

St. John the Evangelist Greece

October 6, 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.



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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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

Gal 1:6-12/
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c/
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24/
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/
Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5/
Lk 1:69-75/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Gal 3:7-14/
Ps 111:1b-6/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29/
Ps 105:2-7/
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11/
Ps 90:12-17/
Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30

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.

Our official parish-wide effort for the 2024-25 Catholic Ministries Appeal of our diocese is now underway. To all

who respond to the appeal office or here at the rectory—Thanks! The CMA office and the parish would like, not only the continued giving of past donors, but also to encourage new participants to help in the 2024-25 Appeal. I am always grateful for your generosity and commitment each year to the appeal, especially last year, when we reached our goal—in record time!

As your pastor, I want you to know that I too financially support the Catholic Ministries Appeal and I have confidence that our parish will do its very best to once again make the 2024-25 Catholic Ministries Appeal successful for our diocese and

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parish. We made our goal last year, and I believe with God's grace we can make this year's goal if each of our parishioners

participates. Grateful for those who generously join me in supporting the CMA, we will again be listing the names of our contributors in the bulletin. I encourage each one of us to participate in this endeavor after prayerful consideration. All donations make a difference for the good of building God's Kingdom—*Extending Christ's Mission.*

As Pope Francis says eloquently and reminds us all, "a Church without charity does not exist."



Our CMA goal is \$ 78,000. Thanks for your help. God bless us all.

Father Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor



I CAME SO THAT
THEY MIGHT HAVE
LIFE
Respect Life
October 2024
respectlife.org/celebrate



Fall Festival
Join us NEXT Sunday, October 13
after the 10:00 Mass
Bring the children! Parents and Grandparents bring your kids and have some fun. We will have cider, donuts, face painting, pumpkin painting, and so many more games for the children.



Chili Competition: Feeling a little spicy? Make a chili in a crockpot and enter the competition.



Excited about football? Wear your team jersey.
Have some fun!!! Volunteer: If you would like to volunteer to oversee a game, please contact Karen Bessette at karengreen4043@gmail.com.



Shout Out: Thank you to DeConinck Family Farm for all their donations!

Masses for the Week—Sept 30—Oct 6

MONDAY, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*
 8:15 AM *Special Intention for Ray Parsons*
 by Friend

TUESDAY, October 8 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Nancy Oberholzer*
 by Bill & Sue D’Ambrosio

WEDNESDAY, October 9 *Sts Denis & John Leonardi*
 8:15 AM + *James Mikel*
 by Family

THURSDAY, October 10 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, October 11 *St John XXIII, Pope*
 8:15 AM + *Richard A. D’Imperio*
 by Family

SATURDAY, October 12 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Joseph Pizzi*
 by Family

SUNDAY, October 13 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + **Matthew Rizzo**
 by Anne Marie & Elmer Smith
 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 6
 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center

Monday, October 7
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center
 9:00 AM Parish Pastoral Council Mtg in Parish Center

Sunday, October 13
 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center
Following 10 AM Mass
 Fall Festival in Parish Center



Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. **NEXT Sunday, October 13 at Noon** (last gathering until May 2025). With this being the month of the Rosary, as we pray together for peace, we hope to see you there! **For any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980.**



2024 Pie Fundraiser

St. John’s is holding a fundraiser during the month of October - selling 10 delicious varieties of pies from Special Touch Bakery to benefit our Parish and at the same time supporting the mission of Special Touch Bakery/Holy Childhood. When ordering, keep in mind the pies will not only make wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Holiday desserts, but also a nice way to remember a neighbor, to say “thank you” to someone, or as a random act of kindness!

What kind of pies you ask? **You will find display boards in the narthex at the center doors and each of the two far end doors where you will see the brochure describing the pies available for purchase along with Order Forms.**

Please note the pies come frozen—some only require

thawing and others need to be baked but instructions are included. Once you’ve decided what pies you’d like to purchase, you will fill out an order form and drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office OR drop it into the collection basket at weekend Mass. Please be sure your order & payment are in an envelope marked: 2024 Pie Fundraiser. Payment is due at the time you place your order; payable by cash or check made payable to *St. John the Evangelist Church* and in the memo section write: *Pie Order*.

Important things to know:

- The last day to get your order form to the Parish Office is Thursday, October 31. **We cannot accept orders after this date.**
- Orders can also be placed at our Parish Fall Festival in the Parish Center on Sunday, October 13 – there will be a table set up with someone to process your order.
- Pies must be picked up at the Parish Center on **Monday, November 18 between Noon-2:00 PM OR 5:00-7:00 PM**; please plan accordingly.



- If possible, please keep a copy of your order form and bring it with you at the time of pickup.

Thank You for Helping to Make this Fundraiser a Great Success!



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



Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year's campaign is **Extending Christ's Mission**. The CMA is a vehicle to help us extend Christ's mission throughout the Diocese of

Rochester. It supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purposes as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese. Your gift to the CMA enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling her mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Every gift is needed and important! Please pray for the success of our efforts. Many thanks!

IMPORTANT POINTS

- The 2024-25 CMA goal for St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece is **\$78,000**.
- Checks are made **payable to CMA** and in the memo please write: **039-St. John's Greece**.
- If you need a mailing envelope for your CMA donation, you will find them in church on the last pew of each section OR you can stop by the Parish Office.
- For those who wish to make their **donation electronically on-line**, please go to: www.dor.org/cmagine
- An **average household contribution of \$240** will help us attain our parish goal. We understand this is not possible for each household; some will determine less of a pledge is what they're able to do and others will be in a position to do more. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for this year's campaign and know we are grateful for your support.
- Let's repeat last year's success by reaching this year's goal on or before December 31, 2024. Last year was the earliest we met our goal and it's certainly something we'd like to do again this year so **please pledge early**.
- Many find it helpful to make a pledge based on the fact you can pay that pledge through payments October, 2024, thru May, 2025. This can make a larger pledge more manageable for some households.

Together we make a difference! God bless.

God is entrusting to you the task ... of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.

—St. John Paul II

Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on August 27. Work continued on preparing a recommendation for the Bishop.

The central component of the recommendation will be the wisdom of the 7 parishes regarding how we can best handle what we anticipate may be coming because of a lack of sufficient number of priests/pastoral leaders. That situation (a trigger event leading to a change) could arise with priest retirements, health issues, or needs elsewhere in the diocese. The draft recommendation includes the possible future parish groupings which make the most sense to us if/when there is future clustering. The draft also mentions additional appointments of Pastoral Administrators to lead parishes in our area as another viable option for the future.

This recommendation to the Bishop will not be finalized before Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils contribute their input on 10/15 and Parishioners do the same on 11/20. The complete task force minutes are available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website: Roc Catholics Northwest or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>



Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf Weekend of 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.



SOCKTOBER is Here!

Please deposit new socks for men, women and children in the bins located in the narthex. We are grateful for your donation.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes—September 9, 2024**Opening Prayer:** Sharon Miller**Attendance:** Deacon Lon Smith, Bob Gotham, Karen Bessette, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Tod Simone, Wayne Howard, Melissa Ryan, Patty Hoag, Paul Parkman, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Nick Verdino, Nick Sassano, Stephanie Black, Christine Paoletti *Excused:* Deacon Elmer Smith, Father Peter *Visitors:* Marcia Parsons**Approval of Agenda** for tonight's Meeting
(*Emailed September 1, 2024*)*Approval:* Patty Hoag *Second:* Wayne Howard**Approval of Meeting Minutes** from the 06/3/24, Meeting in the June 23, 2024, bulletin*Approval:* Gary Kern *Second:* Pam Kern**Chairperson's Comments:****Official Welcome:** Deacon Lon Smith**Conflict of Interest:** Forms to be handed out and signed by every member of the Parish Council. I need them back tonight.**NEW Council members:** We have said goodbye to Jill Bailey and Tammy Mahar. The two positions will be filled by Christine Paoletti and Stephanie Black.**Opening/Closing Prayers:** Still need people to sign up for:
November: Who is signing up for this month? *Rick Paoletti*
December: Who is signing up for this month? *Melissa Ryan*
March: Who is signing up for this month? *Nick Sassano*
April: Who is signing up for this month? *Nick Verdino*
May: Who is signing up for this month? *Kathy Christodaro***Finance Committee:** Notes in the bulletin said there was a \$25k error. This was due to underbudgeting of pension expense. This was an oversight at the time the budget for FY 2023-24 was set and has since been corrected for the current 2024-25 budget. This affected 2023-24 and not beyond. The error was discovered and being in good financial shape we are not affected negatively.**CMA Update:** Our 2024 campaign will begin shortly. Our Goal is \$78k which is down \$3k from last year. Last year we hit the goal by 1/1/24. Last year's average was \$260 and this year we need an average of \$240.**Coffee Hours:** Still looking for ministries to host February and March. I know the Parish Council is signed up but if you are a member of another ministry that has not signed up to host a coffee hour, please talk to your ministry members and please, let's fill these openings. Karen and Melissa have volunteered to Lead the Parish Council in the September coffee hour. Karen & Melissa discussed the plans for this pancake breakfast.**Web Site Review:** Keep in mind that the review of our WEB SITE is an ongoing process. If you are on the website and you notice an "ISSUE" please email Gary and Bob. Maureen Baran has volunteered to assist Gary with the WEB SITE. This is GREAT!!!!**Diocesan – Wide CENSUS:** St. John's has been assigned to Phase 2 Late Summer/Fall. Bishop Matano has outlined: "The purpose of this census is to gather accurate and up-to-date information about all our registered parishioners, as well as those Catholics not yet registered in our parishes. By conducting this comprehensive survey and

obtaining accurate contact information, we aim to strengthen pastoral care and enhance communication by having a reliable means of informing you about events, programs, ministries, and greater opportunities for spiritual growth at your parish and throughout the Diocese." This will begin on October 19 and census cards will be in the pews and available online. We will have tables in the back of the church that weekend to answer questions. Forms can be returned to the rectory if not returned at Mass.

Social Committee: Karen Bessette and Melissa Ryan have volunteered to co-chair this committee. There will be a Fall Festival on October 13, with a chili cookoff and games for the kids and adults. Christmas Caroling may happen in nursing homes in December with all parishioners that want to participate. We will be doing a "Socktober" in the beginning of October to collect socks for the poor and those in nursing homes.**Arts and Environment:** Patty will be setting up a remembrance display for 9/11 through next weekend. Plans are underway for the giving tree. This year we will be doing gifts again (not monetary donations). Gifts may be more generic so that they can be used throughout the year as needed. We will be working with several different organizations.**Food Collection Days:** The weekend of the October 19/20 will be the next food collection.**Task Force:** There will be a date for the task force to meet with the parish council and finance team members from each of the seven parishes soon. The last meeting was in July. On October 15 they will be gathering at St. Charles and include all parish councils and finance councils. Bishop Matano spoke for an hour and we are fortunate to have him as a bishop. Bishop Matano has every intention of continuing to work for our diocese and had several points:

- Each parish is a family of family
- Welcoming embrace must exist in each parish
- Eucharist revival must be emphasized
- People need the sacrament of confession, and it should be readily available,
- In the NE area of the US there is a defeatist attitude in our churches, but we need to go full speed ahead with doing what we are doing
- We must work harder in the face of adversity
- We must be Simon of Cyrene and help others carry their crosses
- We are instruments to unify, not divide
- We are sacred beings. Ask yourself "Does the world need the Church?"

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon –No new nominations currently, an updated list will be provided of the recipients that have already received the certificates**Liturgy Committee:** Tod – Blessing of the pets will be on October 5 at 10:30 AM

All Saints Masses will be at 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM

All Souls Day will have a Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update: 2 of the nursing homes have encountered COVID again so we need to be careful when visiting.**Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Update:** The only chicken BBQ that did not sell out was the one here at



Caroline Coffas, Mother of Very Rev. William Coffas
Sheryl Hugh Wife Kenneth Hugh



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I Janice Wasilewski
- ✝ Tabernacle II Regina Wasilewski
- ✝ Marian I Prayer Requests through the Prayer Line
- ✝ Marian II Open

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



September 28/29 Week 14 ATTENDANCE.....409

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 5,088.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,602.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 6,690.02
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 2,630.98)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of September 29, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 130,494.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 122,205.22
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 8,288.78)

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.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
Pope Francis	Ronald Antinarelli	Daniel Tormey	Jeffrey Tunnickliff	Michael Twardzik	Gary Tyman	Michael Upson

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St. Johns. MOS and St. Charles did have sold out BBQs. October 19 we will have the annual Columbus Day dinner for the benefit of FOCUS Pregnancy Center at St. Charles. 40 Days for Life fall campaign begins Sept 25. NY is one of 9 states that will have an issue on the ballot that will further enshrine abortion and restrict parental rights. Please vote NO on Proposal 1 in November.

Outreach – Social Media/ Communications Committee Update:

RocCatholicNorthwest Website We will notify them of changes on the website and updates to be made

St. John's Website: Last 30 days there were 632 visitors, 1645 views 12% reduction most likely due to summer vacations.

- Maureen Baran has agreed to help maintain the St. John's website. Her exact role and training will occur in September.
- The initial version of the Website Maintenance Guide is nearly complete and under final review
- Facebook Update: 602 likes and 789 followers

Faith Stories: Paul Parkman – Sept 14 is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross of Christ. There is a poster in the back of the church. St. Helena found the True Cross of Christ and we at St. John's are fortunate to have a relic of the Cross.

Safety: No issues to report. We recently put an article to locate people who are medically certified at each Mass and some have come forward. If someone does feel dizzy or nauseous, we shouldn't hesitate to call 911.

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:

Marcia: The Fall mailing from diocese for CMA will be delayed by one week—appx. Sept 23 and they suggest the launch date for parishes be Sept 28/29.

Nick Verdino: Since we are an aging community, and volunteers for the gardening are few, could we cut back on some of the grounds work in the front and maybe we should fill it in with grass?

Rick Paoletti: OCIA (formally known as RCIA) starts 9/29. If anyone would like to join, all are welcome and can contact the recovery for more information.

Deacon Lon: would like to start an evening Bible Study, an event for widows and widowers, several ideas that may draw people of all ages back to the church and grow our St. John's Family.

Closing Prayer: Sharon Miller

Next Meeting: October 7, 2024

Opening and Closing Prayers: Wayne Howard

**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 6, 2024 Tom Grieco
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 6, 2024 Chris Hoefler
October 13, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
October 20, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
October 27, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin