

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 18, 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.



"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

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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

2 Cor 6:1-10/
Ps 98:1, 2b-4/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9/
Ps 146:2, 5-9a/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11/
Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11/
Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/
Ps 34:2-7/
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

Is 49:1-6/
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15/
Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday

Jer 20:10-13/
Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/
Rom 5:12-15/
Mt 10:26-33

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 and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, 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.

The Mass— Why Do We Sit & Kneel?

WHY DO WE SIT AT MASS? We sit for the readings and the homily. We sit for the preparation of the gifts and a moment of silence after communion. Why? We sit so we can listen and be attentive. We “take the load off of our feet” in order to ponder the goodness and mercy of God in our lives. But we must be careful that our sitting doesn't lull us to sleep. In our culture today, we sit when we want to be passive or entertained. We sit to watch television. We're quiet then and not involved much. That's not the kind of sitting liturgy needs.

WHY DO WE KNEEL? We kneel sometimes to beg for mercy or ask the saints to pray for us or the Holy Spirit to come down upon us. Humility



is the very foundation of prayer. Without it, pride gives way to envy that, in turn, keeps us from acting charitably toward others. We need to train ourselves in humility by directing our attention to our utter dependence on God. Kneeling is the posture of a servant, of someone in need—someone in need of prayer.

Our postures are an important part of our prayer. Let's use them with care

at Mass and in our prayer at home, too. Being a Christian is not a hard thing to be, but living a Christian life can be very difficult. For this reason we must humble ourselves; “decrease so that

Christ may increase in us.”

Peace and love to all,

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Remember Our Spiritual Fathers Today

On this Father's Day, when you pray for your fathers, living or deceased, please be sure to include all our priests, especially Father Peter, in your prayers...oh, and thank them, too!

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Give them strength when facing adversity and the fortitude to persevere.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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As you are aware, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, underwent a three-hour surgery for an incisional hernia on June 7, and now continues to recover at Gemelli University Hospital.

I ask the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Rochester to unite in prayer for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, during his stay in the hospital, and for the doctors, nurses and medical staff who continue to care for him. In this month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we entrust Pope Francis to His Sacred Heart, from which mercy and compassion flow.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God,

You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You.

Hear our prayers for Your servant, Pope Francis,
for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Masses for the Week—June 19—25

MONDAY, June 19 *St Romuald*
 8:15 AM + *William Baker*
 by Harry & Janet Griswold

TUESDAY, June 20 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *David Hanus*
 by Don & Mary Eggleston

WEDNESDAY, June 21 *St Aloysius Gonzaga*
 8:15 AM + *Dan Englert*
 by Don & Bev Frank

THURSDAY, June 22
Sts Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher, and Thomas More

FRIDAY, June 23 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Sue Grieco*
 by Tom Grieco

SAT, June 24 *The Nativity of St John the Baptist*
 4:00 PM + *For the People of St John the Evangelist*

SUNDAY, June 25 *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Joseph Pulvino*
 by The Stein Family
 10:00 AM + *Gail McGovern*
 by Gene & Diane Englert

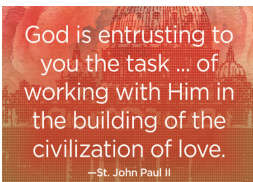
**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
 Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24
Daniel Holland	Timothy Horan	James Jaeger	Francis Jones	Philip Judge	Stanley Kacprzak	William McGrath



**Parish Office
 CLOSED for Freedom
 Day, Monday, June 19.
 Office will reopen on
 Tuesday, June 20.**



**Pastoral Planning:
 Highlighting St. Mark's
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a new ministry at St. Mark's focusing on the unique relationship between

God and the child, assisted by an adult but directed by the Spirit of God. It utilizes a Montessori methodology in the creation and development of materials available in a prepared environment called an Atrium. This special environment nurtures the child's engagement with scripture and liturgy. The Level I Atrium (ages 3-6 years) at St. Mark's is preparing for full operation in October 2023.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 18 Father's Day
Monday, June 19 Juneteenth
Parish Office CLOSED
NO Bible Study Today



Bless Our Fathers

Heavenly Father, Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people—and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen.

Sunday, June 18 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Ex 19:2-6a

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful song.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Know that the LORD is God;
he made us, his we are;
his people, the flock he tends.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

The LORD is good:
his kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters:
Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



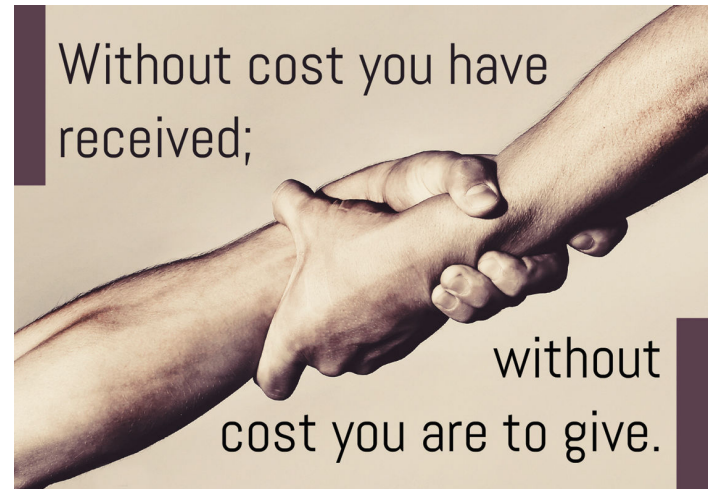
**...while we
were all still
sinners, Christ
died for us.**

Alleluia Mark 1:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Without cost you have
received;

without
cost you are to give.

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."



Committee for Religious Freedom

Religious Freedom Week

Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom

June 22, 2023 – June 29, 2023

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. We share a the following examples where there is a great need for each of us to *Pray, Reflect and Act*.

Respect for Sacred Spaces

Pray

That Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ, and that people of all faiths would be free to gather in sacred spaces without fear.

Reflect

The very nature of a sacred space is that it is set apart from other spaces as a place of divine worship and thus should be treated with respect. In a pluralistic society such as ours, respect for sacred spaces is especially vital for the sake of civil peace, which is part of the common good. In recent years, a wave of vandalism and arson has hit Catholic churches and statues. That wave rose following the leaked draft of the Dobbs decision, and it crested after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, allowing states to regulate abortion. June and July of 2022 saw a huge spike in anti-Christian and anti-life attacks on churches. **There have been over 250 attacks so far**, and that number steadily continues to grow. But Catholics and other Christians are not alone in defending their sacred spaces. In Arizona, Native American tribes have been fighting to preserve Oak Flat, a space that has been used for prayer and worship since time immemorial, from being destroyed by a copper mining company. The circumstances in these two cases are different, but the underlying principle is the same: attacks on sacred spaces, whether from political ideology or commerce, are harmful to religious freedom. A culture that embraces the divine gift of freedom will respect sacred spaces.

Act

Religious communities express their faith through their sacred art and architecture. Sacred spaces and devotional art all testify to the strength and hope of these diverse communities. How has this legacy affected you? Share an image of your favorite church building, devotional art, or other sacred sign of faith with us on Twitter! @USCCBFreedom #ReligiousFreedomWeek

The Seal of Confession

Pray

That governments would respect the seal of confession, as the Church in the United States continues to work to remove the scourge of clergy abuse.

Reflect

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, sometimes called Confession or Penance, brings healing to damaged relationships. Different religions can have different versions of confession, because the practice addresses a basic human need to express regret and make restitution for wrongdoing. In the Catholic Church, Confession is an important sacrament. This is a sacred encounter between the penitent and the Lord who offers forgiveness and healing through the ministry of the priest. The Code of Canon Law forbids priests from divulging information received in confession. The penalty for a priest who directly violates the seal of confession is excommunication. The right to maintain the seal—or, clergy-penitent privilege—was upheld in what is possibly the first court case on the right to free exercise of religion in America, *People v. Philips*. Since the Philips case, clergy-penitent privilege has become recognized as a basic right. Today, protecting clergy-penitent privilege is still important. Some governments are seeking to revoke the privilege in the hopes of exposing crimes against children and vulnerable adults. Indeed, it is essential that, to the extent it can, the Church work with civil authorities to ensure that criminals are brought to justice and communities are kept safe. While a priest may not oblige a penitent to turn himself in as a condition for receiving absolution, priests can encourage the penitent to report crimes to the proper authorities, or the priest can ask the penitent to speak with him outside of the context of Confession. At the same time, the government has no right to encroach upon this sacred communication. **Clergy-penitent privilege is the recognition of the proper relationship between church and state and the right to free exercise of religion, not only for Catholics, but for people of all faiths.**

Act

Make an act of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the crimes committed by members of the Church against youth and vulnerable adults. While these attempted incursions on the seal of the confessional are misguided, they are often motivated by a desire to protect people from abuse. We share that desire to protect people, and we are sorrowful for these sins. Consider fasting from a meal or praying the Litany to the Sacred Heart, and offer up your sacrifice for those who have suffered abuse, praying as well for the renewal of the Church.



Mario Girolamo *Husband of Angelina Girolamo*
Kenneth Preston *Brother of Gene Preston*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Virginie Taylor**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Fathers, Living & Deceased**
- ✚ Marian I **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Marian II **Special Intention for Judy Wenskus & Sons**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



June 10/11	ATTENDANCE.....	386
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,362.52
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,937.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,299.52
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	593.52

2nd Collection

Catholic Communications.....	\$	560.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	35.00
TOTAL Capital Improvements.....	\$	595.00

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of June 11, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	485,300.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	468,333.52
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	16,966.48)

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.



II. Benjamin Graniero & Mary Grace Paoletti



Pre-Planning for Peace of Mind

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 10:00 AM—Noon

Making the decision to pre-plan your funeral is certainly a difficult one for many. Something about it just doesn't "feel right" when you are still alive. Let's face it, it's hard to accept that we are mortal.

Take a moment, breathe in deep and realize that you ARE in fact still in the land of the living and planning your funeral is simply a means of uncomplicating things for the ones you love when the time comes.

Having a funeral pre-plan off your checklist gives great peace of mind. Done! Enjoy your life!

Join us at Bartolomeo & Perotto Funeral Home
 1411 Vintage Lane, Greece, NY

To Reserve Your Spot for this informative seminar by Friday, June 23, **call** > 585.720.6000 or **email** > andrea@bartolomeo.com

**Request early . Seating is limited*



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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.**



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 25, 2023 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

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

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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