

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 14, 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.*



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 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 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

Is 1:10-17/  
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/  
Mt 10:34—11:1

### Tuesday

Is 7:1-9/  
Ps 48:2-8/  
Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/  
Ps 94:5-10, 14-15/  
Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/  
Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21/  
Mt 11:28-30

### Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/  
Is 38:10- 12abcd, 16/  
Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday

Mi 2:1-5/  
Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14/  
Mt 12:14-21

### Sunday

Jer 23:1-6/  
Ps 23:1-6/  
Eph 2:13-18/  
Mk 6:30-34

## 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.

### Each of Us is Called to Faith and the Life of Discipleship

Pope St. John Paul II, from the very first moments of his papacy, constantly and continually cried out, "Do not be afraid." His strength was great, and it encouraged and empowered many people.

Many of us have found ourselves in the difficult situation where there is conflict between our faith and the choices those closest to us make. At times like these, speaking up, even with respect for others, is difficult. Sometimes remaining faithful to God can drive a wedge between friends, and even family. We must remember that each of us is called to a life of faith and discipleship in Christ. No one person can do it alone. We do need each other here at St. John's to shape our future and grow. We have to look for new ways of doing the same things, away from what is not yielding the desired results. We have to make new parishioners and visitors feel welcome from the door of entrance to the pews. God has a plan for our lives. He loves us. He will stay with us during trials and struggles. He will pour down His healing mercy, but He also needs us to stand up to our baptismal virtues of faith, hope, and love.

Do we remain honest to our faith? Or just simply honest? It may be terrible things being said about another person, and people turn to us expecting our agreement or participation. Do we join in the



gossip or defend the reputation of others? We could be asked to approve of something with which we don't agree. We may need to express an opinion that is consistent with the Gospel, but in conflict with those with whom we share friendship or family ties.

In all these circumstances, whether a priest, a father or mother, single or married, we are faced with the truth which is found in Christ. Remaining faithful to Christ can mean division, persecution, and possible rejection. How do we stand firm and be gentle and kind at the same time? How can we, when everyone wants favors in his or her circumstance? If our words are harsh and without love, we may deserve the alienation our words bring. If our words of support are spoken with compassion and accompanied by charitable actions, they may still bring division in the "me-society" we find ourselves in, but at some later time, our faithfulness may provide a bridge for others back to God.

Yes, in our call to be a Christian witness or disciple, we may face rejection. There will be times when people might say, by word and deed "off with you." Yes, there may be times when our transgressions will discourage us, but it is worth it to remain faithful to the one who is always faithful to us—Christ.



Peace and love to all,  
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



### A Friendly Reminder

We remind those who are lighting devotional candles in church (the red ones by the Tabernacle and the blue ones by the Marian Shrine), that the donation for each candle is \$5.00 and to please place your donation in one of the envelopes provided at the candle stands. There are directions on the envelope where to place your donation. It is our intention (although subject to change) to maintain the current requested donation of \$5.00 per candle, so we ask everyone to please remember to make your donation

and be sure to use the envelopes provided so we know the money is to be directed for these candles. There is no need to provide your name. We are happy to have these candles available for you to light as you seek intercession for your prayer intentions. Many blessings to all.

### Masses for the Week—July 15—21

**MONDAY, July 15** *St Bonaventure*  
 8:15 AM *Fr Peter's 40th Ordination Anniversary*

**TUESDAY, July 16** *Our Lady of Mt Carmel*  
 8:15 AM + *Terrence White*  
 by Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 17** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Bob Grieco*  
 by Tom

**THURSDAY, July 18** *St Camillus de Lellis*

**FRIDAY, July 19** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Maurice Donoghue*  
 By Family

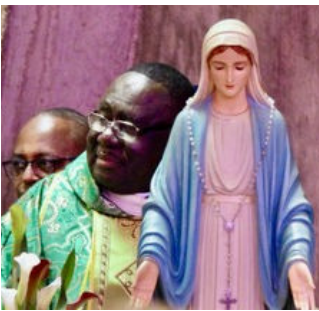
**SATURDAY, July 20** *St Apollinaris*  
 4:00 PM + *Giustina & Pino Coccitto*  
 by Angelo & Maria Leonardis

**SUNDAY, July 21** *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Robert Mays*  
 by Alan & Kathy Christodaro  
 10:00 AM + *For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased*

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

### This Week's Schedule

**Monday, July 15**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry  
 in Parish Center then Church

**Once Again, Celebrating A Special Day**


Monday, July 15, 2024, is the actual 40th Anniversary of Fr. Peter's Priestly Ordination so, of course, we say **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** and celebrate this special day. Let us continue to pray for Fr. Peter's good health, peace, happiness, and fruitful ministry. Please pray the following prayer in support of Fr. Peter as he continues his ministry as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church.

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

July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
Lance Gonyo	John Gathenya	John Healy	Paul Gitau	William Graf	Joseph Hart	Frederick Helrich

**MASS INTENTIONS** **Mass Book Opening**

Please mark your calendar that the Mass Book will open Wednesday, July 31 to schedule for the months of September through December, 2024. Requests will be by telephone (no in-person requests on July 31) **from 9:00 AM until Noon and 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM.** Please know that this is not the only day you can call to schedule a Mass for these months but it's the first date/time you can do so. Thank you.

 **Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the Civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coor: Deborah A. Housel, 585-328-7177, x1555; Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, x1555 or by e-mail to [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)**

**Gracious and loving God,**  
**we thank you for the gift of our priest,**  
**Father Peter Enyan-Boadu. Through him**  
**we experience your presence in the sacraments.**  
**Help Fr. Peter to be strong in his vocation.**  
**Set his soul on fire with love for your people.**  
**Grant him the wisdom, understanding,**  
**and strength he needs**  
**to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.**  
**Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.**

*Just a note: Due to the advanced planning necessary for Father's celebration, he chose the date of June 9, 2024, (before his actual July 15th anniversary) because he was uncertain whether or not Bishop Matano might reassign him after serving here as Pastor for 12 years. Since reassignments take place at the end of June, Father did not want to miss the opportunity to celebrate this milestone with all of us while he was still serving as Pastor here at our beloved St. John's, thus the reason for the June 9th celebration date.*



Greece Ecumenical  
Food Shelf &  
Clothing Closet Inc.

Serving the Greece and Charlotte Areas

June 26, 2024

Church of St. John the Evangelist  
c/o Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu  
2400 West Ridge Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14626

*Congregation Members,*

The Board Members of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf & Clothing Closet Inc. thank the congregation at the Church of St. John the Evangelist for the **donation of 545 lbs. of food** donated on June 18th. We are very grateful for your **continued** support to our organization.

As an example of our monthly increase in needs, this May We served 351 households and 1027 people in May 2024, compared to 288 households and 771 people in May 2023. 63 more households and 256 more people this May than last year. That is a 22% increase in households served.

The Clothing Closet served 115 households in May 2024 compared to 103 households in May 2023.

The people in need in our community certainly benefit from your contributions.

Sincerely,

*Chris Pucher*

Chris Pucher/Assistant Treasurer



### The Lord Calls Us to Feed the Hungry

Thank you for supporting the St. John's Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf. Thanks to your generosity, St. John's Parishioners delivered 545 lbs. of food, household, and personal items

to the Greece Food Shelf on June 17, 2024. The generosity of our parishioners is amazing! Many thanks to Fr. Peter who supported the food drive, the wonderful parishioners who donated the food, the volunteers who helped fill the boxes, and to those who helped transport the boxes to the Greece Food Shelf. These food items help put food on the table for hundreds of families in the Greece Community.

*Pam Tofany-Kern*



### Examples of Our Faith

St. Norbert | June 6

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten (c. 1075-1134), was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth,

power, and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded a women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament, this earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament". He and those of his orders had a great love of and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, with a devout faith in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.

St. Norbert of Xanten, pray for us! ©LPi

TAKE NOTHING FOR  
**THE JOURNEY.**

MARK 6:8



## The Change from RCIA to OCIA

The process by which adults formally join the Catholic Church has traditionally been referred to as the **Rite** of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In November, 2021 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a re-translation (originally written in Latin) of the process and its corresponding curriculum, now known as the **Order** of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). An Order (Ordo in Latin) is a collection of Rites, and since there are multiple rites involved with adult initiation, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is simply a better translation. The process remains the same and the invitation remains open to all seekers.

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — *we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor*, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. *You shall not pass.*

“Shake the dust off your feet.” This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: *Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.*

***Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.*** When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions,

disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. *They wouldn't listen. They'll see*, we think. *Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was.* Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, “It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well.”

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

***“So they went off and preached repentance.”***

— Mark 6:12

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## Please Join Us for Our Parish Information Night for OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Coming this Fall, 2024, St. John's will offer our parish OCIA Program led by Rick and Kathy Paoletti, supported by our pastor, Fr. Peter. What is OCIA you may ask? OCIA is a spiritual journey in which one discerns his/her desire to become a baptized and fully initiated member of the

Catholic Church. OCIA is also a process for those who are already baptized Christians who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thirdly, OCIA is an opportunity for Catholics who are already fully initiated (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church who desire a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings.

By taking part in the OCIA program, one is not obligated to fulfill what the program's intended purpose is, however, it is our prayerful desire this will come to fruition. Therefore, we encourage you to come and gather more information and have your questions answered at our parish **Information Night for OCIA** taking place in our Parish Center on **Wednesday evening, August 7, at 6:00 PM.** Pre-registration is required on or before Wednesday, July 24 by calling the Parish Office at 585-225-8980 or via e-mail to: [gstjohnt@dor.org](mailto:gstjohnt@dor.org). We look forward to hearing from you, your family members, or friends! God bless.

### OCIA Prayer

**Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith and for the Catholic Church.**

**We pray for those You are calling to Yourself.**

**May all in our community open their hearts to the fullness of Your love.**

**Encourage others to seek a greater understanding of You through us. Allow our parish to be a welcoming spiritual home and a light to all.**

**O blessed Apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire us with the ardor of your zeal that we may pray and work for the conversion of our brothers and sisters redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.**

**Eternal God, please send to us, according to Your divine will, souls whom You have called, and pour out your Holy Spirit to work through us to set all our hearts afire for Your Kingdom.**

**We ask this through Your Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.**

**Amen.**



**Julie Polizzi** *Mother of Camille Foster*  
**Geraldine Krockenberger** *Mother of Kathy DeLorme*  
**Gino Fiordeliso** *Husband of Gina Fiordeliso*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✝ **Tabernacle I John Lacek, Sr.**
- ✝ **Tabernacle II Jeanette Colangelo**
- ✝ **Marian I In Honor of Fr. Peter's 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**
- ✝ **Marian II Steve Waffle**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



**June 29/30** Week 1                      ATTENDANCE.....441

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,378.81
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,287.00
<u>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</u>	<u>\$ 7,665.81</u>
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$	1,655.19)

**2nd Collection**

Peter's Pence.....	\$ 2,585.23
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 15.00
<u>Diocesan Missions.....</u>	<u>\$ 2,600.23</u>

**Fiscal Year 2024-25** as of June 30, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 9,321.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 7,665.81
<u>SHORTAGE TO DATE.....</u>	<u>(\$ 1655.19)</u>

**July 6/7** Week 2                      ATTENDANCE.....422

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,139.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,175.00
<u>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</u>	<u>\$ 9,314.04</u>
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$	6.96)

**2nd Collection**

European Relief .....	\$ 730.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 10.00
<u>Diocesan Missions.....</u>	<u>\$ 740.00</u>

**Fiscal Year 2024-25** as of July 7, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 18,642.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 16,979.85
<u>SHORTAGE TO DATE.....</u>	<u>(\$ 1,662.15)</u>

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



**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.



**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 21, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

July 14, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham  
July 21, 2024 Tom Grieco  
July 28, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 14, 2024 Chris Hoefler  
July 21, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne  
July 28, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert