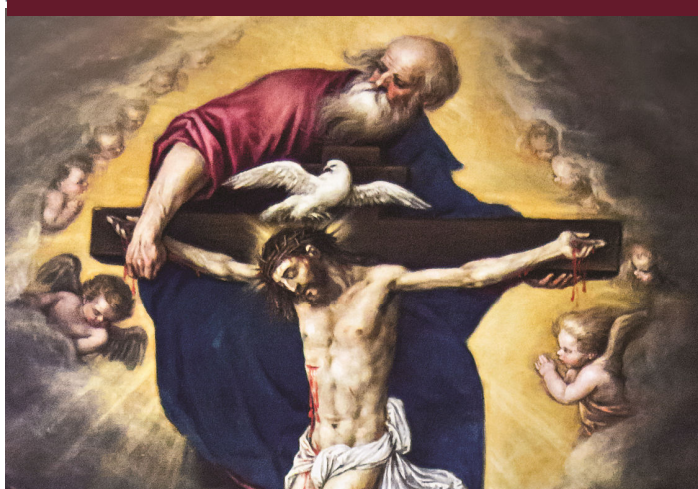


St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 4, 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.



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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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

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/
Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/
Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

Tb 2:9-14/
Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/
Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/
Ps 128:1-5/
Mk 12:28-34

Friday

Tb 11:5-17/
Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/
Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8/
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/
1 Cor 10:16-17/
Jn 6:51-58

The Feast of the Blessed Trinity

Anytime I think about this Feast of the Blessed Trinity, what comes to mind is the collaboration among the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. It also presents me with a mystery of my faith, the how, the why, and the challenges understanding the Trinity. Yet I see it is oftentimes good to contemplate the mystery of the Blessed Trinity and what it does to our own faith. Today we stand before the profound mystery of God: One God, Three Persons; a mystery that people have pondered on since the beginning of time. It tells about the awesomeness of God. In our daily meditation it presents the excellent relationship that there exists in the unity of the one Godhead. When we listen to the Scriptures we hear them as the one God speaking to us. We see people do things in the name of God, like those doing community service at our parish. We are lifting up the name of God in our relationship to God our neighbor.

I guess this encourages us all as Christians to try and help each other in building the Kingdom of God. Who is this God that we worship? What does divine revelation tell us through Sacred Scriptures, the wonder of creation, or the Holy Spirit speaking in the hearts of people? The sources of our faith tell us that God exists: *"I am who am"* Ex 3:15. God is eternal. God has always been. God will always be. They tell us that God is all-knowing. Wisdom and truth flow from God. *"God is love"* 1John 4:16. God is unity and community: a Trinity of Persons. This naturally flows from God's love. Out of his love flows great mercy.

To try and solve the unsolvable will only leave us frustrated and possibly unbelieving. The mystery of the Holy Trinity creates a dynamic relationship between God and us.

It encourages us to work together to foster the



unity of our faith in caring for one another. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as to stand in awe before God, worship God, and know God better. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as to know who God wants us to be, who God has made us to be. From Sacred Scripture we know that God permits our

pain, suffering, and any form of human grief. In our prayers for the sick, just as in our prayers for ourselves, we must trust the Triune God and trust, too, in the manner in which the Blessed Trinity may answer our prayers. Only then will we fully understand the power and possibility of prayer to God.

Both within our church and our community, we are called to be evangelizers who through our word and actions, give witness to our gracious God whose love "has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." We are called to share with others what we have personally come to know. Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. One way to do that is to celebrate the life of that Trinity in each believer and to respond with confidence to the call to proclaim God to all the world. We pray at this Eucharistic celebration that the Holy Spirit will teach each of us how to do that so that our beloved St John's here in Greece will better mirror what we profess. In the words of St Paul to the Romans 5:3-5, "not only that, but we boast of our afflictions, knowing that afflictions produce endurance, and endurance-proven character, proven character-hope, and hope doesn't disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." No matter how you feel, no matter what you are experiencing, you are wrapped up in that love of God Almighty.

God bless,
Father Peter



Masses for the Week—June 5—11

MONDAY, June 5 *St Boniface*
 8:15 AM + *Barbara LaForce*
 by Debbie Stanton

TUESDAY, June 6 *St Norbert*
 8:15 AM + *James Battaglia & Julie Winkler*
 by Grace Battaglia

WED, June 7 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Virginie Taylor*
 by the Spencer and Clark families

THURSDAY, June 8 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, June 9 *St Ephrem*
 8:15 AM + *Anthony Martella*
 by Don & Beverly Frank

SATURDAY, June 10 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Stanley Waffle*
 by Daughter, Christine Hoefler

SUNDAY, June 11
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
 8:00 AM + *For the People*
 10:00 AM + *Raymond E. Parsons*
 by Eileen Zegarelli

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

This Week's Schedule

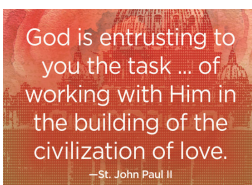
Monday, June 5
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:00 PM Liturgy Committee & Parish Pastoral Council
 Picnic/Mtg in Parish Center



**Welcome
 Most Reverend John Afoakwah**

Let us extend a warm welcome from each of us, at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church, to The Most Rev. John Yaw Afoakwah, Bishop of Obuasi Catholic Diocese in Ghana.

Bishop Afoakwah is visiting Fr. Peter (who hails from Obuasi Diocese) and all of us at St. John's while he is here to visit his Ghanaian priests currently serving and building up the kingdom of God throughout the Diocese of Rochester and other dioceses throughout the US. We wish Bishop Afoakwah godspeed as his journey unfolds.



**Pastoral Planning:
 Highlighting the Visitation
 Ministry at St. Charles Borromeo**

This ministry's goal is to bring the love and support of the parish to those who cannot come to weekend worship. Currently 26 volunteers serve over 90 parishioners. During home visits, volunteers build friendships while conducting a short prayer service and sharing Holy Communion. Other parish groups are involved: the Knights of Columbus distributing flowers at Christmas and Easter, the Card Ministry sending handmade cards, ladies' groups making lap blankets and prayer shawls. This ministry also serves Legacy at Park Crescent, Legacy at Maiden Park, Grandville Senior Center, and Edna Tina Wilson Living Center where volunteers conduct Communion Services or the Rosary with Communion. The Schola Choir records music beforehand--familiar hymns which allow parishioners to sing along. For more details: <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10
Pope Francis	Lance Gonyo	Joseph Maurici	Steven Lewis	Martin Truong	Walter Cushing	John Hayes



**Knights of Columbus
 Chicken Barbecue**
 Sunday 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!



Sunday, June 4 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**First Reading** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

Responsorial Psalm Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

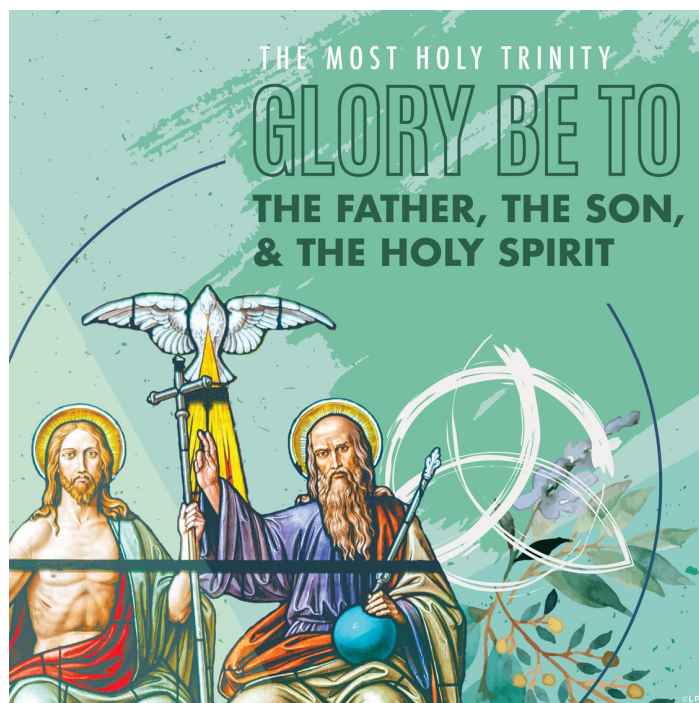
R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths
from your throne upon the cherubim,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!**Second Reading** 2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**Alleluia** Cf. Rv 1:8**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God so loved the world that
he gave his only Son.

JOHN 3:16

Gospel Jn 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Agenda and Notes for 5/3/2023 Meeting of SJ Finance Council 5PM in SJ Parish Center

Attendees: Fr. Peter, Bob Skrypek, Mary Speer, Bob Gotham (for Grounds Committee), Tod Simone (for Roof and Grounds), Chris Frontale, Joe Spurrier *Excused:* Jerry Dominik

Opening Prayer

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

Collection & Attendance:

- Discussed results shown on material distributed by Chris prior to meeting, ie, Weekly Collections vs Budget (\$9,706); weekly Surplus vs Deficit; and Weekly Attendance
- Our collections have held up well with our avg attendance of about 400 (413 when include holidays), but without an increase we will have to lower our Revenue Budget for the coming year.
- If regular attendance drops below 400 we will have to find ways to supplement weekly collections (push online giving?)
- The slow decline in attendance and collections has been documented since 1994
- A 5% drop in collections revenue might lead to a 3% decrease in our Budget going forward. Budget will be discussed at next meeting.
- Graph of collections usually show one spike in revenue in each month and this spike produces a surplus over budget
- Note: the collection revenue for 28 of the 44 weeks in FY 2022-2023 was under-budget,

Fr. Peter asked Chris to think about how to boost Sunday collections; Think and speak as a "parishioner" not a finance director. Mention the impact if all contributors increased their weekly giving by \$1

Review Q3 YTD Financial Statements –

- Discussed results shown on 1. Balance Sheet and 2. Revenue and Expense reports distributed by Chris prior to meeting.
 - Revenue** – Operating and Non-Operating (Summary and Details)
 - Expenses** - Operating and Non-Operating (Summary and Details)

Note: Budgets are computed monthly, but some expenditures occur Quarterly, eg, School Subsidy, so results can be misleading

• Side bar: School Subsidy

- Our current annual "bill" is \$82,000 for 2022-23; bill for 2023-24 will be \$81,000 (paid Qrtly);
- it is calculated as 14% of the 3-year avg of "regular" collections.
- Each school has a different student mix so each might use their allocation differently.
- Discussed specific line items that showed variances:**
 - For Revenue** – High Points → Online Giving, Gifts & Donations (one \$24,000 Bequest), Candles, and Fundraising

- For Expenses** – generally there is the negative impact of Inflation

- High Points** → Insurance (is below budget – but due to timing of monthly budget vs Qrtly actual payments)
- Low Points** →
 - Snow Removal / Salting – less snow this winter but a lot more salting
 - Building & Other Repairs – we were hit with Church Roof Inspection & Repair (required expensive tall lift); and Parish Ctr Roof Repair;
 - Electrical Work, and Plumbing – various projects
 - Purchased Services – high Audit Services and Bankruptcy expenses.

Review Communis Accounts - characterized by Volatility

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update –

- not quite finished with our Campaign;
- have some very generous individuals helping us meet our goal.
- Working with specific individuals to meet their CMA Pledges

Buildings and Grounds Update:

Silo Roofing Project

- We found original architectural drawings of the Silo Roof.
- A Structural engineering firm used these drawings to determine that the Silo framework itself is in good shape so we can repair the silo leak by replacing only the glass panels
- The original est. to replace both the framework and the panels was far too expensive for us to consider.
- The revised estimate to replace only the glass panels is \$245,000 which is still out of reach for us at this time.
- The Finance Council decided to temporarily "live with the leak" and we will keep the parish informed about this project.

Rectory HVAC – will replace Rectory A/C unit for approx. \$6,000 in May

We also just received a Quote from to repair the Parish Ctr roof after ice issues this past winter. Est. cost is \$1,725.00. A decision has not yet been made to proceed.

Lawn Mowing – new mower is working well; we have a very dedicated team

Other Business or Comments:

publish the Meeting Minutes from our 3/1/23 meeting (done by means of an Insert in Bulletin of May 21st)

Executive Session: Bankruptcy Update

- SJ has paid its share of Channeling Injunction
- It was paid out of SJ Communis Funds
- We should give parishioners an update.

Next Meeting Date – 6 PM, Monday 6/5/23 (new day and time) and the focus will be on 2023-2024 Budget

Closing Prayer





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Erasmus DiTucci**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Vocations to the Priesthood**
- ✚ Marian I **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
- ✚ Marian II **All Families**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline, the Mass attendance and contributions for May 27/28 will be posted in our June 10/11 bulletin.

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial support 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.

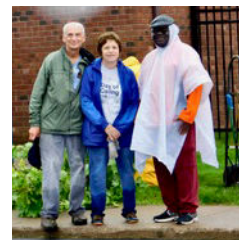


Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

**Another Successful Day of Caring
Not Wind or Rain, nor Sleet or Snow
Could Hold Us Back**

Well, maybe snow and sleet would have held us back but certainly not the rain. As we gathered to begin the day, a vote was taken as to whether we should go ahead with our plans and overwhelmingly the vote was YES! Everyone, about 27 in number, including our Pastor (and supervisor— LOL!) had a good spirit despite the dreary weather and the raking and pruning got underway as well as some mulching and some lawn repair. It wasn't long before the dumpster was packed full with all the debris collected. We've noticed from year to year that the time to tackle the projects isn't so bad since we keep up with it annually rather than in the past when it wasn't tended to every year. As you can see, our parish photographer extraordinaire, Carol Napierala, was not deterred by the rain either and was able to capture the morning beautifully!

Many hands certainly made for (not light) but lighter work and when all was said and done, we really enjoyed our Zweigle's hot dog lunch and other goodies. Kudos to all those who helped with another successful *Day of Caring* here at our beloved St. John's! Many blessings to all.



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

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

June 4, 2023 Tom Gieco
June 11, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
June 18, 2023 Tom Gieco
June 25, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham



Next weekend, June 10/11 our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, TV, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rochester to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 4, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
June 11, 2023 Chris Hoefler
June 18, 2023 Terry & Pam Hearne
June 25, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin