

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 28, 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.*



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00 PM

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**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

Jer 13:1-11/  
Ps 32:18-21/  
Jn 11:19-27

### Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22/  
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/  
Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21/  
Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/  
Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday

Jer 18:1-6/  
Ps 146:1b-6ab/  
Mt 13:47-53

### Friday

Jer 26:1-9/  
Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/  
Mt 13:54-58

### Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24/  
Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/  
Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54/  
Eph 4:17, 20-24/  
Jn 6:24-35

## Welcome!

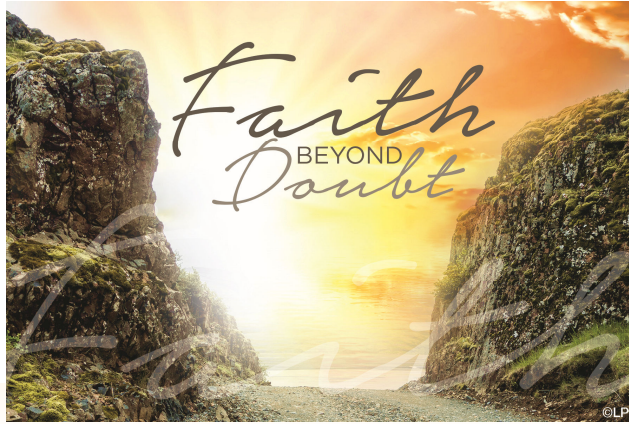
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, 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.

### Something to Ponder this Summer

What can we humans say as we wind down our summer vacation? Did we have fun with family and friends? Are we back to work or getting our children back to school? Anxiety and anticipation seem to be natural parts of our lives.

One thing that causes anxiety is that we do not know how the events around us will affect us or our families. Some believe it would be easier if we knew everything that was going to happen to us. But the truth is, we sometimes have to place our faith in someone or something, and trust that everything will turn out fine. We are growing in a world of myriad experiences, and we have conflicting approaches to our Christian spirituality and beliefs. In the words of Michael Josephson,

*"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorted tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgement; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast; we get too angry*



*too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much and pray too seldom.*

*We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often. We've learned to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to*

*years. We've been to the moon and back, but we have trouble crossing the street to met the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've done larger things but not better things.*

*We've learned to rush, but not to wait; we have higher incomes, but lower morals; we have more food, but less appeasement; we build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These things make us ponder about something which is called life."*

What does it mean to you and the other person beside you in terms of peace, harmony and love? Trust life, and it will teach you, in joy and in sorrow, all you need to know. Jesus encourages



us to place our cares and worries in his hands, that we may experience more fully the peace he came to give. Blessings and peace to all,  
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



**Masses for the Week—July 29—Aug 4**

**MONDAY, July 29** *Sts Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*  
 8:15 AM + *Santo & Maria Panella*  
 by Family

**TUESDAY, July 30** *St Peter Chrysologus*  
 8:15 AM + *Yolanda Petruzzi*  
 by Maria Mercone

**WEDNESDAY, July 31** *St Ignatius of Loyola*  
 8:15 AM + *Maria Antonia & Giuseppe Paiano*  
 by Granddaughter, Giulia

**THURSDAY, August 1** *St Alphonsus Liguori*

**FIRST FRIDAY, August 2**  
*Sts Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard*  
 8:15 AM + *Jim Wenskus*  
 by Judy

10:00 AM *Benediction*

**FIRST SATURDAY, August 3** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intention*  
 4:00 PM + *Osei Acheampong*  
 by Jackie Schmitz

**SUNDAY, August 4** *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *For the People of St John's;*  
*Living and Deceased*  
 10:00 AM + *Daniel Burcham*  
 by Nikki MacDonald

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

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

July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3
Robert Kennedy	Deceased Priests	Roy Kiggins	Stephen Kraus	Robert Kreckel	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



**Sharing God's Beauty**

We were pleasantly surprised recently to see the sunny faces of the sunflowers adorning the altar in church. A special thank you to Gene Preston who watches for just the right moment to “harvest” the sunflowers when they are at their peak so he can bring them to church for all to enjoy. We never know the exact weekend they will appear (it’s all in God’s timing)

but whenever they arrive, they are certainly a welcome addition. Thank you, Gene, for your thoughtfulness in what has become an annual tradition.

**This Week's Schedule**

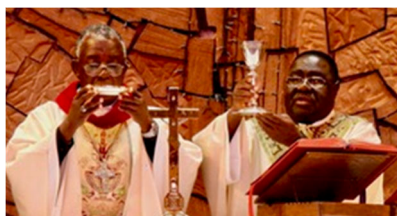


**Monday, July 29**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

**First Friday, August 2**  
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration and concluding with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

**First Saturday, August 3**  
 8:15 AM Mass followed by the Rosary in Church  
 NO Prayer Shawl Gathering  
 4:00 PM Mass Annual Parish Mission Appeal

**Sunday, August 4**  
 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Annual Parish Mission



**A Special Visitor with Much to Celebrate**

Recently Fr Peter hosted The Most Reverend Matthew Yitiereh, Bishop of the

Yendi Diocese in Ghana who was here in Rochester to attend a local family’s reunion. The Erb Family recently celebrated their 100 year family reunion. The connection between the Erb’s of Rochester and the Diocese of Yendi in Ghana came to be, by God’s grace, through the late Rev Charles Erb, SVD. Fr Erb was a missionary priest to Ghana and while there he established a parish which is now the Cathedral of the Diocese of Yendi. When Bishop Yitiereh heard of the 100 year reunion, he made the decision, out of respect and gratitude, to be here to celebrate with this family.

We were graced by the Bishop’s presence especially as he celebrated the Sunday Masses. In addition, prior to his departure, Bishop Yitiereh celebrated the 8:15 morning Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Peter’s 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Monday, July 15, 2024.

During his visit to our beloved St. John’s Church, Carol Napierala and Gene Preston captured some photographic moments.





## Mission Appeal NEXT Weekend, August 3/4

**Rev. Kilian C. Tereba,\*** a priest based in Canton, OH, and bona fide priest of the Diocese of Kigoma in Tanzania will represent the Diocese of Kigoma during this Mission Appeal.

### THE DIOCESE OF KIGOMA

The Catholic Diocese of Kigoma is one of 35 dioceses in Tanzania. It is located in the rural western part of Tanzania in East Africa. The diocese has a population of 2.2 million of whom 509,000 are Catholics. Rev. Joseph R Mlola, the ordinary of the diocese has 66 diocesan priests, about 20 religious priests, religious nuns and brothers and 620 catechists who minister in parishes, outstations, and special ministries throughout the diocese.

The Diocese of Kigoma is very poor due to the low income of her people who earn their livelihood through traditional agriculture which is un-mechanized, small-scale, and relying on weather. Bad weather leads to many people not having food to sustain families throughout the year. Poor earning of our people affects their ability to support the various ministries in the diocese.

The Diocese of Kigoma makes this mission appeal this year to support:

**Ministry to Orphans:** This ministry comprises 1000 orphan children in two orphanages. Our orphan children have been left behind after the deaths of their parents due to HIV pandemic and many other tropical deceases. The diocese is trying to provide these children with their educational, spiritual, medical, and nutritional needs.

**Ministry to the Refugees:** This ministry comprises 300,000 refugees in three refugee camps located in the Diocese. The refugees in our diocese are running away from their home countries due to existing civil wars. This population arrive in the camps wounded in so many ways and has lost almost everything with many of their families dead and displaced. The Diocese needs to minister to them. Your generosity to our ministries will make great difference in the lives of these suffering sisters and brothers.

**Ministry to Seminarian Formation:** This ministry comprises of 95 college level seminarians who study in different collage years for our diocese. Covering educational expenses for our seminarians is a challenge. Most of our seminarians come from the very financial humble families who are struggling to make ends meet. The diocese needs to find means to provide these young men with financial aid so that they may remain in formation.

*\*Father Tereba's brief bio: After his graduate studies at John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH and then his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland, Fr. Kilian returned to his home diocese where he was a parish priest for two years before his bishop sent him back as a missionary in Canton, Ohio. He is currently a priest chaplain at Mercy Medical Hospital in Canton, Ohio.*

May the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus strengthen Catholics to stand up for the protection of every human life.



### PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

### REFLECT

This summer we enter our third year of the National Eucharistic Revival and joyfully celebrated Christ's presence among us at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Part of the impetus for the revival was a recent study that revealed many Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, though in a hidden way.

Similarly, many in our culture do not acknowledge the dignity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both of these instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that are hidden. We need to help them to understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

The Eucharist and the Gospel of life go hand in hand because they have the same source—Jesus himself, who is the Bread of Life. Christ gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture.

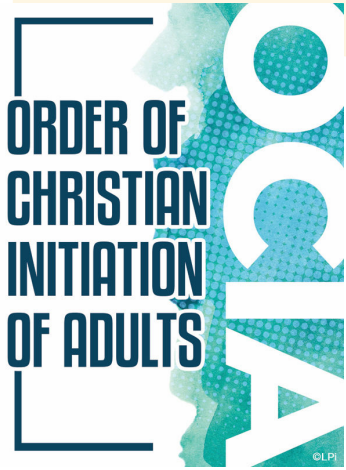
*Lord Jesus, by the power of your Eucharistic Presence, helps us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.*

### ACT (Chose One)

- Offer a Rosary using these pro-life Rosary prayer intentions: [usccb.org/prayers/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions](https://usccb.org/prayers/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions).
- Fast from one meal today.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

From USCCB July Prayer Guide





## **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 31 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.**

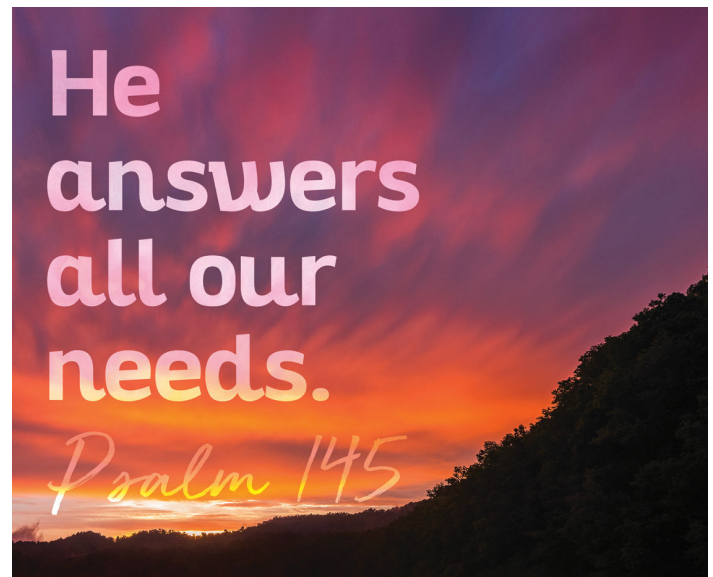
**We ask this through Your Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.**

**Amen.**

## **Looking for Your Help**

If you are a nurse or a doctor who attends Mass here at St John's and are willing to assist when a medical emergency arises during Mass when you are present, please provide your name/phone number and which weekend Mass you usually attend, and submit this to the parish office via email:

[gstjohnt@dor.org](mailto:gstjohnt@dor.org) OR you can call the office at 585-225-8980. We appreciate your help with this request as we strive to maintain the well-being of those who are with us at Mass.



## **Everyday Stewardship**

You sit down at a restaurant and order drinks and an appetizer. Then you order an entrée with a salad. When all of that has been consumed, you order a dessert. You leave after having had a good time, but your pants don't fit so well now. You are so full you regret ordering all those courses. Your eyes were bigger than your stomach. You ordered what you wanted and not what you needed.

In our daily lives, we find ourselves wanting many things. We desire outcomes and good fortunes that we think will make all the difference. However, oftentimes when we receive these things, we only find ourselves wanting more. Worse yet, if we do not get them, we can see our lives as incomplete.

God always provides what we need. It may not be what we want. Our eyes can deceive us into believing that what we receive is not enough to fulfill us. If we trust in God and seek to only live with what sustains us rather than dive into excess, we will find that we are happier, healthier, and at peace. No one should ever make himself or herself feel overcome by too much of anything. God knows what we need even if we cannot see it for ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Joanne Schum** *Sister of Trudy Pellman*  
**John Westlake** *Brother of Paul Westlake*  
**Robert Schenkel** *Husband of Milie Schenkel*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Melania & Leonard Trotta**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Edith & Louis Trotta**
- ✝ Marian I **Dolores Trotta**
- ✝ Marian II **Olga & Louis Grzelak**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>July 20/21</b> Week 4	ATTENDANCE.....	392
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,281.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	3,923.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,204.02
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	2,883.02

**Fiscal Year 2024-25** as of July 21, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	37,283.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	38,666.89
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OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	1,382.89

*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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



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



**Bread of Life Retreat**

**August 15, 2024 | 9:00 AM—3:00 PM | \$35 Fee**

*Given by "Your Not So Typical Church Ladies"  
Anne Gallagher, Vicky Wejko, and Karen Luke*

Explore the profound connections between the Bread of Life discourse in John 6 and the sacred sacrament of the Eucharist. Join us as we unpack the rich symbolism, theological insights, and spiritual nourishment found within these powerful passages from the Gospel.

**Register online at [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org) or email [staff@notredameretreat.org](mailto:staff@notredameretreat.org)**

**Just as You Are Couple's Retreat**

**August 23-25, 2024 | \$250 Fee per Couple**

*Includes room with linens and towels, meals and retreat*

Encountering God's Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus

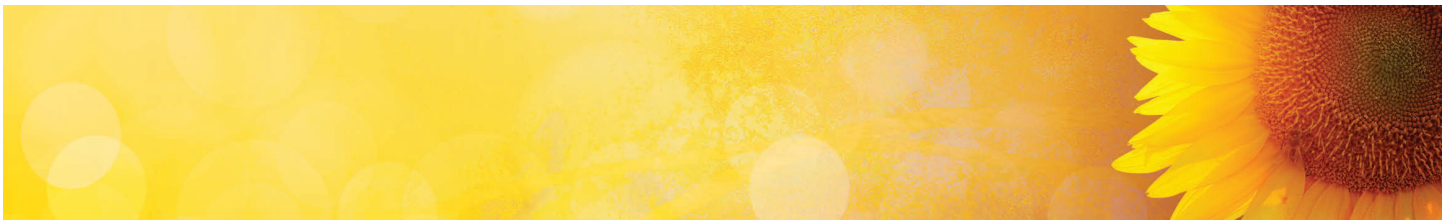
**For more information, call 585-394-5700 or visit [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org)**

**Just as You Are Women's Retreat**

**September 13-15, 2024**

Take a break from the busyness of life and attend this wonderful retreat. Experience God's inexhaustible Mercy. May you allow yourselves to encounter God's love in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Learn to live a life filled with compassion, Christ's love and the willingness to forgive and be healed.

**Register online at [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org) or email [staff@notredameretreat.org](mailto:staff@notredameretreat.org)**



**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.**



**Mass Book  
Opening**

Please mark your calendar that the Mass Book will open **THIS**

**Wednesday, July 31** to schedule for the months of September through December, 2024. A household may request two Masses. You can schedule one weekday and one weekend Mass or two weekday Masses. 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.

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July/August 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

August 4, 2024      Ron LaForce  
August 18, 2024     Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

July 28, 2024      Bob and Barb Gotham  
August 4, 2024      Tom Grieco  
August 11, 2024     Bob and Barb Gotham  
August 18, 2024     Tom Grieco  
August 25, 2024     Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 28, 2024      Carolyn Kerhaert  
August 4, 2024      Carolyn Kerhaert  
August 11, 2024     Chris Hoefler  
August 18, 2024     Terry & Pam Hearne  
August 25, 2024     Dan & Melissa Kabasin