

St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 8, 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.



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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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 5:1-8/
Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11/
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31/
Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/
Ps 84:3-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

Nm 21:4b-9/
Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/
Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17

Sunday

Is 50:4c-9a/
Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/
Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35

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.

Carrying the Cross and Reaching Out

Sometimes in Scriptures we come across certain passages that are as relevant and practical in our lives today as they were thousands of years ago when they were first written, like 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15.

These passages sometimes remind us that as faithful Christians it is our responsibility to reach out to our not-so faithful sisters and brothers and bring them back to the fold.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross this Saturday, September 14, I wonder how we can lift high the cross of Christ and carry it on to bring our sisters and brothers into the fold.

They are our family and they are us.

A young lady, Gretchen, strayed from the church as a teenager. After ten years of experimenting with atheism, Spiritism, and new age, she found her way back to the Catholic Church by the grace of God. Relating her story to me, Gretchen said what hurt her the most in all her nearly ten years of spiritual exile, was that nobody in the Church missed her. Nobody phoned or visited to find out what was wrong. "I got the impression that the church does not want me," she said. Of course the Church wants her, but the question today is: what are we doing to help the many men and women in her situation find their way back into full communion with the Church?



Saturday's Feast of the Cross invites us to review our *I don't care attitude* toward fallen and lax members of the Church, reminding us that yes, it should be our business as baptized disciples of Jesus to reach out to them. By so doing, we exalt the Cross of Christ.

We have been invited to get involved in our Church. We should take the invitation seriously and try to step up to the plate. In a very small way, we too can start by inviting one another to share in our story of St John's. We have been blessed by the sacrifices of others and it is our turn to give back. In the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians that I mentioned earlier, Paul writes not to boast or to shame the Corinthians, but to call on them to humbly acknowledge these blessings that God has brought them through others. St Paul's example and words of challenge to the people of Corinth are extended to us. We need to grow our St John's family. As Catholics, we're encouraged to follow the examples of the Apostles and other holy men and women by embracing the life of Christ as our own, including a firm resolve to sacrifice in order that others

may receive the gift of faith and salvation.

Peace and love to all,

Father Peter



Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,

What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today and always.
Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.
Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations.

Amen.

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Sunday, Sept 8

Celebrate
GRANDMA & GRANDPA

Masses for the Week—September 9—15

MONDAY, September 9 *St Peter Claver*
 8:15 AM + *Don Frank, Jr.*
 by George & Kathy Trybulski

TUESDAY, September 10 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Madeline B. Resch*
 by Bequest

WEDNESDAY, September 11 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Amerigo Proia*
 by John & Carol Leary

THURS, September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

FRIDAY, September 13 *St John Chrysostom*
 8:15 AM + *Frank Haszlauer*
 by Circle of Friends

SATURDAY, September 14 *Exaltation of the Cross*
 4:00 PM + *Michael Pero*
 by The Waffle & Hoefler Families

SUNDAY, Sept 15 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *For the People of St John's;*
Living and Deceased
 10:00 AM + *Thelma Chapman*
 by Vince & Sandy Lombardini

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

This Week's Schedule

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

Wednesday, September 11 Patriot Day

Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue
THIS Sunday, September 8 from 3:00 until 6:00 PM
in the St. Charles Borromeo church parking lot

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue. This will be drive-thru only event. People who pre-ordered are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM the day of the barbecue.

The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken
- Baked beans
- Macaroni salad
- Corn bread



Come and get a great meal for a great price!

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14
Timothy Niven	Symon Peter Ntaiya	Malachy Nwosu	John Omboga	Edward Palumbus	Pius Pathmarajah	Deceased Priests



Join Us NEXT Sunday, September 15

With Summer winding down and Fall just around the corner, it's time for Coffee Hour season to begin. Please join our hosts, members of our

Parish Pastoral Council, in the Parish Center NEXT Sunday, September 15 following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. This is a wonderful way to meet our Parish Pastoral 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!



Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. THIS Friday, September 13 at 6:00 PM

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.

Please do not diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

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:
 A Digital Library for your Spiritual Nourishment

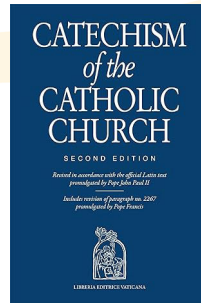
Do you want to explore sacred texts, theological reflections, and inspirational writings wherever you are—through

apps, websites, podcasts, radio, daily emails, or YouTube? Do you want help to live a life more attuned to God’s will and presence? Whether you’re seeking guidance in prayer, understanding of the Bible, or insight from spiritual leaders, the Digital Library created by the 7-Parish Evangelization Team provides a vast and diverse collection for your spiritual journey.

You can access this resource on the Roc Catholics Northwest website:

ROC Catholics Northwest

or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>



Family Catechesis
 Forming Families in the Catholic Faith

What is Catechesis? For us in the Catholic Church, it’s Catholic Christian religious education of children and adults based on the book, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. There are so many things to learn about our Catholic faith and as parents, grandparents, and members of our faith community let’s

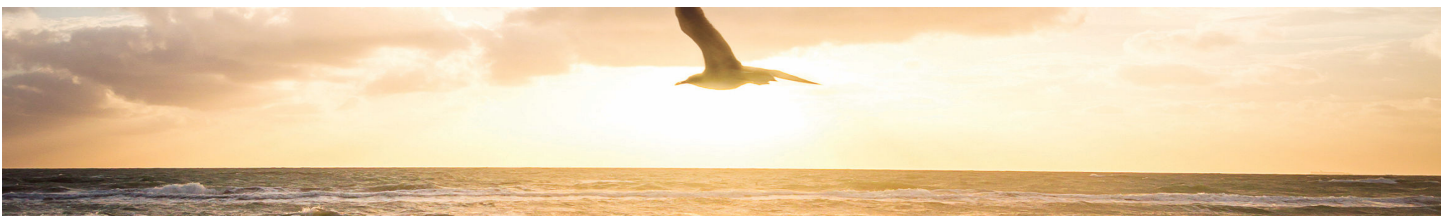
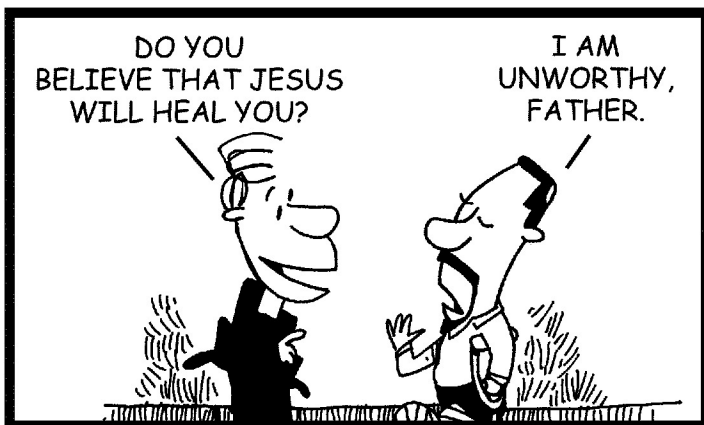
strive to make the active practice of the Catholic faith with our children, grand-children, young children in our faith community, as well as adults, a priority—a family affair! Teaching the Catholic faith begins in the home and is supported and enriched through the parish and her faith community.

We, too, were young(er) once and many of us still carry the memories of not only priests and nuns, but our parents, grandparents, and extended family members, teaching us “church things.” Little did we know at the time how precious these moments were—priceless! This was a blessing indeed and we ought to carry on these teaching moments with the children in our lives now; if not us, who will teach them? Let us recall that at the time of one’s baptism, parents accept the responsibility of raising their child in the faith and godparents accept the responsibility of helping the parents of the child in their duty. Here at St. John’s, let us, TOGETHER, support one other, especially the children, in the understanding and practice of our faith. As always, Fr. Peter, Deacon Elmer, and Deacon Lon are here to help answer questions. Also, obtaining a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a great idea.

Social Ministry

The social ministry committee has two new co-chairs; Karen Bessette and Melissa Ryan. Over the summer we met with Deacon Lon, who has come to our parish with some wonderful ideas for social events for our parish. Social Ministry is looking for parishioners who would like to participate in our ministry. If you like to have fun, plan exciting events and share fellowship with your fellow parishioners, please email Karen Bessette at karengreen4043@gmail.com to join us and share your talents.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Be Opened

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can *be* changed. There is one who can change us if we will let him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

“He put his finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, ‘Ephphatha!’— that is, ‘Be opened!’ — And immediately the man's ears were opened ...”

Mark 7:34-35

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Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, “Ephphata!” The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly.

Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

Father John Muir

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Joan Nazzaro Godmother of Deacon Lon Smith



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Prayer Line Requests
- ✚ Tabernacle II Open
- ✚ Marian I Frank Marciano
- ✚ Marian II Open

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to the Labor Day holiday, our September 1 Collection and Mass attendance will be noted in the September 15 bulletin.

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



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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!



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



Thank You for Your Support

A special thank you to those who purchased meals in support of the recent Chicken BBQ here at St. John's hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council 3892. Unfortunately the rains came but this did not dampen the spirit of the Knights who were on board to bring this BBQ together. We extend our gratitude to Council 3892 for making a donation to St. John's from the proceeds of this event.



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Veteran's Burial Benefits | Funeral Pre-Planning

Bartolomeo & Perotto and Walker Brothers Funeral Homes strongly believe Veterans should be honored for their service and sacrifice to our country. We are committed to ensuring all Veterans and their families receive the burial benefits they are entitled to. We'd like to tell you all about the burial benefits you have earned. We welcome our friends from the Monroe County Veterans Service Agency; and the Western New York National Cemetery in Pembroke who will share information about this newly constructed cemetery and what it can offer to Veterans and their families. Take this opportunity to learn what you are entitled to as a U.S. Veteran! Thank you for your service!

Join us at Bartolomeo & Perotto Funeral Home, 1411 Vintage Lane, Greece, NY on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

To Reserve Your Spot for Learning at this informative seminar: call 585.720.6000

or email andrea@bartolomeo.com

RSVP deadline: Thursday, September 12

Request early • Seating is limited

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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.

ATTENTION: All who have been a parishioner of Holy Cross Church or who attended Holy Cross School in the past, you are invited to attend this special celebration.

Join Us Sunday, September 15



As Holy Cross Celebrates
Shoulders of Faith, Recognizing
161 Years of our Strong
Catholic Faith.

Bishop Matano will Celebrate Mass
with Us at 10:00 AM followed by
Festivities for all ages between 11:00 AM
and 4:00 PM.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 15, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato
September 29, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 8, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham
September 15, 2024 Tom Grieco
September 22, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 8, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
September 15, 2024 Chris Hoefler
September 22, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
September 29, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert