

St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 15, 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 summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/
Ps 40:7-10, 17/
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/
Ps 100:1b-5/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Cor 15:1-11/
Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22/
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/
Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20/
Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/
Ps 19:2-5/
Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 9:30-37

Sunday

Wis 2:12, 17-20/
Ps 54:3-8/
Jas 3:16–4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

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.

Everyone has Their Own Way of Evangelizing

We must all acknowledge the importance of evangelization by referencing a personal way of obeying the Lord's command to tell others about the Son of God and His saving grace.

For our mission (which is God's mission) to go forward in the grace of God, those who are comfortable with their own way of evangelizing also will say and use the name Jesus, knowing His Name is the only name that saves. Our mission (which is commanded by Jesus) is built upon those who have their own way of evangelizing as they also explain to others the beauty of Christ's Catholic Church and the sanctifying grace of the sacraments. We Catholics know these truths deep in our hearts but many people of good will really have no idea about the great gift of Catholic Christian faith. Who will tell them? We can and We will!

So, beloved parishioners of St John the Evangelist Church, please take the time to think about your own way of evangelizing.



Maybe you are a lector, an altar server, an usher/greeter, a sacristan, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, or perhaps you are in the choir. You know what your own way is to bring Jesus to people and bring people to Jesus. Our mission will become fruitful as we grow in

faith and some come back to Church and others become Catholic, and the Church grows and grows.

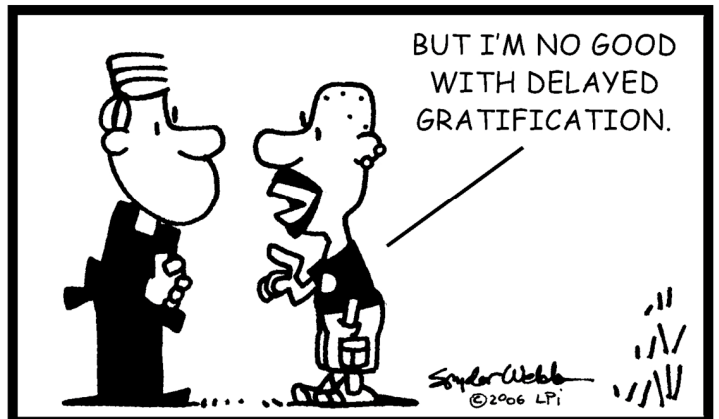
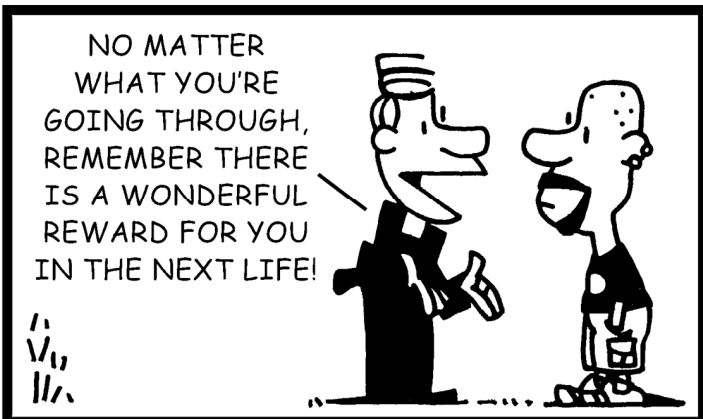
As each of us takes the time to reflect on how we show others the saving good news in our lives and the difference Jesus, the Word of the Lord and the real Eucharistic Presence of Christ, makes in our lives, please consider telling someone else. Rather than keep the Good News to yourself, tell your story, share your joy. Proclaim Jesus Christ.

We, who know the Lord, cannot be silent and must not keep the savior to ourselves. People are hungry and thirsty for God. God is calling us. It is a MISSION POSSIBLE.



Peace and God bless,
Father Peter

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses for the Week—Sept 16—22

MONDAY, Sept 16 *Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian*
8:15 AM *Living Intention for James & Michael*
 by Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, September 17
Sts Robert Bellamine & Hildegard of Bingen
8:15 AM + Deceased Members
of St Mary's Class of 1961
 by Judy Wenskus

WEDNESDAY, September 18 *Weekday*
8:15 AM + Ernie Giordano
 by Wife & Family

THURS, September 19 *St Januarius*

FRIDAY, September 20
Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
8:15 AM + Joan White
 by Family

SATURDAY, September 21 *St Matthew, Apostle*
4:00 PM + Frank & Barbara Conte
 by Daughter, Donna Lodato

SUNDAY, Sept 22 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM + Louise Maier
 by Eileen Zegarelli
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, September 15
 Pancake Breakfast/Coffee Hour following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in Parish Center

Monday, September 16
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center then church

Sunday, September 22
Following 10:00 AM Mass Parent Meeting for Confirmation in Parish Center



THIS Sunday, Sept 15

Please join our hosts, members of our Parish Pastoral Council, in the Parish Center THIS Sunday, September 15 following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses for Coffee Hour with Pancake Breakfast. This is a wonderful way to meet our Parish Council members,

fellow parishioners whom you have not yet met, and it's a good time to catch up with those you already know. We hope to see you there!



Knights of Columbus Holy Hour at St Charles

THIS Monday, Sept 16, 7-8 PM

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Cenacle Council #3892 will be sponsoring Holy Hour to honor Mary Our Mother at St. Charles Borromeo Church, The contents of the Holy Hour will be as follows,

Adoration, Exposition, Reflection, Holy Rosary, and Litany of St. Joseph and the Divine Praises. All Knights and parishioners are welcome.



Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21
John Podsiadlo	Jorge Ramirez	John Reif	Leo Reinhardt	Robert Ring	Daniel Ruiz	Sriram Sadhanala



Parish Census Getting Underway

St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY, will conduct a parish-wide census.

PLEASE SEE THE INSERT IN TODAY'S BULLETIN FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.





From the Deacon's Bench

Sisters and Brothers
of St. John the Evangelist Parish,

I would like to introduce to you an outreach program I call **SOCKTOBER**. During the month of October, I would ask you to donate new socks that will be donated to those in need in our local area. Once collected, we will deliver the socks

to those who live on the margins in our local nursing homes, Bethany House, Dimitri House, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, and the homeless living in tents around the city.

The Hebrew word *anawim* means those who are bowed down. The *anawim* of the Old Testament were the poor of every sort: the vulnerable, the marginalized, and socio-economically oppressed, those of lowly status without earthly power. In fact, they depended totally on God for whatever they owned.

Where are the *anawim* today? They exist in abundance in Monroe County and especially in the City of Rochester. Our city is about 3 times the national average for the percentage living in poverty (About 33%) and our children (<18 years old) is a national high at over 51%.

Thank you for participating in this act of Christian support for those who live on the edge of society.

Peace and Blessings,
Deacon Lon



40 Days for Life Fall 2024 Rochester Campaign

Help save lives in Rochester due to the ongoing scourge of abortion! One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is 40 Days for Life. Since its inception, over 20,000 babies have been saved from abortion! Take part in the Rochester Fall 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **September 25 thru November 3**. Through prayer and fasting embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue.

Visit 40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or Roc40DFL@gmail.com.

From the Deacon's Bench

Sisters and Brothers of St. John the Evangelist Parish,

What do you do, when you are in need of crisis assistance? Let me share some information with you and a new application to have on your phone which you can get installed by going to:

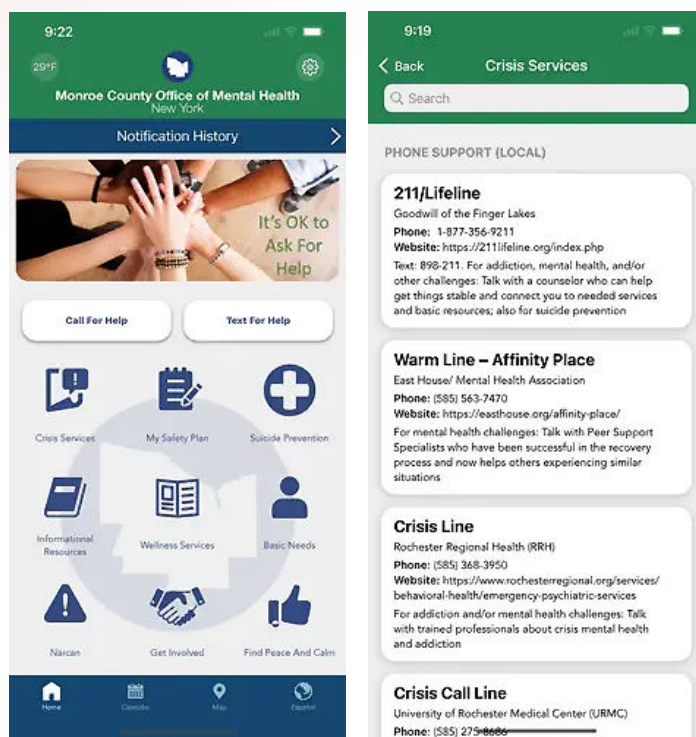
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/monroe-mental-health/id6450313091>Peace

The Monroe Mental Health App provides essential mental and behavioral health information to Monroe County, New York residents. The app features acute and outpatient resources, suicide prevention services, and Narcan information and training.

You can also create your own safety plan with actionable steps for harm reduction. Remember to call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline to get 24/7, free and confidential support. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Peace and Blessings,
Deacon Lon

Screen Shots



PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS **Prayer for Catechism Students**
Dear God,
You never stop drawing us closer to You.
Pour Your grace upon these young disciples as they learn about You.

Attract them. Challenge them. Love them. Guide them.
Bless them.

Amen.

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Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Take Up Your Cross

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

"I called and you listened."

"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"

"What were you thinking?"

"Your service made things better."

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. *Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job!* You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better

Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God...

not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too. I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help. If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

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Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

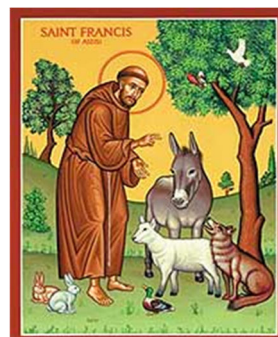
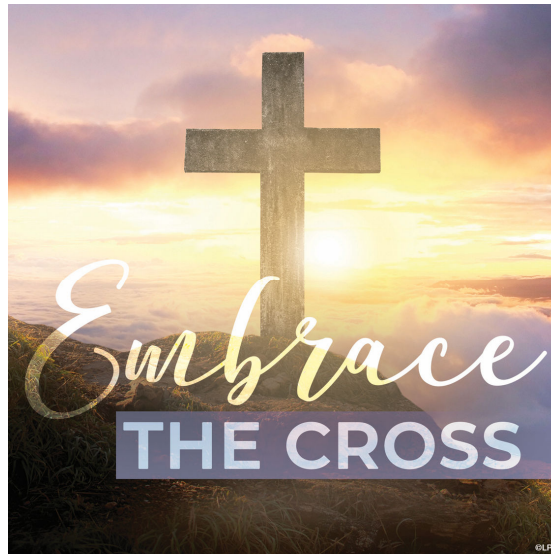
The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, **"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"** Mark 8:34. Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words **take up**. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say

"accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to **"saving one's life."** A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir

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SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Blessing of Our Pets

Saturday, October 5 at 10:30 AM
in front of the Church with
Deacon Elmer



Gilbert Picard *Father of John Picard*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

Peace & Unity Among All God's People

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 30/Sept 1 Week 10 ATTENDANCE.....	390
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,189.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 852.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 7,041.00
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 2,280.00)

September 7/8 Week 11 ATTENDANCE.....	402
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,614.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,225.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,839.03
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 481.97)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of September 8, 2024	
YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 102,531.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 101,112.66
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 1,418.34)

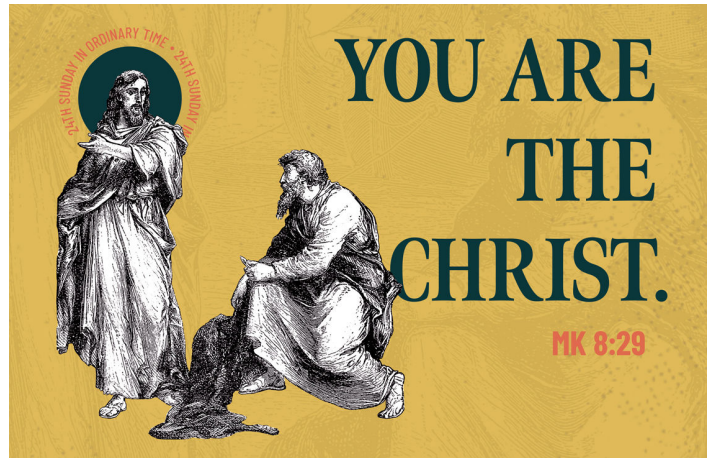
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

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.



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**PRAYER TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

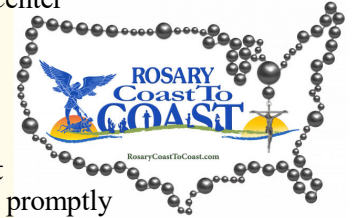
**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.**

**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.

**Rosary Coast to Coast 2024 ~ 6th Annual Event
Sunday, October 6 at 3:45 PM** at the Mother Mary Grotto
behind the Holy Cross Parish Center

Please join us as Holy Cross Church prays the rosary in unison with the faithful from across America.



Please spread the word about the event! Rosary prayer starts promptly at 4:00 PM followed by a brief Reception in the Parish Center. If you would like to donate a dessert, please contact Julie at 585-330-7927.

Please bring a lawn chair and your Rosary. If it rains, the Rosary will be prayed inside the church.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 29, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 15, 2024 Tom Grieco
September 22, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 15, 2024 Chris Hoefler
September 22, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
September 29, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert