/9

Thank you for your support of the ongoing needs of our parish buildings and grounds. Please donate when it is best suited for your household.

We are grateful for everyone's support!



Attention all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

St. John's will be conducting an in person training session for all EMOHCs on **Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in Church**. The training is meant to compliment the biographies and Professions of Faith you recently were asked to fill out. We strongly encourage your attendance and thank you for serving this Ministry.



Holy Hour to Honor Mary Our Mother

Monday February 24, 7 - 8 PM

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. The contents of the Holy Hour will be as follows, Adoration, Exposition, Reflection, Holy Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph and the Divine Praises. All are welcome to participate in this Holy Hour of Adoration and prayer along with Fr. Peter and Deacon Lon.



**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.

**AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

Beginning this week, Brett Burt from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church.

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

If you or someone you know has a business and would be interested in advertising in our bulletin, you can call Brett directly or call the Parish Office at 585-225-8980. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!



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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 16, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 9, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham
February 16, 2025 Tom Grieco
February 23, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 9, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert
February 16, 2025 Chris Hoefler
February 23, 2025 Dan & Melissa Kabasin