

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 25, 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.



"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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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!

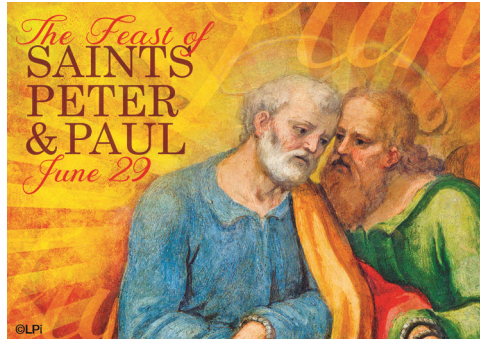
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, 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.

Sts Peter & Paul—Commitment to Christ and Our Faith in the Lord

If you have been to Rome, the excavations under St Peter's Basilica are one of the most interesting parts of any visit to the Holy City. As you enter the long passageways directly under the basilica, you descend down through several layers of history until you finally arrive at what is usually referred to as the Necropolis or the City of the Dead. Passing through its narrow damp and dark streets, you finally come to a small cavity there, and scratched on the stone in Latin are the words: **Here is Peter.** Here, according to tradition, Peter, the fisherman and prince of the Apostles is laid to rest.

Peter is mentioned more than any other apostle in the Gospels. We hear again that the significance of Peter is made clear as he is declared the Rock upon which the Christian community will be built and he is entrusted the keys to the kingdom of heaven. We know the character of Peter, impulsive, the one who speaks first and thinks later; the one who despite all his bravado ends up denying Jesus three times and finally deserting him at the time of great need.

Contrast is the word that comes to mind when we think and reflect on the lives of the two saints we celebrate this week. Paul was once called Saul, the zealous Pharisee who persecuted the early church, seeking to silence the spread of the gospel message. Yet, God used him; by his conversion he became the fearless preacher of the Gospel. Paul tells us in his letters to the various Christian communities about how the Lord has been by his side, giving him strength to complete the task of preaching the Gospel. He has faith that the Lord will rescue him from all harm and bring him safely into the heavenly abode.



Discipleship of Jesus Christ takes on many forms. Many times, we limit our vision of discipleship to the work of priests and nuns or the obviously involved lay men and women of the church. But each and every disciple of Jesus Christ is formed and supported by a network of others who are also disciples. It is by the work and sacrifice of all of them, based upon their deep love for Christ, that the Gospel message of Jesus is preached, lived out, and expanded around the world.

Each of us is called to be a disciple of encouraging words. Each of us is called to be a disciple of prayer. Each of us is called to be a disciple of charity, willfully giving of our time, talents, and treasure to the support of the church. Each of us is called to be a disciple of welcome to the people who come to us, who are sent by God to lead, challenge, and call the world to himself. It is by our work and support that we, ourselves, are active and vibrant disciples.

By acknowledging Peter and Paul in this solemn feast, we are recognizing our roots in the Christian Church, and we remain connected to them. Through the centuries, the Catholic faith has spread and evangelized people through all parts of the world. Each of us has a part to play in the evangelization. It is through our own personal discernment and prayer that we come to know just what our role is to be. You may be surprised at the variety of ways we can share the Lord with our St John's faith community. Evangelization continues through our own kind words and actions. There is much to be done, so waste no time in getting started.

*Peace and love to all,
Father Peter*



Masses for the Week—June 26—July 2

MONDAY, June 26 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Ron Mayer*
 by Brother, Bob

TUESDAY, June 27 *St Cyril of Alexandria*
 8:15 AM *Living Benefactors of St. John's Church*

WEDNESDAY, June 28 *St Irenaeus*
 8:15 AM + *Guglielmo Maniscalco*
 by Family

THURSDAY, June 29 *Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles*

FRI, June 30 *First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*
 8:15 AM + *Mae Sassano*
 by Family

SATURDAY, July 1 *St Junipero Serra*
 4:00 PM + *Deacon Bob Burke*
 by Family

SUNDAY, July 2 *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John the Evangelist*
 10:00 AM + *Thomas D'Ambrosio*
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 26
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Collecting NEW Underwear and Socks for Men, Women, and Children

Dear Friends at St. John's,
 I am the program coordinator at the Greece Clothing Closet. We currently have a great need for new underwear and socks for Men, Women, and Children. We reach out for your donations of any of these items (of any size or style) knowing they will be helpful to those in need within our community. There will be bins available at each of the



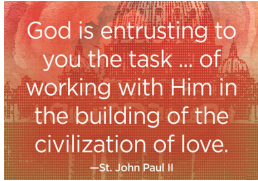
far end doors and at the center doors of church to drop off your donations beginning **Saturday, July 8, through, and including Sunday, July 16, 2023.**

Those of us at the Greece Clothing Closet and, of course, the recipients will be most grateful for your generosity in supporting this need within our community.

Diane Kozakiewicz
 Greece Ecumenical Clothing Closet
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 (585)781-0736

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
Stoehen Karani	Aaron Kelly	Robert Kennedy	Roy Kiggins	B. Nathan Davis	Hoan Dinh	



Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Our Parishes' Household Numbers

Every year each parish of the diocese submits data for the Official Catholic Directory which provides information about the Roman Catholic Church in the United States organized by diocese. During 2022 there were 9804 registered households in our 7 parishes: Holy Cross (2001), Our Mother of Sorrows (1068), St. Charles Borromeo (1366), St. John the Evangelist (984), St. Lawrence (2603), St. Leo the Great (786), St. Mark (996). Each "household" contains those living within the home whether one person or a large family.

SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a sign of mercy.

2nd Collection NEXT Weekend, July 1/2

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.



Sunday, June 25 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

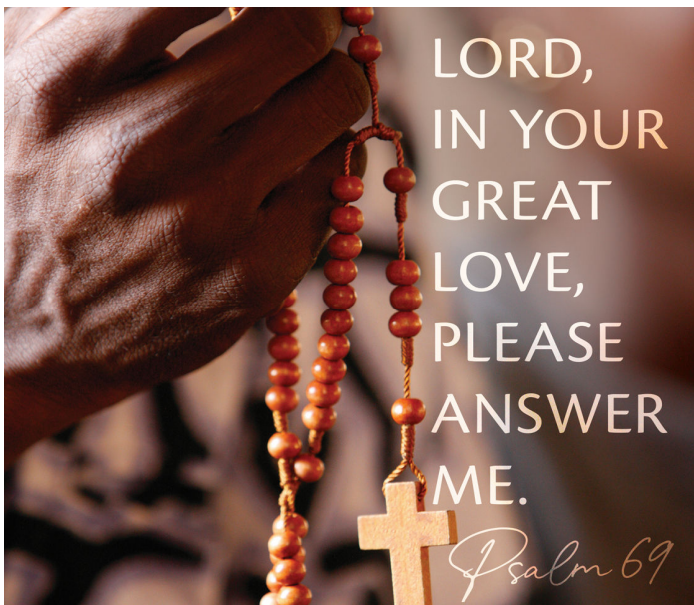
Alleluia Jn 15:26b, 27a**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Mt 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve:

"Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

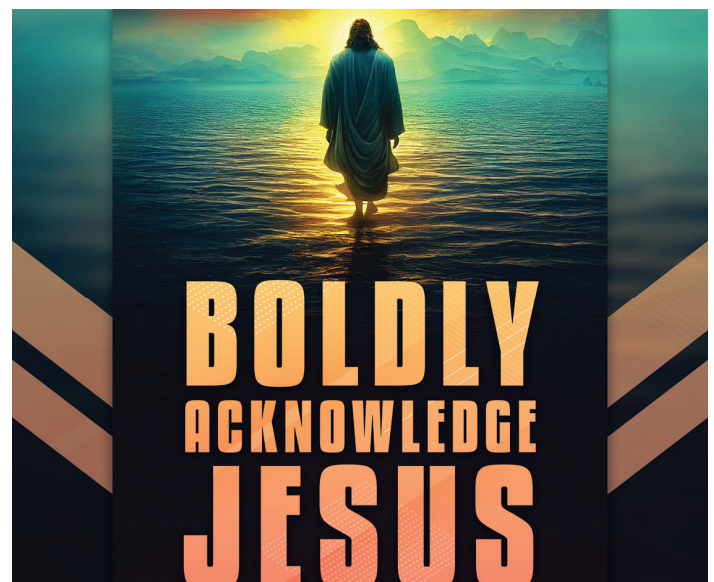
For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother's children, Because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!"

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes—June 5, 2023

Opening Prayer: Alan Christodaro

Attendance: Fr Peter Enyan-Boadu, Bob Gotham, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Tod Simone, Jill Bailey, Melissa Ryan, Wayne Howard, Nick Verdino, Jan Gallucci, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Karen Bessette, Patty Hoag, *Excused:* Deacon Elmer Smith, Paul Parkman, Kathy Christodaro, Nick Sassano *Absent:* Visitors: Marcia Parsons

Approval of Agenda: for tonight's Meeting (Emailed 5/28/2023) Approval: Gary Kern Second: Nick Verdino

Approval of Meeting Minutes: from the May 8, 2023, Meeting (in bulletin on 5/28/2023) Approval: Wayne Howard Second: Melissa Ryan

Chairperson's Comments:

- **CMA UPDATE:** For the CMA year we had 342 donors that averaged \$245 per donation. Total paid as of May 19- \$83,969.75. St. John's is one of 47 parishes that met their goal.
- **Day Of Caring:** Our rain or shine event went on with a little drizzle for part of our time. We started at 9:00 AM with Hot Dog Lunch at around 11:40 PM. Approximately 20 people helped fill the Dumpster along with another 5 barrels of debris.
- **June Picnic:** Boy that was quick
- **Council Member Terms:** Nick Sassano, Sharon Miller, Pam Tofany-Kern and Wayne Howard have all extended their terms for another 3 years. Kathy Christodaro, Jill Bailey have extended their one-year terms, and Tammy Maher has accepted a Pastor appointed (one-year) term. Welcome aboard Tammy. Thank you to Jan for everything you have done for me and the parish over the years.

Fr. Peter's Update: I thank all of you for all you have done this year. I am so happy that the Bishop from my home in Ghana could be here with us today for our picnic as he visits his priests ministering in our diocese. Let us continue to do the good work that we do and pray for each other.

Arts and Environment: Patty Hoag – Nothing at this time

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon Miller – We have given out 5 certificates since January and I plan to put the recipient's names in the bulletin.

Liturgy Committee: Nothing at this time

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach

Update: We are celebrating one Mass a month at Atria. The hospitals are back to normal visiting hours.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 Update:

There will be a chicken BBQ this Sunday at Our Mother of Sorrows, all are welcome. The Knights sponsored a bus trip on June 3 to Albany to participate in the Men's March to Abolish Abortion.

Outreach – social media/Communications Committee Update:

Gary Kern – Website update: Nothing at this time, I will continue to update the website this summer
Christine Paoletti via Cleveland– **Facebook update** – 757 likes

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish: –

- Bob Gotham asked each council member what they like about St. Johns
- Karen Bessette – I have been a parishioner at St. John's my entire life. I made all of my sacraments here and so did my children. When I come to Mass it feels like I have come home.
- Gary Kern- I like being an usher, greeting parishioners and talking with them as they come into church.
- Pam Tofany-Kern – I like the support from Father Peter and the staff, especially when I was having some health issues. Our church feels like family, and it is homey.
- Rick Paoletti – St. Johns is like an extended family. I have been here most of my adult life and its like a history for me.
- Tod Simone – A parishioner came up to me after a funeral yesterday and said I loved that woman, St. John's feels like family to me.
- Jill Bailey – I grew up at St. John's, there are people that attend mass here that I have known since I was 2 years old.
- I was baptized here, married here and my son was baptized here. St. John's is like family and I am grateful.
- Melissa Ryan – My parents joined St. John's in 1954. I have been attending mass here my whole life. I have lived in 6 different homes over the years, and I always come home to St. Johns.
- Wayne Howard – I am a newer parishioner here; I love the music ministry and it feels like home.
- Nick Verdino – I like that we as parishioner's have all gotten to know each other and I love that Father Peter has no problem volunteering us for various needs in the parish.
- Jan Gallucci – I love the welcoming feeling and the staff is always friendly and helpful.
- Alan Christodaro – Father Peter has influenced me by his devotion to our parish. I am willing to help out when asked because I am grateful to be a part of this parish.
- Sharon Miller – I love this parish and Father Peter. Father has always been supportive to me, and my husband and I am grateful.
- Patty Hoag – I have been attending this parish for 35 years and I have volunteered in many different ways. I see kids that I used to teach that now have families of their own and it warms my heart.
- Marcia Parsons – I have always felt supported here. I am grateful for all of the support and prayers for Ray, and it means the world to us.
- Tammy Maher – St. John's is special to me because this is where I became Catholic
- Father Peter – I love everything about St. John's. Every time I see a new person come to our church; I try to connect with them. I have many visitors return to our church that used to attend our parish that love to tell me stories about their time at St John's. This parish has a sense of hominess and I love it. Our church is very welcoming thanks to our ushers and greeters.
- Bob Gotham – I am thankful for the volunteers that we have here. I appreciate all the efforts, the thoughts, and the new items that we come up with to make St. John's even better.

Closing Prayer: Alan Christodaro

Next Meeting: In September



Kenneth Ward Husband of Jean Ward



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ **Tabernacle I In Thanksgiving**
by Irene Scialdone
- ✚ **Tabernacle II Fallen Away Catholics**
- ✚ **Marian I Lorraine Leege**
- ✚ **Marian II In Thanksgiving**
by Irene Scialdone

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to the Juneteenth Holiday, the Mass attendance and contributions for June 17/18 will be posted in our July 1/2 bulletin.

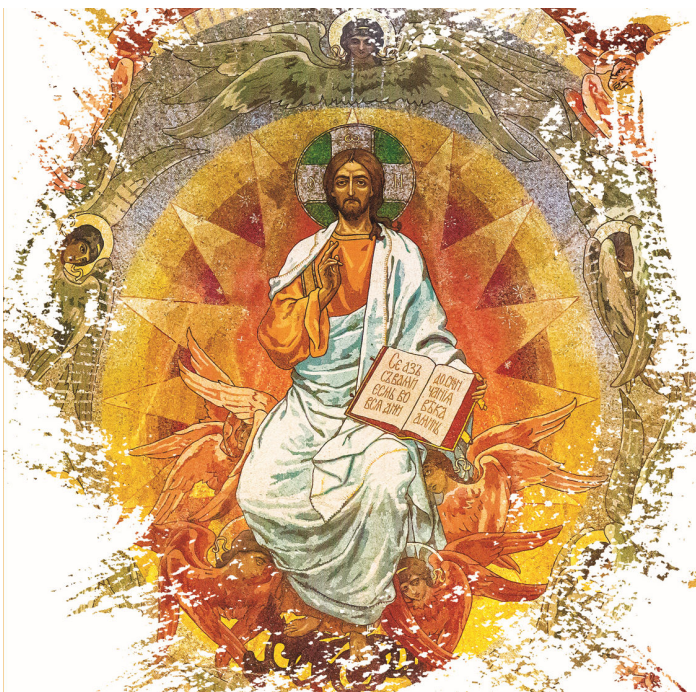
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

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.



Marriage & Banns

III. Benjamin Graniero & Mary Grace Paoletti

We pray that the God of love and peace will abide in this couple, guide their steps, and confirm their hearts in His love, now and forever. Amen.



SEMINAR

Calming Your Cremation Concerns

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 10:00 AM—Noon

Putting your trust in a cremation provider is a common reservation. When it's your loved one, you want to feel secure in knowing that everything is handled with genuine care.

Learn about Cremation With Confidence, a 10-step cremation management practice that ensures that the cremated remains returned to you are unequivocally those of your loved one.

Bartolomeo & Perotto Funeral Home realizes how important it is to eradicate any doubt. We don't ever want this to be something you worry about, so we guarantee it. If you have questions regarding cremation, please attend this seminar. Calm your concerns!

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

To Reserve Your Spot for this informative seminar by Friday, July 21, call > 585.720.6000

Or email > andrea@bartolomeo.com

**Request early . Seating is limited*

DO NOT BE AFRAID

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.**



Time for Rest

Shortly after the July 4th holiday I will be taking some time away for some much needed rest and time with my family and friends in Ghana. During my time away, Fr. Bob Ring will be celebrating Masses and, if need be, funerals. I am most grateful for Fr. Ring's support. I ask that you continue

to remember me in your prayers, as I will certainly remember you in mine.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June and July 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 25, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
July 9, 2023	Ron LaForce
July 23, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

June 25, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham
July 2, 2023	Tom Gieco
July 9, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham
July 16, 2023	Tom Gieco
July 23, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 25, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
July 2, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
July 9, 2023	Chris Hoefler
July 16, 2023	Terry & Pam Hearne
July 23, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
July 30, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin