

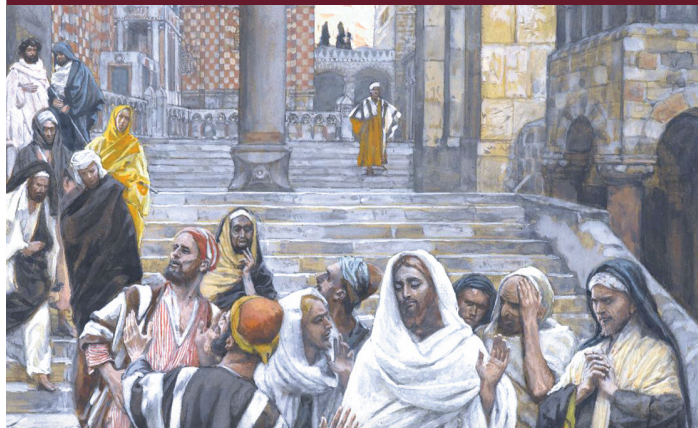
# St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 29, 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.*



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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
Jb 1:6-22/ Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/ Lk 9:46-50	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/ Ps 88:2-8/ Lk 9:51-56	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/ Ps 88:10bc-15/ Mt 18:1-5, 10	Jb 19:21-27/ Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14/ Lk 10:1-12	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/ Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab/ Lk 10:13-16	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/ Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/ Lk 10:17-24	Gn 2:18-24/ Ps 128:1-6/ Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16

## 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 Believe that Faith is a Gift

As Catholics, we believe that faith is a gift that we receive at Baptism and it grows within us as we **live, learn, worship, and celebrate** with our Christian family—**THE CHURCH**. Faith is a powerful gift and Jesus in the Sacred Scriptures speaks about it very often. Faith the size of a mustard seed would be sufficient to uproot a sycamore tree and cast it into the sea Luke 17:6. Because of her faith, the woman who suffered twelve years of hemorrhages was healed simply by touching the tassel of the cloak Jesus was wearing Matthew 9:22. Sight was restored to some who were blind because of their faith Matthew 9:29, and the faith of the men who lowered their friend through the roof brought healing and forgiveness to their paralyzed companion Mark 2:5.

We cannot take the gift of faith for granted. It was in his own hometown of Nazareth that Jesus was distressed by the lack of faith found in his people Mark 6:6. We may profess our faith each week in



the **CREED** but we must guard against just reciting words. Jesus criticized those who performed acts of prayer, fasting or charity in order to appear holy; our actions should flow from the faith we profess right from the time of our Baptism. When we act out our faith, **we grow in faith**. This weekend, as your Pastor, I am calling on all to act out in faith as we pray and reflect on the power and presence of God in our lives.

Jesus continually draws us to himself and has written in our hearts a deep desire for communion with him. Faith is our response to this desire expressed in our religious practices and values we hold in life. It is in our faith relationship with God that ***In him we live and move and have our being*** Acts 17:28. ***Faith is a gift from God—a response from us to God.*** I am thankful to God for your

faith and generosity to our beloved St John's.

*Peace and love to all,*  
Father Peter



Life truly is moving along very quickly. It's seems like you just left for Ghana but you're already back home in Rochester! We hope your time away was restful, peaceful and filled with happy times as you reunited with family, friends, Bishop Afoakwah and your brother priests. It's good to have you back at St. John's safe and sound. Rest up from your journey and soon you will be ready to get back underway with parish life as our Pastor.

### Our Gratitude to Fr. Bob Ring

**THANK YOU FR. RING** for your ministry here at St. John's during Fr. Peter's time away. We are most grateful for the Gift of *The Eucharist*, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, your homilies and, of course, your beautiful singing! We're hopeful you are able to return again.



**Masses for the Week—Sept 30—Oct 6**

**MONDAY, September 30** *St Jerome*  
 8:15 AM + *Joe & Shirley Pellman*  
 by Jim & Trudy

**TUESDAY, October 1** *St Therese of the Child Jesus*  
 8:15 AM + *Eleanor Zanni*  
 by Family

**WEDNESDAY, October 2** *The Holy Guardian Angels*  
 8:15 AM + *Domenico Zegarelli*  
 by Eileen Zegarelli

**THURS, October 3** *Weekday*

**FIRST FRIDAY, October 4** *St Francis of Assisi*  
 8:15 AM + *Jack Gilligan*  
 by Family  
 10:00 AM *Benediction*

**FIRST SATURDAY, October 5**  
*St Faustina Kowalska & Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos*  
 8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intentions*  
 4:00 PM + *George & Margaret Wallace*  
 by Family

**SUNDAY, October 6** *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John's;*  
*Living and Deceased*  
 10:00 AM + *Douglas Locklin*  
 by Parents

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, September 29**  
 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center

**Monday, September 30**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

**Saturday, October 5**  
 10:00 AM—Noon Prayer Shawl in Parish Center  
 10:30 AM Annual Pet Blessing in front of Church

**Sunday, October 6**  
 9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center  
 10:00 AM—Noon Prayer Shawl in Parish Center



**Fall Festival**

Join us on 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](mailto:karengreen4043@gmail.com).

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



**A Holy Hour for Diaconal Vocations**

**THIS** Thurs, Oct 3  
5:30—6:30 PM  
St Mark's Church  
54 Kuhn Road, Greece

An information session will follow for men and their wives who are interested in hearing more about the diaconate.

Sponsored by the Vocations Committee



**SOCKTOBER is around the corner!**



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



**Annual Blessing of Our Pets**  
**THIS Saturday, October 5**  
**at 10:30 AM**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Memorial we celebrate on October 4, we will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets by Deacon Elmer. We will gather outside on the lawn in front of church but in case of rain, we will gather under the canopy in front of church. Our feline and canine friends are not the only pets invited—all well-behaved pets are invited to receive this special blessing. We look forward to this special gathering.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

## Making A Difference through Fasting

This year, September 25 marks the onset of the Fall Campaign for 40 Days for Life here in Rochester. As Catholic Christians we are **all** called to stand for the protection of life from conception until natural death. Prayer and fasting play a significant role in promoting the end of abortion. As you hopefully read in last weekend's bulletin, during this 40 Days for Life from Sept 25 thru Nov 3, we have an opportunity to pray in peaceful vigil outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue. In addition to prayer, it also mentions fasting. What is fasting? Why do we do it? How do we do it?

While fasting has traditionally meant voluntarily going without food for an extended period (certainly, we aren't expecting someone to go without food for 40 days), it can also mean *any* form of self-denial that we undertake. Why do we do it? The short answer is because we're following the example of Jesus: *Then Jesus as led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.* Matthew 4:1-2

The longer answer is that fasting provides a powerful opportunity for us to reject sin and to intensify our prayer. It helps us tune out distractions. For example, the uncomfortable sensation of hunger reminds us that it's time to eat. But when we fast, that hunger can serve as a reminder to pray! And when we recognize that our hunger is but a mild annoyance compared with Christ's suffering on the Cross, we've got the perfect opportunity to reflect on God's tremendous love for us (as well as abortion-vulnerable mothers and babies, post-abortive mothers and those who work in the abortion industry).

Self-denial is also a power reminder that our hope is in God alone. We've all gotten up on a Monday morning and said something like, "If I didn't have my coffee, I'd never survive this day." Well, if we give up our coffee during 40 Days for Life, we're forced to turn somewhere else to survive Monday mornings. Why not turn to Christ, who reminds us, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.*" 2 Corinthians 12:9. The grace of God will inject more life into our day than a shot of espresso!

All throughout Scripture, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, God's people deny themselves as they seek to reject sin and turn toward the Lord. During this 40 Days for Life campaign we, too, fast to reject the sin of abortion and to unite ourselves with the Lord of Life who is working through us to end abortion.

**How do we fast?** Here are 5 ways you can deny yourself during this 40 Days for Life Campaign.

**Decrease your food consumption** by limiting portion sizes—enough to power our day but not enough to fully satisfy ourselves. Maybe no snacks. Any time we eat less than we'd like, we're trusting Jesus' words "*One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*" Matthew 4:4. Use good judgment. Our goal is to draw near to the Lord, not to pass out from malnourishment.

**Give up a certain type of food.** Set sweets aside until after the campaign or we might give up meat, which is often eaten to celebrate God's blessings.

**Turn down the temperature on your morning shower.** Fasting doesn't have to involve food. Turn down the temperature. A lukewarm shower gets you clean just as well as a hot one and if you're truly daring, you might even go with cold showers for the 40 days.

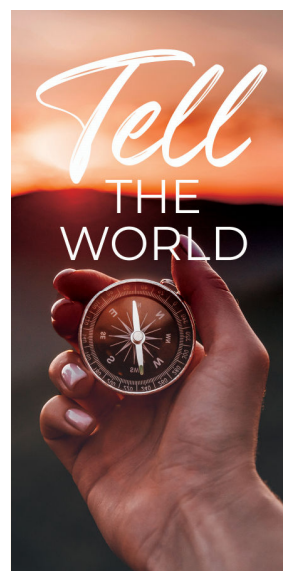
**Replace your beverage of choice with water.** Whatever it is we enjoy drinking, we can replace it with water during our 40-day fast.

**Fast from the media.** Whether it be music, television, or social media, etc., give it up and replace this time with time spent in prayer.

Whether it be prayer at peaceful vigil time outside of Planned Parenthood or through fasting, **TOGETHER**, let us stand for an end to abortion!

## Parish Census Underway

With the Census underway, if you have not yet completed yours, please refer to today's bulletin insert. For those who may need assistance, please know there will be a booth in the back of Church the weekend of October 19/20 with someone available to help you. Completing the Census takes only a short time and we thank you for taking care of this.



## CMA 2024-25 - Extending Christ's Mission

*Providing funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen the whole Church*

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2024-25 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) – **Extending Christ's Mission**. The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad – through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our Diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs. Starting next weekend we will have more information to share with you about this year's appeal.





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!***

## Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels – October 2

You probably recall as a child being taught the prayer to your Guardian Angel. Let us remember to pray daily to our angel and let us continue the tradition of being sure our children and grandchildren know this prayer. Read on...

“For he hath given his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.” Psalm 90:11

The truth that each and every human soul has a Guardian Angel who protects us from both spiritual and physical evil has been shown throughout the Old Testament, and is made very clear in the New.

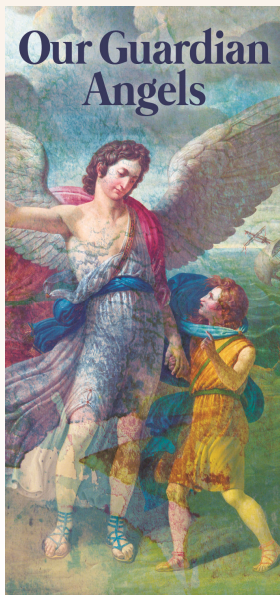
It is written that the Lord Jesus was strengthened by an angel in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that an angel delivered St. Peter from prison in the Acts of the Apostles.

But Jesus makes the existence and function of guardian angels explicit when he says, “See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 18:10.

In saying this, Jesus points out that all people, even little children, have a Guardian Angel, and that the angels are always in Heaven, always looking at the face of God throughout their mission on earth, which is to guide and protect us throughout our pilgrimage to the house of our Father. As St. Paul says, “Are they not all ministering

spirits, sent to minister for them, who shall receive the inheritance of salvation?” Hebrews 1:14.



However, they guide us to Heaven only if we desire it. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that angels cannot act directly upon our will or intellect, although they can do so on our senses and imaginations – thus encouraging us to make the right decisions. In Heaven our guardian angels, though no longer needing to guide us to salvation, will continually enlighten us.

Prayer to the Guardian Angels is encouraged, and the habit of remembering their presence and support leads to friendship with them. The Prayer to the Guardian Angels has been present in the Church since at least the beginning of the 12th century:

**Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
to whom His love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.**

*“Let us affectionately love His angels as counselors and defenders appointed by the Father and placed over us. They are faithful; they are prudent; they are powerful; Let us only follow them, let us remain close to them, and in the protection of the God of heaven let us abide.”*

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

- Catholic News Agency



Sr. Mary Clouser, SSJ



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Janice Wasilewski
- ✚ Tabernacle II Regina Wasilewski
- ✚ Marian I Open
- ✚ Marian II Open

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>September 21/22</b> Week 13 ATTENDANCE.....	407
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 5,207.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,143.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 7,350.02
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 1,970.98)

<b>Fiscal Year 2024-25</b> as of September 22, 2024	
YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 121,173.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 115,515.20
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 5,657.80)

*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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).

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

**Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement**

**NEXT Weekend, October 5/6**

Your donation can be made by using the yellow envelope found in your envelope packets. For those who donate electronically, you can donate through Online Giving, or you can donate with cash or check using a regular envelope marked: Boiler Fund + your name and address. *We are grateful for everyone's support!*



**NOTRE DAME  
RETREAT HOUSE**

5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424



**FALL RETREATS**

**“Just as You Are**  
—encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- Men - October 25-27
- Men & Women - November 15-17

**“Fill Your Soul Days”**

- October 8—“Praying with Icons”
- November 6—“Looking Godward ...”
- December 11—“Making Time for God & Others”

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- November 1-2—“Tolkien’s Spiritual Journey”
- December 7—“God Present & Coming...” (Advent)

**FREE EVENTS**

- **Senior Luncheon Series** 9/20; 10/18; 11/15; 12/13
- **Mindful Walking on Trails** - 9/26 @ 5pm

*For more information about the retreat house, what we have to offer, and to register online, please scan our QR code above.*



**Mercy Spirituality Center**

**Mug Up** via Zoom

Join us as we journey into the world of angels, saints, and ancestors. This will be a journey of “opening our hearts to the love of all those sacred beings who dwell in spiritual form across the veil. Our Western minds may tell us that what we see is all there is, but the religious and mystical imagination knows a deeper truth. Join us as we explore this reality in our own lives. Using the book *The Love of Thousands: How Angels, Saints, and Ancestors Walk with Us Toward Holiness* by Christine Valters Paintner, we will explore how Saints, Angels and Ancestors open us to that which is other; A great book for discussion and growth.

**Facilitator:** Pat Lawlor **Fee:** \$60

**Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

*For more information about any of our offerings, visit our website and register online: [mercyspiritualitycenter.org](http://mercyspiritualitycenter.org)*

**PRAYER TO  
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

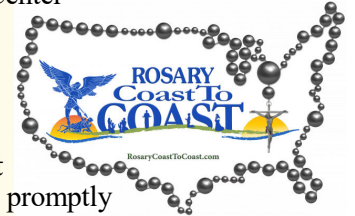
**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.**

**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.**

**Rosary Coast to Coast '24 -7th 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/October 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

September 29, 2024	Ron LaForce
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**

September 22, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
September 29, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
October 6, 2024	Chris Hoefler
October 13, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
October 20, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
October 27, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin