

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 13, 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.



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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.

PRAYER LINE Jill Finan StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6/
Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Gal 5:18-25/
Ps 1:1-3, 6/
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Eph 1:1-10/
Ps 98:1-6/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

2 Tm 4:10-17b/
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Saturday

Eph 1:15-23/
Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7/
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Is 53:10-11/
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/
Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45

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Welcome!

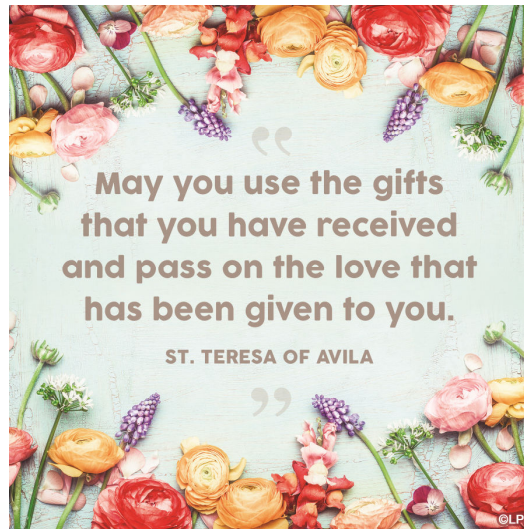
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence,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

One of the joys of being a priest is hearing the spontaneous comments of children about important events in their lives. Interestingly, their beliefs are on a multitude of topics. Each age group seems to have a slightly different viewpoint on everything from A to Z. One such topic is the meaning of FAITH. We are all needed to grow in the faith—the church and families working together.

We must revitalize our relation with Jesus and His message of mercy and forgiveness. We must live our faith by renewing our spiritual relationship with Jesus. We must experience new ways of worship—in the Eucharistic celebration, as we pray with the Communion of Saints, and in the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. Finally, by knowing and sharing our faith, we are ready to share it with others. While missionaries continue to bring the Good News to the world at large, we have opportunities in our own communities, our own parishes, and our own families to let our light shine as Christians. Let's try to be doers and not just voices with opinions.

During this month of October, let us remember to pray the rosary. Let us pray for ourselves and for all who have asked for our prayers.



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I want to encourage all to please return your Catholic Ministries Appeal pledge. Please help us reach our goal this year. If you have not received a pledge card, please let me know. I am eternally grateful to all who have given already. We need each other to grow as a family. We need each other as a faith community. We need each other to grow as Church.

Remember that each time we come to Mass we make the sign of the cross. Do you know that the Cross is God's unconditional love for us? We take up this cross by making it our own by loving God above all else—

with our commitment, witness, and care for each other. The Cross is TWO intersecting pieces. This reminds us that our lives intersect with each other. We are all needed to step up in the faith. We are all Catholics and we are all called to be partakers in the important work of making Christ known, irrespective of our imperfections. Jesus will be our guide. He will fill our nets to be able to help spiritually nourish others. We are important and we are all needed in this call to proclaim the Gospel. The CMA helps make this possible. As Scripture tells us, if we remain faithful to God in all things, God will certainly be faithful to us and bless our efforts.

Peace and blessings to all.

Father Peter



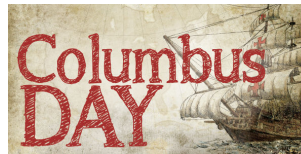
Masses for the Week—October 14—20

- MONDAY, October 14** *St Callistus I, Pope*
8:15 AM + **Jeff Lader**
by Family
- TUESDAY, October 15** *St Teresa of Jesus*
8:15 AM + **Madeline B. Resch**
by Bequest
- WED, Oct 16** *Sts Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque*
8:15 AM + **Robert Schenkel**
by Rick & Kathy Paoletti
- THURSDAY, October 17** *St Ignatius*
- FRIDAY, October 18** *St Luke, Evangelist*
8:15 AM + **Martha DiPaola**
by Friends
- SATURDAY, Oct 19** *Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues*
4:00 PM + **The People of St John's;**
Living and Deceased
- SUNDAY, October 20** *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM + **Deceased Members of the Baum Family**
by Steve & Terri Braya
10:00 AM + **Eleanor Zanni**
by Loving Husband & Family

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

This Week's Schedule

- Sunday, October 13**
9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room
Following 10 AM Mass
Fall Festival in Parish Center
- Monday, October 14 Columbus Day**
Parish Office CLOSED
NO Bible Study
- Tuesday, October 15**
6:30-8:30 PM Task Force Mtg w/ Parish Pastoral
& Finance Councils at St Charles
- Weekend, October 19/20**
 - Knights of Columbus C & B Ticket Sales in Church
 - Diocesan/Parish Census In-Pew/In Person Assistance
 - Food Drive for Greece Food Shelf
- Sunday, October 20**
9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center



The Parish Office will be Closed THIS Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19
All Deacons	Louis Vasile	Peteer Van Lieshout	Walter Wainwright	Matthew Walter	Eugene Weis	Robert Werth

Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf NEXT Weekend, October 19/20
The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece residents each month.

- We are asking for donations of the following items.
- Chunky soups, sardines, and jelly
 - Stuffing and gravy, boxed pasta, and rice and noodle mixes, and adult nutrition supplement beverages
- In addition to the food items
- Dish detergent, bar soap, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, children's diapers (size 6)
- If you can help box and deliver the food to the Greece Food Shelf on the morning of October 21, please contact Pam Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053 or email gakern85@gmail.com.



Who Doesn't Love Pie

Our parish pie sale fundraiser is underway and the holidays will soon be here. Look for the brochures from Special Touch Bakery along with our order forms at the displays set up in the narthex by the center doors and at each of the far end doors. There are 10 varieties of pies to choose from. This is a nice way to remember a neighbor, say Thank You to someone, brighten the day of a homebound person, perform a random act of kindness, or thinking of your parish priest and/or deacon! Be sure to get your order in, along with payment, to the Parish Office soon; the last day we can receive your order is Thursday, October 31 (please note, we close at noon that day). Pies will be available for pick-up in the Parish Center on Monday, November 18 from noon 'til 2:00 PM and 5:00 'til 7:00 PM.





Celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary *Won't You Join Us?*

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.

All have been invited, and continue to be invited, to join in taking part in praying the Rosary 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass. This is not a select group of people; this is open to all. A small group has been participating in this for

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that can transform hearts and change lives. The Rosary is our prayer to God through the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

almost two years now and the groups who gather before each Mass has grown by one or two here and there. Would we like more people to take part? You bet! Let this month of October stir in each of us the desire to gather together for this special prayer. If you don't know how to pray the Rosary, it's a great time to

learn. No one is put on the spot or made to feel uncomfortable. We have a booklet to guide you and rosaries are available if you don't have one. We are here to help.

One of our parishioners recently shared the following. "It seems to me that we have the same people praying with us each Sunday, but as I come into Church I see others already there. Wouldn't it be great for them to join us? I do hope that others attending Mass don't think that it is an exclusive club and even though they might be interested in joining, they may think that it is only for those currently praying".

The parishioner continues on... "What I found interesting when visiting my family a couple of weeks ago is that there are approximately 50-60 parishioners in that parish who say the Rosary prior to Mass. They are spread out throughout the Church. When I first walked in and heard them praying, I thought Mass had already started and that I was late, until I realized they were saying the Rosary. What a heartwarming feeling".

With so much turmoil in our world, including right here at home, there's so much to pray for. In praying the Rosary, our Blessed Mother is our intercessor to her Son. Won't you join us?

"The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in biblical content. I beg you to pray it."

—Pope St. John Paul II

What is the Equal Rights Amendment/ Proposal One and Why Vote NO this Fall?

The New York State Catholic Conference and the Diocese of Rochester oppose the ERA

A referendum that is on the General Election ballot for this November is asking voters to approve or reject what is known as an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the New York State Constitution. While some of the language of the proposed amendment is unobjectionable, the New York State Catholic Conference, which represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters, strongly opposes the referendum for important reasons.



The official DOR Respect Life website: www.LifeRoc.org has a page dedicated to information for education and awareness about the severe consequences the approval of this Ballot Proposal could mean to our families, our children, our parents, and our Church as a whole. Please visit and share far and wide this information. The page will be updated regularly with information to help our communities and beyond vote with their Christian formed consciences.

Please read the insert in today's bulletin; a statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State.

Bishop Matano speaks more in depth regarding this ERA/ Proposal One ballot initiative in his October article in the Catholic Courier.

The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY is a ballot issue committee missioned to defeat passage of the ERA. The Coalition is registered with the NYS Board of Elections. You can access their website at protectkidsny.com



Hearing Loop

A hearing loop, also known as an audio induction loop, is a system that helps people with hearing aids or cochlear implants hear better in public spaces. It works by transmitting audio through a magnetic field created by a hidden wire that runs around the perimeter of a room. The hearing aid's built-in telecoil, or T-coil, picks up the magnetic signal and delivers the sound directly to the user's ear canal.

As a reminder, St. John's does have a hearing loop in Church. The loop functions when your hearing aid is set to T-coil and you are sitting in any pew of Section 1 (which is the section against the wall closest to the Tabernacle) or in the last 2-3 pews of Sections 2, 3, and 4. If sitting elsewhere, the reception is more faded especially the closer you sit to the Marian Shrine side of the Church.

A parishioner recently contacted us asking if we had a hearing loop because she was "playing" with her new hearing aids and was pleasantly surprised to discover she was able to hear so well! Since she was not aware St. John's has a hearing loop she thought others might not be aware and asked if we might put something in the bulletin for people's awareness. Although we've made mention of this feature in the past, it's a good idea to run this notice again. We are happy to know this technology is available and helpful to our parishioners and visitors.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2024-25 CMA Campaign is Underway
Extending Christ's Mission



SUPPORTING VOCATIONS

In talking about the importance of vocations, this year, it is wonderful to remember that our diocese now has eight seminarians.

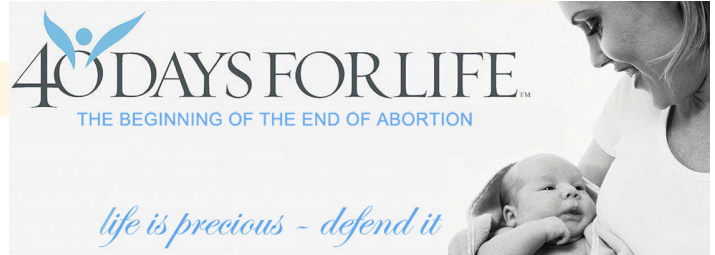
The “good news” is that despite all the challenges both inside the church and outside in society, we are seeing outstanding men of faith exploring seriously their vocation to the priesthood in our diocese. One of the important factors in this marvelous group of men is the work of the Vocations Office of our diocese, which sponsors many activities and programs of support. These activities and others have been a very moving experience for many young men in our diocese.

In terms of the vocation of marriage, the diocese and our parish do extensive work in helping couples prepare for marriage through Pre-Cana and other marriage enrichment opportunities. We are also blessed to have Deacons assigned to our parishes because of being sent here by our Bishop. Much of this is possible because of the CMA, and the support of our vocations and clergy & deacon personnel through our diocese.

We all need to begin to help parents, grandparents, and other family member of our parish see the crucial role they have in fostering and encouraging their sons/daughters to think and pray about a vocation to priesthood, diaconate, religious life, or the Sacrament of Marriage. Have you ever asked, encouraged, or prayed for one of your family members about their religious vocation? Let us now begin to find ways to create and cultivate “a culture of vocations” in our parish, so that we may be known throughout the diocese, as a place where all vocations flourish, especially as we celebrate once again National Vocation Awareness week (in the beginning of November). ***These vocation programs are supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.*** So, whether it is supporting the Vocations Office through being generous stewards of our treasure by giving to this year’s CMA or promoting vocations in the parish with other endeavors, we undertake these efforts because, we want to be “Extending Christ’s Mission.”

For those who have already made a pledge/donation, we are very grateful! As of Tuesday, October 8, 35 households have pledged \$8,000 taking us to 10.26% of our \$78,000 goal.

Be sure to make your check payable to: *CMA* and put 039-St John’s—Greece in the memo. If needed, envelopes are on the last pews in church.



Dear Lord,
What a gift You have given in every human life. Inspire us to respect Your handiwork in every human we encounter. Embolden us to protect the dignity of the most vulnerable members of society. Amen.

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Knights of Columbus Council 3892 Dinner for the Focus Pregnancy Help Center

The Knights will be hosting their annual Columbus Day Dinner **THIS Saturday, October 19 at 5:30 PM in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center, 3003 Dewey Ave.** This year’s dinner will be a fundraiser for the benefit of the Focus Pregnancy Help Center. Come enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, live music, and hear about the important work of Focus in supporting women who choose life for their babies. There is no charge for admission, but a free will donation will be accepted.

Reservations are required. Please call or text Dick Dixon at (585) 629-1916. Reservation deadline is October 16.



Open now through October 31

The Rochester Catholic Press Association, which publishes the Catholic Courier, marks the 135th anniversary of the publication with an art-gallery-style exhibit of photos from the archives. Visit the exhibit at the Thomas Terry Art Gallery at St. John’s Home, 150 Highland Avenue in Rochester. It is FREE and open to the public





Frank Rinere *Husband of Evelyn Rinere*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Rose and Anthony Donofrio**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Richard A. D'Imperio**
- ✚ Marian I **Raoul & Elisa Subrani**
- ✚ Marian II **Open**



BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Prayer for Peace in the World

October 5/6 Week 15	ATTENDANCE.....	429
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	9,516.25
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,325.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	11,841.25
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	2,520.25

2nd Collection

Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement.....	\$	2,343.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	140.00
Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement.....	\$	2,483.00

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of October 6, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	139,815.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	134,046.47
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	5,768.53)

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.

Parish Census

As you have read and heard, the Parish is currently conducting a census. This initiative aims to bolster pastoral care, stewardship, and communication within our community. Next week there will be an in-pew census and there will be opportunity for in-person assistance if need be.



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

**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 October 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 13, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato
October 27, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

October 13, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham
October 20, 2024 Tom Grieco
October 27, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 13, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
October 20, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 27, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin