## St. John the Evangelist Greece April 28,

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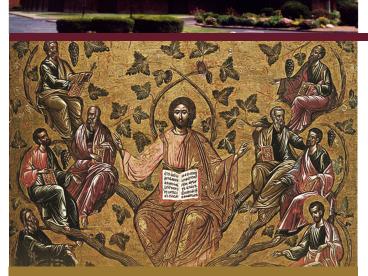
Rochester, New York 14626

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.

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"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

#### **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.

**PRAYER LINE** Jill Finan StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com

#### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Monday
Acts 14:5-18/
Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Thursday Acts 15:1-6/ Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11

Ps 122:1-5/

Jn 15:1-8

**Fax:** 585-723-9825 Friday

1 Cor 15:1-8/

Ps 19:2-5/

Jn 14:6-14

225-8980

**Director, Choir Ministry:** 

Consuelo De Los Santos

Saturday Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/ Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Ps 98:1-4/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

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Parish Office hours: Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 9-Noon and 1:30-5 PM; Thursday: 9-Noon

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#### 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.

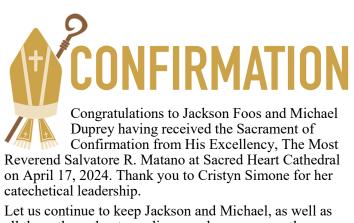
#### Mass—Lord Hear Our Prayer

Following the Profession of Faith, we demonstrate

our confidence and trust in God by bringing our needs and requests to Him in prayer. We expect an answer from our loving God and Jesus assures us that when we pray in His name, we will be answered.

At each Mass we make General Intersessions before God. We pray for the Church, for nations, and peoples, for our local community, that we will respond to the Word of God, for those who are sick and those who have died. People ask us to pray for individuals who are listed at our Marian Shrine.

We also have an opportunity to PAUSE and add our own intentions. In silence each person makes a petition to God and then all these petitions are collected in the presider's concluding prayer.



all those throughout our diocese who were recently confirmed, in our prayers.

Holy Spirit, you are the giver of many gifts which God has given to Jackson and Michael very personally. Open their hearts and their minds and help them to know that you have confirmed all the goodness that they are and all the goodness that they will become. Increase their desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciples with a grateful and courageous heart. Amen.



One of the ways God already answers our prayers is by letting us be changed by the prayer itself. When

we pray for an end to prejudice, we are already being purified of prejudice in our own selves. When we pray for the hungry, God is already answering our prayer by calling us to further commitment to our hungry brothers and sisters. By our turning to God in prayer, we are already recognizing that it is His way that counts, NOT our way. We suspend our own agenda and rely on God's saving work. Thus the answer to these general intercessions comes in new and surprising ways in the days ahead...

Let us continue to turn to God in prayer and let us



rely on His promise of faithfulness to us.

*Peace and love to all.* Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



#### Women's Guild May Dinner All Women of the Parish are Invited

We hope you will join us for our annual May Dinner on **Tuesday, May 14 at 5 PM at Brook House Restaurant, 920** Elmridge Center Drive. It will be nice to

gather together and connect with one another after these past winter months.

We ask that you **place your reservation early** as the Brook House has a limit of 25 people for our gathering. For this meal, we will **not** be placing our meal selection nor paying ahead of time but rather, we will order that evening at the table. We are grateful the Brook House will provide each of us with our own check from which to pay them.

Again, due to the limited seating, please call by Tuesday, May 7 to place your reservation with Carolyn Kerhaert at 225-7425. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and we thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you—Happy Spring!

#### Masses for the Week—April 29—May 5

MONDAY, April 29 St Catherine of Siena 8:15 AM + Domenico Frisina by Lina Mezzatesta

**TUESDAY, April 30** St Pius V, Pope 8:15 AM + Kay Ignatowski by Anne Brett

WEDNESDAY, May 1 St Joseph the Worker 8:15 AM + Francesco Paiano by Lina Mezzatesta

THURSDAY, May 2 St Athanasius

FIRST FRIDAY, May 3 Sts Philip and James, Apostles 8:15 AM + Betty Garney by Judy 10:00 AM Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, May 4 Easter Weekday
8:15 AM + Fr Peter's Intentions
4:00 PM + Deceased Members of the Jweid Family by Daniel & Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM + Albert & Helen DeConinck by Daughters 10:00 AM + Connie Dennison by Alan & Kathleen Christodaro

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

### Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
All Missionaries	Basilian Fathers				Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



#### Fr. Steve Kraus Celebrating 49 years a Priest! May 9, 1975 – May 9, 2024

Please continue to remember Fr. Steve in your prayers especially as he celebrates his **49th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination** on

May 9, 2024. If you'd like to reach out to Fr. Steve, you can do so at: St. Ann's Community, Room 604, 1500 Portland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621—he'd love to hear from you. We are grateful for Fr. Steve's many years of ministry throughout our diocese, including the time he ministered to us here at our beloved St. John's. May God bless Fr. Steve with good health, happiness and peace.

#### This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 28 11:00 AM Baptism Class in Parish Center

Monday, April 299:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center then Church

First Friday, May 3
8:15 AM First Friday Mass followed by Adoration until 10:00 AM in Church
10:00 AM Benediction in Church

**First Saturday, May 4** 8:15 AM First Saturday Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation, and Devotional Prayers in Church 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, May 5 9:00 AM RCIA Mystagogia in Parish Center 10:00 AM May Crowning Ceremony during 10:00 AM Mass in Church Following the 10:00 AM Mass First Eucharist Class in Meeting Room

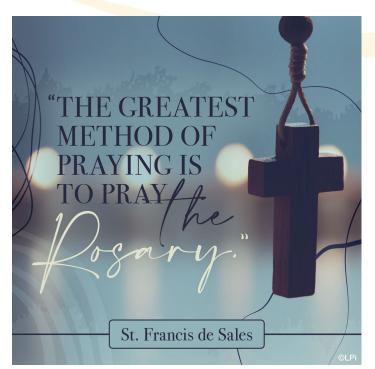


#### **May Crowning** NEXT Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 AM Mass

As we draw closer to the month of May, we are reminded that the month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother and so we begin our preparation. This year's May Crowning Ceremony will take place NEXT Sunday, May 5, at the 10:00 AM Mass. This is a special devotion to our Blessed Mother celebrating Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth because she was the perfect follower of Jesus

Christ and the absolute "crown" of creation. Most of us can probably recall our own participation in this special ceremony when we were children and have happy memories of it. This is an opportunity for us to share our Catholic tradition with the younger generations, just as older generations did for us.

In honoring our Blessed Mother, we take this opportunity to invite and encourage all children to take part in this special ceremony, together with some members of our parish Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry. Together we will present flowers and a special crown will be placed upon Mary's head. Please plan to bring your children and grandchildren to Mass for their participation in this special ceremony—all are welcome and our Blessed Mother and her Son will be filled with joy! Our Sunday attire is fitting for our Lord and His Queen Mother whom we honor.



#### **Praying the Rosary Before Mass**

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We include this friendly reminder and encourage you to join others in praying the Rosary 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass. Before each Mass we gather as a group in the pews in front of the Tabernacle and we would love this group to grow in numbers. You can simply come and pray this special prayer with us. Some choose to lead a decade of the Rosary but this is on a voluntary basis. We have materials available for those who may need some guidance while praying along.

As we approach the Month of May - the month in which we honor Our Blessed Mother, what a beautiful time to begin this devotion and honor Our Lady; won't you please join us?



#### Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM 'til noon

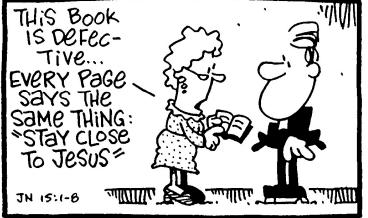
Our 2024 Day of Caring is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, with a rain date of Saturday, May 18. We will start at 9:00 AM and finish with a Hot Dog lunch around 12:00 Noon. There is a variety of things to do, but it mostly involves raking. We need volunteers to complete assigned duties and be flexible in completing a list of tasks. Please bring with you: Work Boots, Work Gloves, a rake, clippers and a lot of energy.

Please dress warm and please wear long pants for safety. If you can help us out please contact the Rectory Office and leave your name, phone number and email address, so that we can contact you if needed.



To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred.

5th sunday of Easter





# **Share a Prayer**

#### The following prayer was shared by a

parishioner who has been praying this for approximately 14 years after she moved into her new home.

#### **My Prayer** Lord Thank You for Another Day

Lord, thank You for another day within this life of mine.

Give me the strength to live it well, whatever I may find. Bestow from Your abundance whatever I may lack.

To use the hours wisely, for I cannot have them back.

Lord, thank You for another day, in which to make amends for little slights or petty words, inflicted on my friends. For sometimes losing patience with problems that I find. For seeing faults in other lives, but not the ones in mine.

Lord, thank You for another chance, in which to try to be a little more deserving of the gifts You've given me. For yesterday is over, and tomorrow's far away,

and I remain committed to the good I do today! Amen.



#### **Did You Know...**

We have a Spiritual Library here at St. John's? If you haven't visited it, please do so; you will find it in the narthex at the center doors. What is a Spiritual Library? A selection of books covering many topics that offer spiritual enrichment specifically about our Catholic faith.

These books are available free of charge for you to take and read. You can choose to keep the book(s), return the book(s) when you are finished, or better yet, pass the book (s) along to someone; you never know when a seed will be planted and the positive difference this could make in someone's life.

Please note, for various reasons, we respectfully ask that you do not bring in any books (that did not originate from the library) to leave at the library even with the best of intentions in mind. We are blessed to have a supply of books that have already been pastorally approved for this evangelization effort.



#### April 28, 2024





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
Tabernacle I In Thanksgiving
Tabernacle II In Thanksgiving
Marian I open
Marian II open

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL

April 20/21	ATTENDANC	CE426
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	7,683.32
ONLINE Giving	\$	2,758.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering	\$	10,441.32
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFF	ERING\$	911.32

#### Fiscal Year 2023-24 as of April 21, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$	-
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$	404,629.16
SHORTAGE TO DATE(\$	5,160.84)

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



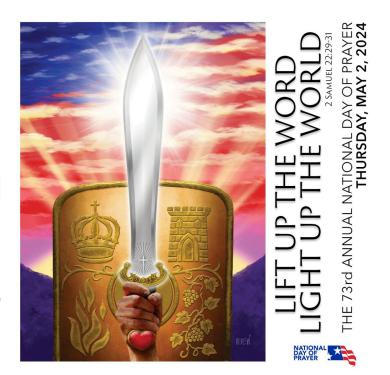
Page www.stjohngreece.org. Don't hesitate to contact the Parish

Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

#### Capital Improvement/Boiler Fund NEXT Weekend, May 4/5



This Collection for our Boiler Fund/Capital Improvements will be taken up. Please use the yellow envelope found in your envelope packets.





#### **Upcoming Retreats and Events**

*Women's Weekend Retreat*—Fri, May 3-Sun, May 5 "Just as You Are"

-encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Fr. Kevin McDonald, C.Ss.R., Sr. Theresa Rutty, RSM, Margie Benza, Jodie Scordo

*Fill Your Soul Day*—Tuesday, May 7 "A Morning Marian Pilgrimage" *Christine DiNovo* 

#### *Social Justice Day*—Monday, May 20 "Everyday Peace"

Holly Rockwell–Justice & Care for Creation Coordinator for SSJ's Rochester and Sr. Barbara Lum, Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester

#### 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.



We encourage all to visit <u>www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org</u> to see what's happening at our neighboring parishes of: St. Charles Borromeo, Our

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Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross, St. Lawrence, St. Mark's, St. Leo the Great and, of course, our beloved St. John the Evangelist.

#### Senior Home Communion Service Ministers April/May 2024

April 28, 2024Steve and Mary Ann DonatoMay, 12, 2024Ronn LaForceMay 26, 2024Steve and Mary Ann Donato

#### THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

April 28, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
May 5, 2024	Tom Grieco
May 12, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
May 19, 2024	Tom Grieco
May 26, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILL	AGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEI
April 28, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
May 5, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
May 12, 2024	Chris Hoefler
May 19, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
May 26, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert