

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 1, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road
Rochester, New York 14626



In the Footsteps of St John

A journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure who is the patron of our parish church, St John the Evangelist.



"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

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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

Acts 19:1-8/
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27/
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38/
Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21/
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/
Ps 114:5, 7/
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

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.

Be Sure to Know and Love Yourself

As we approach the summer season and the heat engine not yet on, there are many things to do. I want us to simply **stop, look, and listen** as time passes us by and think of ourselves in a special way. We need to develop a love for ourselves as children of God as well as establish a better relationship with our family and church.

We need to live the inner us and keep moving ahead in our prayer life because we can't stand still and improve ourselves at the same time. No matter how imperfect we perceive our shortcomings to be, we need to stop ourselves and learn to love ourselves as we are even though we may not like some of our physical or character traits...that God gave us. If we are not satisfied with certain attributes that we may have, let us develop a program together to change them; that is the reason why God made us. If we do something that we know isn't in our best interest or not at our highest level of thinking, let us acknowledge our mistake, forgive ourselves and move on. As I've said previously, change is inevitable in life but growth in learning from the lessons of change is optional.

We do not have to be too hard on ourselves. We all need a break sometime. We should know that



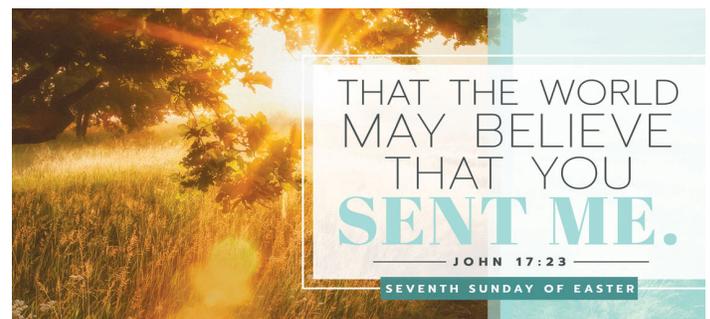
as children of God we are going to make mistakes and even hurt each other's feelings. We need to realize that and grow through them. If we did not make mistakes, we would probably stay at the same level of achievement and our lives would be boring. Besides, there really are no such things as mistakes; they are

just learning experiences. Many of us have a stubborn part of our self that says we can take care of any problem we have on our own. However, when things do not go the way we want, we may blame God and feel abandoned. God constantly reveals his love to us and looks for us to show love in return. God knows.

Determine your philosophy but continue to adjust it as time moves along. Be flexible because we must adapt to change. God is in charge, not us. Life can be short so please make an impression as one person in the mosaic plan of God. What I regret most in my life as I age in my priesthood are the failures of kindness I could have shown someone or some other person could have shown me. Sure, problems and pain may still come; yet, in the midst of these we can be confident that

Jesus will obtain for us all the resources we need.

Peace to all,
Father Peter



Masses for the Week—June 2—June 8

MONDAY, June 2 *Sts Marcellinus & Peter*
 8:15 AM + *Bob Schenkel*
 by Wife, Millie

TUESDAY, June 3 *St Charles Lwanga*
 8:15 AM + *Deceased Members of the Garney Family*
 by Judy

WEDNESDAY, June 4 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Georgianne Oestrike*
 by Judy Weiser

THURSDAY, June 5 *St Boniface*

FIRST FRIDAY, June 6 *St Norbert*
 8:15 AM + *Barbara LaForce*
 by Debbie Stanton
 10:00 AM + *Benediction*

FIRST SATURDAY, June 7 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Fr Peter's Intention*
 4:00 PM + *Deceased Members of the Burnett Family*
 by Daughters

SUNDAY, June 8 Pentecost Sunday
 8:00 AM *For Our Parish Spiritual Renewal*
 by Fr Peter
 10:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John's*

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 2
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:00 PM Liturgy, Parish Council, and Finance Picnic

Wednesday, June 4
 10:30 AM Bereavement Group in Parish Center

Thursday, June 5
 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

First Friday, June 6
 Following 8:15 AM Mass Adoration until 10:00 AM
 10:00 AM Benediction

First Saturday, June 7
 8:15 AM Mass
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost Sunday
 Coffee Hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses
 in Parish Center

PENTECOST SUNDAY 

Church tradition calls for the wearing of the color red to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church. Make this a spiritual day by **wearing something red** at whatever Mass you attend **NEXT weekend, June 7/8.**

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7
Pope Leo XIV	Daniel Condon	Patrick Connor	Brian Cool	Lance Gonyo	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano

PANCAKE Breakfast **NEXT Sunday, June 8**

Please join our hosts, our **Social Ministry Committee**, in the Parish Center NEXT Sunday, June 8 following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses for Coffee Hour with Pancake Breakfast. This is the last Coffee Hour of the season and we're going out in style.

SOCIAL *Ministry*



A Song about St. John the Evangelist – *The Beloved One*

As we celebrate 160 years of our parish founding, Paul Parkman shares with us the lyrics to a special song he received from Heaven about *The Beloved One* – St. John. These words beautifully portray our Parish Patron Saint. At some point during this anniversary year these lyrics may be put to music for us to enjoy but in the meantime, take a moment to read and enjoy the lyrics.



In the Footsteps of St. John

(Song from Heaven) to Paul Parkman

You were at the Sea of Galilee when Jesus walked along the shore. When you heard Him call your name, John, you knew you wanted more...

You were with Him at the wedding when He turned water into wine. You were there, Beloved St. John, you were with Him all the time.

CHORUS (reprise)

In your footsteps as we follow O St. John, Beloved One, you're still leading us to heaven tho' your life on earth is done. It is true, as saints on earth follow saints that are above, the circle is completed of God's everlasting love.

You were there upon Mt. Tabor on that mountain in the skies when you saw Christ in His Glory, you saw it with your eyes!

You were with Him on Palm Sunday. You spread palms along His way. And in your footsteps, Beloved one you're still leading us today.

CHORUS

You were there at the Last Supper; He gave you His Body and Blood, You were standing at the charcoal fire when evil condemned the Good.

You did not abandon Him as you stood beneath the Cross Your heart was broken as you surveyed the greatness of your loss.

You heard "behold your mother!" You heard "behold your Son!" You heard Him say, "It's finished!", O John, Beloved One

You were there to take Him from the cross amid the circling gloom. You were there, among the grieving, as they laid Him in the tomb.

On that Sundry morn while others doubted you ran fast and got there first. Your hopes were high, your faith was strong; you did not need to be coerced!

The stone rolled back, the empty tomb, this was all you needed to believe. In your heart you knew the truth of the Gospel you'd received.

So we celebrate your footsteps still visible today. With you, St. John, walking close to Jesus; together all the way.

CHORUS



America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

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

Friday, June 13 at 6:00 PM

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

Saturday, September 13 at 12:00 PM .

Monday, 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.



Celebrating Our Deacons!

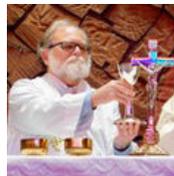
It's anniversary time here at St. John's and we take this opportunity to congratulate Deacon Elmer Smith AND Deacon Lon Smith as they celebrate their diaconal ordination anniversaries.

Ordained on June 2, 2012, Deacon Elmer will celebrate his 13th anniversary this week, June 2, 2025.

Ordained on June 5, 2010, Deacon Lon will celebrate his 15th anniversary this week, June 5, 2025.

May God bless each of you with good health,

happiness, and peace in your ongoing ministry as Deacons of the Church. Thank you for all you do in ministering to God's people here at St. John's and beyond.

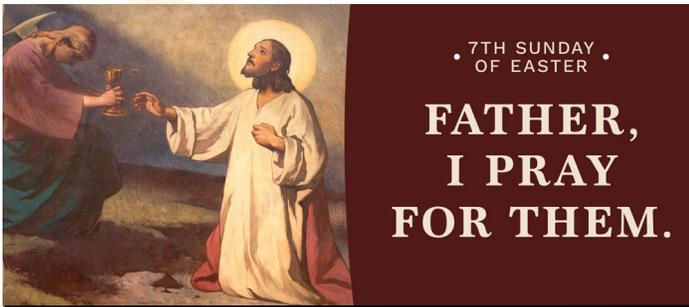


Day of Caring 2025

On Saturday May 10, a number of parishioners participated in our annual "Day of Caring" here at St. John's. Volunteers were divided into "TEAMS" and given a list of things to do in a specific area. As these teams filled up trash barrels, they were picked up by a roving truck and wagon and these barrels were emptied into the dumpster located on the premises. One team trimmed a lot of branches from the North end of our property and the dumpster filled up quickly. One brave soul jumped into the dumpster and stomped it down to free up some more space. The majority of the crew ended their assigned work early and then proceeded to the center circle in front of the Church to do some much-needed weeding. Eventually, we re-grouped in the Parish Center to enjoy a Hot Dog lunch with a pasta salad, watermelon and cookies. Although, we didn't get the entire Campus beautified, we filled the dumpster to the brim and hauled one truckload of branches to the Recycle center. This is an annual event, and it does make a difference to the St. John's property. We look forward to next year and hopefully we can get more volunteers to sign up.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT THIS YEAR!!!!!!





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I Deacon Elmer & Deacon Lon
- ✝ Tabernacle II Veronique Morissette
- ✝ Marian I Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- ✝ Marian II Homebound & Nursing Home parishioners

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline for Memorial Day, our May 24/25 Collections and Mass attendance will be noted in Next Weekend's bulletin.

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



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**

CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Next week, June 7/8, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This

campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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. 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.



MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Best Girls in the World

In the Fall of 1940, a group of Sisters of St. Joseph traveled from Rochester, NY to Selma, AL.

Their mission: to help catechize Black Catholics who had been converted years earlier.

What they found were people living in abject poverty and years of discrimination whose faith had remained strong. The Sisters built a hospital, a nursing home and a school for Black people and soon got caught up in the civil rights movement in ways they never could have imagined.

This is the story of conversion and change that came to one city in the South from 1940 to 2020, a microcosm of a national movement.

Sr. Carol Cimino, who wrote the book, *The Best Girls in the World*, published in 2022, will share this story with us.

Facilitator: Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ

Date: Saturday, June 21

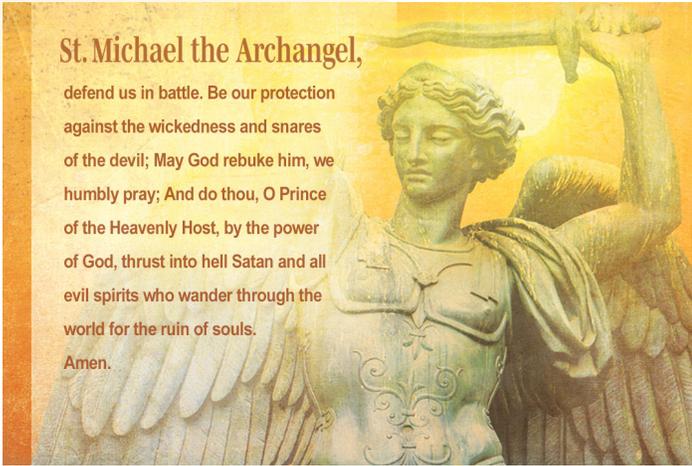
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Mercy Spirituality Center

Fee: \$15

Membership eligible program

*Sister Carol Cimino is a Sister of Saint Joseph of Rochester. She has served in a variety of positions in Catholic education, as teacher, principal, development director, and consultant. She most recently retired as the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Buffalo, New York. In that position she oversaw 50 elementary and high schools in an eight-county area of Western New York State. Sister Carol also is the author of several articles, pamphlets, and two books in addition to *The Best Girls in the World*.*



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 8, 2025	Ron LaForce
June 22, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

June 1, 2025	Tom Grieco
June 8, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
June 15, 2025	Tom Grieco
June 22, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 1, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
June 8, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert
June 15, 2025	Chris Hoefler
June 22, 2025	Terry & Pam Hearne
June 29, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin