

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 27, 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 said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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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

Eph 2:19-22/
Ps 19:2-5/
Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33/
Ps 128:1-5/
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 6:1-9/
Ps 145:10-14/
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20/
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/
Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday

Wis 4:7-14/
Ps 25:6,7b, 17-18, 20-21/
Rom 5:17-21/
Mt 11:25-30

Sunday

Dt 6:2-6/
Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/
Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-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.

Nothing is Too Big for God

If you were to read the editorial page of any newspaper in the country today, one would find a variety of opinions about many issues. Not everyone thinks the same way. The various opinions usually depend on the culture, religious traditions or politics of the people in an area. The same can be said about us Christians; we represent diverse groups of people. While we are many people, we represent diverse groups of people. While we are many people, we are all one in Christ. However, as with us Christians, there are different spiritual ways to arrive at the place God wants us to be. Remember like reading editorials, every day we are free to choose the attitude we will bring to that as Christians. This story that someone told me about years ago is a blessing and a lesson for all of us.

Sometimes, we throw back the big plans, big dreams, big jobs, great opportunities that God gives us. Our faith is too small. How ready are we to increase the size of our faith? What specific effort do we take in that direction? How is our Church important to us in our every day outlook of things? How do we grow in the faith? We should not be afraid to be open and vulnerable to the Holy Spirit working in us. If we do, we will see God's power more clearly and readily invite him into our heart. Each of us is called to be a



disciple of encouraging words. Each of us is called to be a disciple of prayer. Each of us is called to be a disciple of charity, willfully giving of our time, talents and treasure to support the Church. Each of us is called to be a disciple of welcome to the holy people who come to us, who are sent by God to

lead, challenge and call the world to Christ. In the daily demands of living, it is easy to become so involved in completing and achieving and succeeding that we forget to look around to see how we can serve one another. But it is in the ordinary, everyday events of life that we can help make the kingdom of God present. One thing that everybody in the world wants and needs is friendliness. These things that Christ taught us; care for each other, the poor and the sick, reach out to forgive one another; share the Good News of Jesus with others in our words and deeds. This is how we make the kingdom present. It is by our work and support that we, ourselves, are active and vibrant in the ministry of the Church. Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give us anything bigger than we can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way.

We can do all things through Christ Philippians 3:13



Nothing is too big for God!

May God bless us all.

Father Peter



Masses for the Week—Oct 28—Nov 3

MONDAY, October 28 *Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles*
 8:15 AM + *Angelina Masters*
 by Carol Lombardo

TUESDAY, October 29 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Carmelita "Lita" A. Connor*
 by Alan & Kathy Christodaro

WEDNESDAY, October 30 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM *Intention for John Malin II*
 by Mother

THURSDAY, October 31 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, November 1 All Saints' Day
 9:00 AM + *Steven Enyan Sarkodie*
 by Carol Novick
 12:05 PM + *The People of St John's; Living and Deceased*

SATURDAY, November 2 All Souls
 NO First Saturday Mass this morning
 10:00 AM Annual Parish Memorial Mass
 + Deceased Members of St John's Parish
 4:00 PM + *Dennis Minch*
 by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, November 3 *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Helen Mikel*
 by Family
 10:00 AM + *The People of St John's; Living and Deceased*

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 27
 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center

Monday, October 28
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center then Church

Thursday, October 31 Halloween 

Friday, November 1 All Saints
 Masses at 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM in Church

Saturday, November 2 All Souls
 NO 8:15 AM First Saturday Mass
 10:00 AM Women's Guild Annual Parish Memorial Mass in Church
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, November 3
 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:
 Due to our Annual Parish Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM on November 2, 2024, there will be NO First Saturday Mass at 8:15 AM on that same day. First Saturday Mass will resume on December 7, 2024. All are invited to attend the Parish Memorial Mass.


Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2
All Missionaries	Victor Bartolotta	Michael Bausch	Peter Bayer	Robert Beligotti	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano




All Saints Day Collection
 Please be sure to make your All Saints Day donation THIS weekend or when you come to one of our All Saints Day Masses on Friday, November 1 at 9:00 AM or 12:05 PM.

Only A Few Days Left
 To get your pie order in to the Parish Office by THIS Thursday, Oct 31.



Order forms can be found in the narthex at the center doors and each of the two end doors.



Special Touch BAKERY®

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
 Turn Back the Clock NEXT Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 AM.



AND Change Your Batteries



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*

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, our community of faith remembers those who have gone before us into God’s light by inscribing their names in the Book of Remembrance. We will place our Book of Remembrance near the Pascal Candle beginning Friday, November 1. Please write in this book the names of departed relatives and friends. Throughout November we will remember in our Masses those listed in the book.



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



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES: AN
INCREDIBLE GIFT IN OUR DIOCESE**

It takes hope to do the work of Catholic Charities. It is hope that allows the Catholic Charities staff to endure.

Across our Diocese, Catholic Charities brings hope to people throughout our Diocese in a wide variety of ways: Loving support for a pregnant woman experiencing poverty who receives home delivered groceries to assure the health of both her and her child; Comfort for a hungry family who comes to a Catholic Charities food pantry finding they will now have enough to eat; Support for an individual struggling with addiction

living in a Catholic Charities residence on their journey to recovery; Security for a person experiencing homeless and mental illness, supported by a case manager and Catholic Charities resources to find a safe apartment; Welcoming for refugees who arrive with almost nothing and are provided a safe place to live, connection with services and facilitation of their transition to independent living.

These are just a few of the many stories of the people that are touched in some way by our Diocesan Office of Catholic Charities. Although Catholic Charities receives money from many sources, the diocese is an important source of funding, and enables us to be a part of helping the “least of our brothers & sisters”. We once again have the opportunity to express gratitude for God’s many blessings by giving generously to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal and “Extending Christ’s Mission.”

As of **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, thanks to our 135 early donors, who have pledged \$ 32,245, we have now reached 41.43% 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/cmagive



Introducing Franciscan at Home

Wonderful opportunities are now available for all of us to enrich our faith

We offer a little background as to how this program has “found a home” here in our diocese and our parish.

In the 2021 document *Antiquum Ministerium* (“Ancient Ministry”), Pope Francis formally established the ministry of catechist and emphasized its importance in the life of the Church. “Catechists are called first to be expert in the pastoral service of transmitting the faith as it develops through its different stages,” and he further wrote “At the same time, every catechist must be a witness to the faith, a teacher and mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue.”

In light of the pope’s emphasis on the importance of catechists’ ministry and expertise, the Diocese of Rochester’s Office of Evangelization and Catechesis has partnered with Franciscan University of Steubenville’s Catechetical Institute to launch a new formation, training and mentoring program for catechists and Catholic school teachers. “This (catechist training program) helps us to elevate that ministry here in our diocese,” according to Leslie Barkin, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Ms. Barkin noted that Bishop Salvatore R. Matano has prioritized the training and mentoring of leaders and volunteers throughout the diocese and Bishop Matano hopes all diocesan schools, churches and parishes will embrace this new program. Partnering with the Catechetical Institute will provide online, flexible and solidly Catholic ministry tracks and workshops to support catechists.

Why this program? The Diocese of Rochester shares:

- This is an excellent opportunity to empower everyone in their faith.
- On the internet, it is often hard to discern what is truly Catholic.
- We’re doing a disservice if we don’t equip our volunteers.
- This is a trusted organization; we know we can trust the material because it has been vetted.

Here at St. John’s we are already registered; we have become a subscribing institution and we are ready to start introducing Franciscan at Home beyond the parish staff! This site is created primarily for training ministry leaders, **however, learning tracks have been created to be used for forming adults in their vocation as Catholic parents and a learning track that will help any parishioner discover more about our Catholic faith.** We are excited about all the possibilities!

FREE unlimited access designed with YOU in mind!

Sign-on to create your FREE account—it’s easy!

Instructions to the right.

A Message from Fr. Peter — We are Called to Grow in Faith

As your Pastor, I applaud the efforts of Bishop Matano and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in partnering with the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University at Steubenville to bring *Franciscan at Home* to the Diocese of Rochester, our parishes, and our schools. This is a solid program that will benefit Catechists, Ministry Leaders, Volunteers, Staff, Parents, and ALL Lifelong Learners as we make a concerted effort to grow in our Catholic faith.

If each of us were to ask ourselves – How much do I value the gift of our Catholic faith? What would our answer be? Take a moment to think of something you value. It’s probably safe to say we cherish this thing or person we’ve identified as valuable and it/him/her holds a special place in our heart. We probably don’t hesitate to speak about it/him/her with others, do we? Now, take the valuable item or person you’ve identified, replace it with the gift of our Catholic faith and ask yourself, do I value and cherish it? Does it hold a special place in my heart? Do I hesitate to speak about it with others? Take a few moments to reflect on your answers. It’s fairly safe to say, all of us have room to grow. For each of us, our faith journey is lifelong so we’re never too old to pursue efforts to expand our knowledge of the valuable and precious gift of our Catholic faith.

I, therefore, invite each one of us to take advantage of the valuable opportunities *Franciscan at Home* offers us. Sign up now and begin exploring the vast resources available. In the words of Bishop Salvatore Matano, “*This learning platform provides an excellent opportunity to equip any individual who desires to grow in the knowledge of our Catholic faith with a solid Catholic foundation so that by virtue of one’s Baptism, he/she was made a sharer in the mission of the Church.* Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1213. Should you have any questions about this program, please contact the Parish Office



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DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Creating Your FREE Account Sign-In Guide

To gain access to the variety of resources available on FranciscanAtHome.com, learners will first need to create an individual account and select a membership option. We have a diocesan partnership and St John’s has purchased a subscription for you to take unlimited workshops FREE OF CHARGE.

1. At the very top of the page, click on “Partnering Diocese.” You will find this tab in the top right corner of the page. Search for and select Diocese of Rochester from the list. It will take you to our Diocese of Rochester landing page.
2. Scroll down and Click on the second blue button you see on the right-hand side of the page. Our parish has already been put in the learning management system.
3. Select CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT. *If you have an existing account, please update your account as needed; DO NOT create a second account.*
4. Enter your information in **all** of the required fields with a red asterisk. Click Create new account button at the end.

If you are preparing for a ministry, please consider requesting a mentor to accompany you as you learn!



Robert Burnett Brother of Francine Minch
Paul G. Reiss Father of Jolene Mingoea



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Daniel Craddock**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II Daniel Craddock**
- ✚ **Marian Elizabeth Wiley**
- ✚ **Marian II Bernard & Pauline Dominik**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



October 12/13 Week 16	ATTENDANCE.....	494
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,819.07
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,440.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,259.07
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	2,061.93)

October 19/20 Week 17	ATTENDANCE.....	454
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,230.01
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,233.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,463.01
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	142.01

2nd Collection

World Mission Sunday.....	\$	1,169.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	25.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$	1,194.00

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of October 20, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	158,457.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	150,768.55
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	7,688.45)

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



Page www.stjohngreece.org.

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



Prayer for Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that

we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his



Don't Forget to Vote Tuesday, November 5.

Don't Forget to Vote on the Equal Rights Amendment/Proposal One

Be in the Know

We have provided information from the Diocese of Rochester in our recent bulletins and by way of flyers in the narthex as to why Catholic should vote NO to the ERA Amendment on this year's ballot. Whether you participate in early voting or wait until Election Day on November 5, New Yorkers will vote to approve or reject the "Equal Rights Amendment" or "Proposal One", a vaguely worded, unnecessary, and dangerous amendment to the New York State Constitution that would result in serious negative consequences by expanding "equal protection under the law".

You can access more information available from the Office of Life Issues at the Diocese of Rochester at: liferoc.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/November 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 27, 2024	Ron LaForce
November 10, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato
November 24, 2024	Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

October 27, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
November 3, 2024	Tom Grieco
November 10, 2024	Bob & Barb Gotham
November 17, 2024	Tom Grieco
November 24, 2024	Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 27, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
November 3, 2024	Chris Hoefler
November 10, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
November 17, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
November 24, 2024	Chris Hoefler