

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 20, 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.



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Eph 2:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-5/ Lk 12:13-21	Eph 2:12-22/ Ps 85:9ab-14/ Lk 12:35-38	Eph 3:2-12/ Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Lk 12:39-48	Eph 3:14-21/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/ Lk 12:49-53	Eph 4:1-6/ Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 12:54-59	Eph 4:7-16/ Ps 122:1-5/ Lk 13:1-9	Jer 31:7-9/ Ps 126:1-6/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52

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.

May We be Guided by the Holy Spirit

This story was sent to me by my priest friend, Fr Charles Akoto, pastor of St Catherine of Genoa Parish in Brooklyn, NY.

The last wishes of Alexander the Great...

“On his deathbed, Alexander summoned his army generals and told them his three ultimate wishes:

1. The best doctors should carry his coffin...
2. The wealth he has accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery...
3. His hands should be let loose so they hang outside the coffin for all to see!

One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain. Here is what Alexander the Great said:

I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal.

I want the road to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, will stay on earth.

I want my hands to swing in the wind so that people understand that we come into this world empty-handed and we leave this world empty-handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is TIME.”

We do not take to our grave any material wealth. TIME is our most precious treasure because it is LIMITED. We can produce more wealth but we



We have opportunities in our own communities, our own parishes, and our own families to let our light shine as Christians.

cannot produce TIME. When we give someone our time, we actually give a portion of our life that we can never take back. Our time is our life! The best present that we can give to our family of faith and ourselves is our TIME with GOD. When do we find peace, connection, serenity, and love by our God?

We are part of the Church but also we are part of a society and world that is filled with constant changes and surprises. We bring this reality wherever we go. We don't leave this cultural reality of change at the church door. Yet despite all of this, we find ourselves searching for stability in our church, but even that reality has changed and continues to change. We are often experiencing the challenge of this constantly shifting reality, but it is also an opportunity to remember what truly anchors us. As Catholics we have faced changes in our parishes along with our pastoral staff. I invite us to reflect on these questions below in the next few weeks.

1. What are some threads—personal beliefs and convictions—that I hold onto in life and helps anchor me amidst shifting sands of change?
2. What helps me hold onto them?
3. What makes it difficult to hold on? And why?
4. What inner resources serve to sustain me?

Let us spend time focusing on what makes us members of St John's Church.

May God bless us all.

Father Peter



Masses for the Week—October 21—27

MONDAY, October 21 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Barbara LaForce*
 by Family

TUESDAY, October 22 *St John Paul II, Pope*
 8:15 AM + *Helena Serwah*
 by Son, Fr Peter

WEDNESDAY, October 23 *St John of Capistrano*
 8:15 AM + *Frank Rinere*
 by Fatima Women’s Prayer Ministry

THURSDAY, October 24 *St Anthony Mary Claret*

FRIDAY, October 25 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Dan Craddock*
 by Wife & Family

SATURDAY, October 26 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Elizabeth Wiley*
 by Kim & Michael Buda

SUNDAY, October 27 *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John’s; Living and Deceased*
 10:00 AM + *T. J. Baker*
 by Christopher MacDonald

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

This Week’s Schedule

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 27
 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center

Monday, October 21
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

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 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center

Parish Census
IN-PEW & IN-PERSON CENSUS
THIS WEEKEND, October 19/20

Our parish census is underway and many have completed it on line; we thank you! For those who have not yet completed the census, THIS weekend we have an in-pew sign-up with in-person assistance available after Mass.

DIOCESAN  *Census*


Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26
Daniel E. White	Daniel L. White	Paul Tomasso	Mitchell Zygadlo	Anthony Amato	Deceased Priests	Theodore Auble



Welcome to our newest members of the Catholic faith who were baptized here at St. John the Evangelist Church by Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor, last Sunday, October 13, 2024. May God shower them with an abundance of His grace and blessings!

**Matthew Joseph Aldinger
 Michael Dominic Aldinger**

respect life 
novena DAY 1

Pray the Respect Life Month Novena
October 22-30, 2024

Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, ideas for building a culture of life, and more. There are a few copies available in the narthex on the table by the center doors. If you’re looking for one and there are none left, please contact the Parish Office for a copy.

Help Bring Christ’s Message

At baptism, we are anointed with the same chrism oil that priests are anointed with at their ordination. With this anointing, **all** baptized Christians inherit the responsibility for evangelization. This means that it is not only up to the clergy to lead souls to heaven – it’s our job too!



SOCKTOBER

We continue to accept your donation of new socks of any kind for men, women, and children in need throughout our community. Please look for the bins in the narthex by the center doors and each of the two far end doors. *Your generosity is amazing!*

Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 AM in Church

St. John’s Parish will celebrate a Memorial Mass, sponsored by St. John’s Women’s Guild. Relatives and friends of those who died between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024 are cordially invited. This is the list in chronological order of death.

Please mark your calendar for November 2.

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| Dolores Felice | Neil Barton III | Marie Balch * |
| Connie Corso | Angelina Masters | Ralph Annucci |
| Karen Kenyon | Clara Kordorsky | Hector Lombard |
| Rosalia Rosignolo | Robert Keenehan | Sherrie Sciortino |
| John McTammany | Loretta Welch | Julie Polizzi |
| Rezario Neguse | Robert Grieco | Geraldine Krockenberger |
| Linda Yager | Mike Iacubucci | Gino Fiordeliso |
| Francesco Modica Amore | Mary Moran | Robert Schenkel |
| Rose Oliveri * | Rita Stein * | Frank Haszlauer |
| Patricia Boothby | Dante Sciarratta | Lawrence Kalb |
| Kay Ignatowski | Joan Fleming * | Gilbert Picard |
| | Thomas Camiolo | Nancy Oberholzer |

* Women’s Guild Members



Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him. Yet God the Father’s love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation. If you, or someone you know, has thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new “season” in your life, please reach out to either Father Peter, Deacon Elmer, Deacon Lon, Rick Paoletti or to the Parish Office (585) 225-8980 or e-mail us at: gstjohnt@dor.org

Raising Awareness (before we vote) on the Important Topic of Proposal 1

The following is an excerpt from Bishop Matano’s article that appears in the October, 2024, edition of the Catholic Courier.

Prop 1: Intruding Upon the Rights of Parents

“While we always desire to be loyal and good citizens, there are times when our democratic form of government allows us to oppose what we know to be contrary to our Catholic faith and the good of humanity; we are called to mirror the faith of the saints who remained firm in their commitment to Christ.

At this moment in our state’s history, we are now confronted with the proposed “Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)” set to appear on the ballot for a popular vote on Nov. 5, 2024, as Proposal 1. This amendment poses a very serious threat to living out our Catholic faith and values, as well as threatening the rights of all citizens.”

Note: You can read more of Bishop Matano’s article on this topic as well as other related articles in this month’s edition of the Catholic Courier.



Our Holiday Pie Fundraiser

While Supporting the Mission of Special Touch Bakery & Holy Childhood

Don’t be caught off guard – the busyness of the holidays will soon be here so now is a good time to get your pies ordered. Look for brochures with pie selections and order forms at the displays in the narthex at the center doors and each of the far end doors. Orders are due at the Parish Office no later than Thursday, October 31 and pie pick-up will be Monday, November 18 in the Parish Center from Noon ‘til 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM ‘til 7:00 PM. Thank you for placing your order.

For any questions, please call the Parish Office 225-8980.



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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



REFLECTING ON OUR YOUTH
AND OUR FUTURE

One common concern that emerges in whatever parish we find ourselves is the future of our church, especially our young people. In the past, forty plus young people (and their chaperones) have attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). This was a chance for our youth to see a larger dimension of what it means to belong to the Catholic Church. Those who have participated in this dynamic gathering came back with a greater sense of the church and more enthusiasm for their faith. They learned new life skills that will not only help them now but in the future. For many it was a life-changing experience. It is a reminder that our young people are not only the future of the church, but they are the church right now. Each year we acknowledge young people for their example of faith & service as they receive "The Hands of Christ Recognition." The Diocesan Office of Evangelization & Catechesis coordinates, (along with our very dedicated & generous youth minister, the National Catholic Youth Conference, Diocesan youth gatherings, and the Hands of Christ Recognition, along with programs to enrich the lives of our "young church" and many other wonderful undertakings for our young people. We are hoping to return to bring youth to NCYC on pilgrimage in 2025.

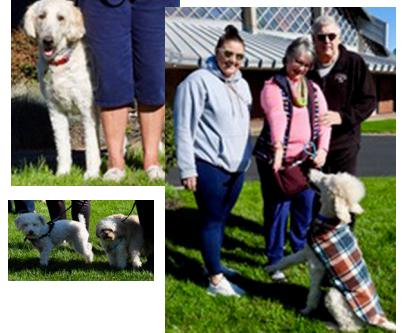
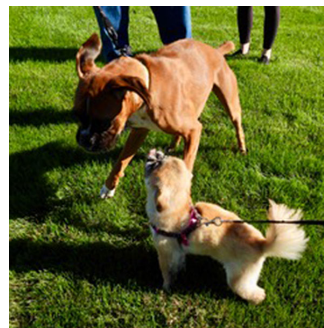
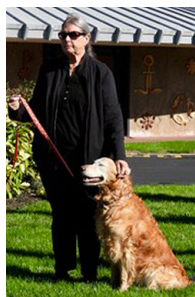
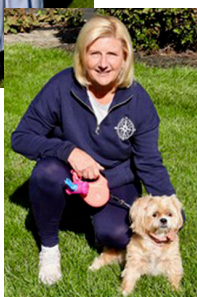
College is an important time in a young person's development. It is a time where they make a choice on what career they will pursue. It is also a time for being away from home and making important decisions on their own. One of these decisions is about how they are going to practice (or not) their faith. A Catholic Newman Community is so important to our Catholic young adults on our area campuses. Newman Community is a presence of the church at a pivotal time in a young person's faith development. It is a safe place where Catholic youth can gather with other young Catholics to explore issues of their faith with campus ministers and other committed Catholic faculty. Often the Newman Community will sponsor a "service project." It takes place on the students' spring break. It may involve going to another part of our country or to another country to serve the poor in some capacity. There often is a profound effect this experience of service can have on a college student. The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports campus ministry programs for our young adults at college. The Catholic Ministries Appeal also supports Diocesan programs mentioned above. Your generous support of the CMA will enable us as the church, the people of God, to continue to Extend Christ's Mission, being a strong presence to our youth and young adults at this very critical time in their young lives.

For those who have already made their pledge/donation, we are very grateful and we encourage everyone to do so very soon. We strive to attain our parish goal by the end of December, 2024, although sooner is even better!

As of **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**, thanks to our **92 early donors**, who have pledged \$ **22,225**, we have now reached **28.49** of our **\$78,000 parish goal**. For those yet to pledge, be sure to make your check payable to CMA and put 039- St. John's-Greece in the memo. If you need an envelope, they are on the last pews in church. On-line donations can be made through the Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org/cmagine

God's Creatures

A special thank you to Deacon Elmer for leading us again this year in the Annual Blessing of the Pets last Saturday. We all know how special our pets are and to have them receive this blessing is extra special. This year's well behaved "attendees" included (18) dogs, (3) cats and (1) Cockatiel.





Lawrence Minch *Brother-in-law of Francine Minch*
John Drdul *Grandfather of Douglass Cawley*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
✚ Tabernacle I **Rose Oliveri**
✚ Tabernacle II **Daniel Colangelo**
✚ Marian **Charles & Martha DiPoala**
✚ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to the Columbus Day holiday, our October 12/13 Collection and Mass attendance will be noted in Next Weekend's bulletin.

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

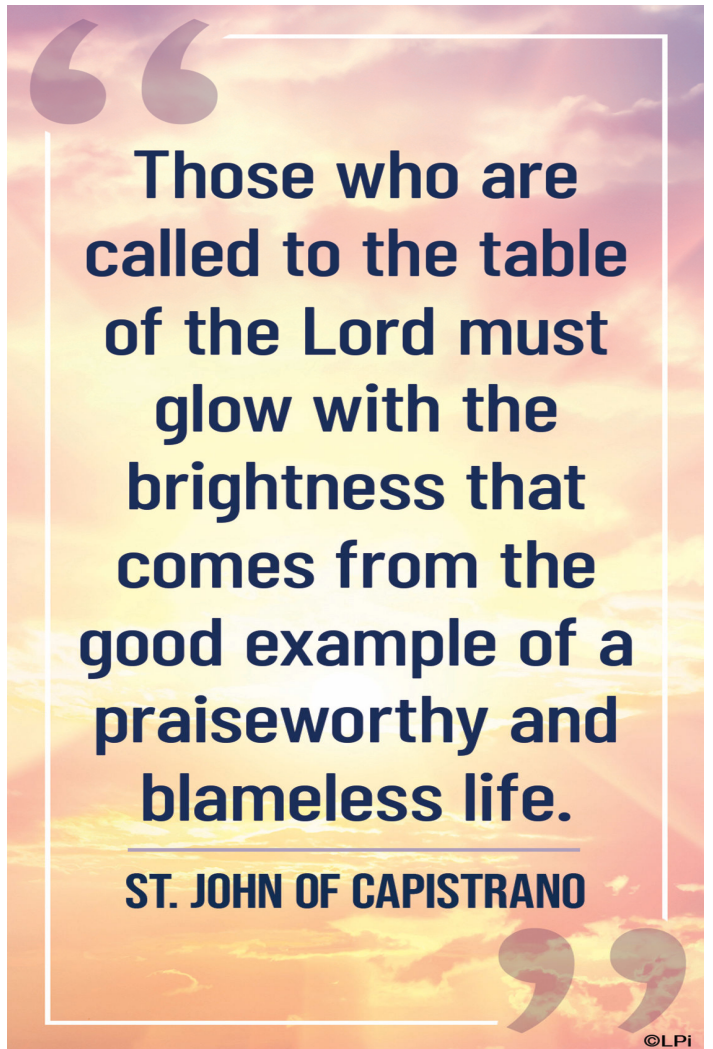


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Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



World Mission Sunday
THIS Weekend, October 19/20
TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. *Thank you for your generosity.*



**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.



**WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT
WILL BE YOUR SEVANT.**

Mark 10:43

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers October 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 27, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

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

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 20, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 27, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin