

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 11, 2023

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.*



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Monday

2 Cor 1:1-7/  
Ps 34:2-9/  
Mt 5:1-12

#### Tuesday

2 Cor 1:18-22/  
Ps 119:129-133, 135/  
Mt 5:13-16

#### Wednesday

2 Cor 3:4-11/  
Ps 99:5-9/  
Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/  
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/  
Mt 5:20-26

#### Friday

Dt 7:6-11/  
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/  
1 Jn 4:7-16/  
Mt 11:25-30

#### Saturday

2 Cor 5:14-21/  
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/  
Lk 2:41-51

#### Sunday

Ex 19:2-6a/  
Ps 100:1-3, 5/  
Rom 5:6-11/  
Mt 9:36—10:8

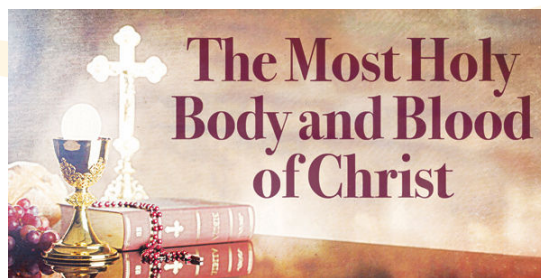
## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Jesus gave us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist we honor today. In 1263, a German priest named Peter of Prague was troubled by doubts he had about the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. He decided to make a pilgrimage to Rome and pray for guidance in his troubles along the way. On the way to Rome, he came to a small town in central Italy called Bolsena. While celebrating Mass there something amazing happened. As the priest held the host and said the words of consecration, blood started to seep out of the host onto the linen cloth on the altar, that we call the corporal

He soon asked to be taken to the nearby city of Orvieto where he knew Pope Urban IV was staying. The Pope had the incident investigated and no natural explanation could be found for it. Pope Urban had the blood stained host and corporal put in the Cathedral in Orvieto. The corporal is still there today to be revered by the faithful.

Today's Alleluia verse is a powerful statement of the theme of this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Taken from the chapter of John's Gospel 6:51, listen to it again: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

It is not easy for today's generation of people to understand the ancient significance of bread. It used to be known as the "staff of life," meaning that it was the main support of human life. So, the question arises for modern believers: Why did Jesus choose bread and wine for the sacrament? It was because, in biblical times, bread, along with fish (usually cooked in olive oil) and grape wine, was the regular diet of the ordinary people. It meant life to the ancient people and Scriptures say as much. When our first parents were expelled from the garden of Eden, it was in these terms: "By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat." Gen 3:19. When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, he taught them to ask for their earthly needs in terms of bread: "Give us today our daily bread." Mt 6:11. In his desert confrontation with Satan trying



to tempt him, Jesus said, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Mt 4:4. Jesus chose the most common food of his time for the Eucharist to show that just as the body needs food in order to live, so the soul needs the nourishment of this sacrament.

A second question arises when we consider the Eucharist: What did Jesus mean when he spoke those sacred words? Listen to the words from today's Gospel: "This is my body...this is my blood of the covenant..." These are plain assertions by a man who is about to die. People about to die do not speak in riddles. Or, listen again to the Alleluia verse: I am the living bread. Four of those five words have only one syllable. This is plain language. This is why the Church does not substitute canned grape juice for wine or dispose irreverently the elements of communion which are unused in the celebration of the Mass. That might be permissible if Jesus, our Lord did not really mean what he said, if bread and wine were merely symbols. There is only one conclusion: He meant what he said. He, himself, is our food under the forms of bread and wine. We are called as Catholics to, therefore, be reverent when we come to receive the Holy Eucharist and the Precious Blood. Men and women throughout the ages have died to preserve and protect it.

Our final question is: Of what importance is this to us? The answer is that this sacrament is necessary for spiritual living. It forgives sins and gives us spiritual strength and health. Just as we need three meals a day to be healthy and to work, so we need this sacrament regularly to be alive and well in Spirit. Remember that the results are guaranteed, for Jesus assures us, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Therefore, we celebrate this day the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist gratefully and joyfully adored. "O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament

Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!"

*Peace and love to all,  
Father Peter*





## Masses for the Week—June 12—18

### MONDAY, June 12 *Weekday*

8:15 AM *The Special Intention of Penny Keenan*  
by John & Carol Leary

### TUESDAY, June 13 *St Anthony of Padua*

8:15 AM + *Helen Mikel*  
by Ray & Marcia

### WEDNESDAY, June 14 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Margaret Lawlor*  
by Sister, Delia

### THURSDAY, June 15 *Weekday*

### FRIDAY, June 16 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:15 AM + *Ange Zegarelli*  
by Knights of Columbus Council 3892

### SATURDAY, June 17 *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

4:00 PM + *Nick Buda*  
by Wife & Family

### SUNDAY, June 18 *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Leo & Eleanor Beattie*  
by Daughter Maureen  
10:00 AM + *For the People of St John the Evangelist*

### Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, June 12

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center



### Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

THIS Sun, June 11 from 4:00 PM  
until gone in the Mother of Sorrows  
Church Parking Lot  
– 5000 Mt. Read Blvd.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue. This will be drive by-only. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal.

To place your order, call or text Dick Dixon at 629-1916 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The cost is \$12, and the meal includes:

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

*Come and get a great meal for a great price!*

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: Sharing Our Reality—Our Parishes' Baptisms and Funerals

Every year each parish of the diocese reports its sacramental numbers for the fiscal year (July 1-June 30). The total number of persons baptized in our 7 parishes during 2021/22 was 154—185 fewer than 10 years earlier. There were 362 funerals celebrated in 2021/22 vs. 443 in 2011/12.

Numbers for these and other sacraments for each individual parish are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from your parish office.

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

June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
Frederick Helfrich	Peter Helfrich	Joseph Martuscello	Steven Lape	James Hewes	Alfred Hicks	Redemptorist Frs & Brs



*"This beloved emblem, which flies above all our people of whatever creed or race, signalizes our respect for human rights and the protection such rights are afforded under our form of government."*

Harry S. Truman



**Sunday, June 11 Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ****First Reading** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Moses said to the people:

“Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

“Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.”

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.****Second Reading** 1 Cor 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

**Sequence** Lauda Sion

Lo! the angel's food is given  
To the pilgrim who has striven;  
see the children's bread from heaven,  
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,  
Isaac bound, a victim willing,  
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,  
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,  
Jesu, of your love befriend us,  
You refresh us, you defend us,  
Your eternal goodness send us  
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,  
Who on earth such food bestow,  
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,  
Where the heav'nly feast you show,  
Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

**Alleluia** Jn 6:51**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.****Gospel** Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”





## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

### Where are We Now?

In review, the **Mission** of the Revival is to renew

the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The **Vision** of the Revival is to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and inspire Catholics across the US who are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and who are then sent out on mission “for the life of the world.”

We have just completed the Year of Diocesan Revival from June, 2022, thru June, 2023. During this Diocesan year, events were offered throughout our diocese to encourage the faithful to grow in their understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist.

### We now begin the Parish Level of the Revival

As we begin the Parish Level of the Revival on this, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and continuing through July 17, 2024, we will foster Eucharistic devotion, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, resources, preaching, and organic movement of the Holy Spirit. We ask everyone to please join in prayer for the renewal and healing of the United States as we answer this historic call to revival.

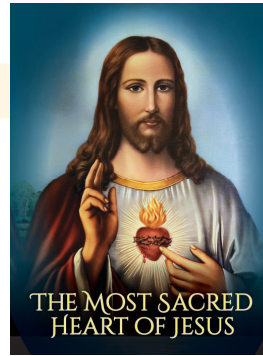
### Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist You, Lord Jesus Christ, Make present to us the memorial of Your Passion—The outpouring obligation of love to the Father that brings salvation to the world, for our journey unto everlasting life.

Holy Spirit, stir up and awaken within us, within our diocese, within our parishes, and within all the faithful a lively devotion, profound reverence, and deep love for this Sacrament of Sacraments. Grant us the grace to hunger and thirst for You in the Eucharist. Help us to approach You in Holy Communion frequently and to receive You worthily and fruitfully.

Strengthen us that we may hear you calling us to the altar, to the tabernacle, and to the monstrance, that we may joyfully bask in Your Eucharistic Presence with all the angels and saints and call all people to faith in the Most Holy Eucharist. May Mary, Your mother and ours, teach us to be docile and humble in the sight of this wondrous Mystery. And may Your Eucharistic Heart, so fully and totally present to us, be ever praised, adored, and loved at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even unto the end of time.

AMEN



### The Glorious Feast Days of June

**June 11, 2023** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

**June 16, 2023** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**June 17, 2023** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June is not only the bursting forth of beautiful spring flowers and anticipation of summer beauty and fruitfulness; it is the month we celebrate these glorious Feasts.

In the feast day of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we are affirming our total belief in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, which we are able to receive into our hearts and souls. Jesus in all His humility presents Himself to us to receive His love for us so as to be one with us.

Jesus' Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are inseparably united. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was formed in the womb of The Immaculata. From the first beating of Jesus's Heart in Mary's womb their hearts have beaten together. When Jesus's Heart was pierced for our salvation, Mary's heart was transfixed also. This eternal uniting of these Hearts is the uniting of Mary's Heart to the Divine Will of the Father, which Jesus accomplished to perfection. By listening to the requests of Mary, in all her apparitions to say the rosary, we are uniting to her will, which is completely united to Jesus' will. Her last words in the Gospel were “Do whatever He tells you.”

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore Thee, I love Thee and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer Thee this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Thy will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in Thee and for Thee. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Thy blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within Thy Heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to Thee with humble trust saying, ‘Heart of Jesus help me’. Amen.

### Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Immaculate Heart of Mary, full of love for God and mankind, and of compassion for sinners,

I consecrate myself to you.

I entrust to you the salvation of my soul.

May my heart be ever united with yours, so that I may hate sin, love God and my neighbor, and reach eternal life with those whom I love.

May I experience the kindness of your motherly heart and the power of your intercession with Jesus during my life and at the hour of my death.



**Delphine Budinski** *Wife of Martin Budinski*  
**Margaret Lawlor** *Sister of Delia Keane*  
**Maria Sciortino** *Mother of Charles Sciortino*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Deacon Bob Burke**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II Maria Sciortino**
- ✚ **Marian I The Unborn**
- ✚ **Marian II The Hungry & The Homeless**

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>May 27/28</b>	ATTENDANCE.....397
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 4,390.39
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,787.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 6,177.39
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$ 3,528.61)

<b>June 3/4</b>	ATTENDANCE.....393
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,835.15
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,365.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,200.15
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$ 1,505.85)

## **Fiscal Year 2022-23** as of June 4, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$ 495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 475,594.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 458,034.00
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 17,560.00)

*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.



## **I. Benjamin Graniero & Mary Grace Paoletti**



## **Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!**

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following dates/times:

**THIS Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 PM**

Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 PM

Sun, August 13 at Noon . Wed, September 13 at 6:00 PM

Friday, October 13 at 6:00 PM

**NOTE:** Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

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

*Please join in praying together at the end of each Mass the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel*

## **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.**

**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](mailto:StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com)**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu - 225-8980**Deacon:** Elmer Smith - 230-3074**Pastoral Minister:** Tod Simone– 225-8980**Director, Music Ministry:** Dawn Chmiel - 225-8980**Director, Choir Ministry:** Consuelo De Los Santos 225-8980**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Cristyn Simone - 261-0831**Secretary:** Marcia Parsons - 225-8980**Business Office:** Joe Spurrier - 225-8980**Finance Director:** Christopher Frontale 225-8980**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:** Bob Gotham 227-4638**Parish Office hours:** Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 9-Noon and 1:30-5 PM; Thursday: 9-Noon**Fax:** 585-723-9825**E-mail:** [gstjohnt@dor.org](mailto:gstjohnt@dor.org)**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June 2023****HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 11, 2023	Ron LaForce
June 25, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

June 11, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham
June 18, 2023	Tom Gieco
June 25, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 11, 2023	Chris Hoefler
June 18, 2023	Terry & Pam Hearne
June 25, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin