

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 21, 2026

2400 West Ridge Road
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"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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.

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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 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/
Ps 60:3-5, 12-13/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/
Mt 7:6, 12-14
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday

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

Thursday

2 Kgs 24:8-17/
Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday

2 Kgs 25:1-12/
Ps 137:1-6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/
Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21/
Mt 8:5-17

Sunday

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/
Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/
Mt 10:37-42

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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 Has Ended

Some people stay after Mass to pray. Why, if they just prayed at Mass for an hour? After Mass has ended, many people enjoy an age-old practice of praying in church after Mass. These are traditionally known as Prayers of Thanksgiving and focus on thanking God for the great gift that we have received in the Eucharist and in the mystery of our redemption. While these prayers are not obligatory, they are perfectly acceptable and encouraging ways for us to keep in mind the importance of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass itself. As such, this spirit of prayer should be fostered and respected in the church even after Mass. The sacred space of the church should remain a place of quiet prayer at all times, even after Mass when we might be inclined to greet our neighbors. Certainly, after Mass is a great time to catch up with friends and build up our parish community, but we should also respect an atmosphere of prayer for those who wish to pray after Mass.

Perhaps the most fitting way to close would be with one of these traditional Prayers of Thanksgiving after Mass attributed to St Thomas Aquinas.



Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank you, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, you have fed me with the Precious Body and

Blood of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility, obedience, and growth in the power to do good. May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to You, the one true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with you.

And I pray that you will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where You, with your Son and Holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

Priesthood Ordination Day *We Are Grateful to God*



This Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, all are invited as The Most Rev. John S. Bonnici will ordain transitional deacon, Rev. Mr. David Cataline to the Holy Priesthood in the Diocese of Rochester.

We are thankful to God for each man brought to us for ordination to the priesthood and with David representing just one ordination this year in our diocese, we continue to fervently pray for more men to be called to this vocation especially here in the Diocese of Rochester. Please keep David Cataline in your prayers along with ALL of our priests.

Don't Grieve Alone 

Bereavement Gathering

THIS Wednesday, June 24, 2026, from 10:30 – Noon in the Parish Center. All are welcome to participate in this program. Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Lon

Masses for the Week—June 22—28

MONDAY, June 22
Sts Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher, Thomas More
 8:15 AM + **Luigi Grillo**
 by Daughter, Giulia
 2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity*

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

WEDNESDAY, June 24 *Nativity of St John the Baptist*
 8:15 AM + **James Thomas Temple**
 by Jim & Cindi Grotke

THURSDAY, June 25 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, June 26 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Ron Mayer**
 by Bob & Elaine Mayer

SATURDAY, June 27 *St Cyril of Alexandria*
 4:00 PM + **Nick & Robert Buda**
 by Family

SUNDAY, June 28 *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 10:00 AM + **Eleanor & Leo Beattie**
 by Daughter, Maureen
 10:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John's Parish*

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 21 Father's Day
 Food Drive for Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf in Narthex

Monday, June 22
 9:00 AM Bible Study Today in Parish Center

Tuesday, June 23
 6:00 AM—9:00 PM Primary Election in Parish Center

Wednesday, June 24
 10:30 AM Bereavement Gathering in Parish Center

Thursday, June 25
 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, June 27
 10:00 AM Priest Ordination at Cathedral



Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27
All Deacons	Simon Denchira	John Pathmarajah	William McGrath	William Donnelly	Thomas Dugan	Christopher Duffy



Welcome Summer!

After a long, cold Winter and very wet and windy Spring, we welcome the upcoming Summer months and look forward to various activities and events involving family and friends. The children especially look forward to their Summer Vacation from school. It is our hope and prayer that you remain healthy and safe in whatever you have planned and that you find MANY happy moments in the months ahead from which to make memories. To God be the glory!

Please know that while summer equates to vacation, vacation should always include weekend Mass. If you are traveling away from home, please plan ahead to locate and attend Mass at the closest Catholic church to your vacation destination. Think about it – God never takes a vacation from us so, likewise, we should never take a vacation from God! Whatever summer brings you, find peace and joy in all of it!

God, we lift up every father.

Give them strength when the weight feels heavy, wisdom when decisions feel unclear, and peace when the road ahead feels uncertain.

Cover fathers who are present and those trying to find their way back. Encourage fathers who feel unseen, unheard, or unappreciated.

Heal fathers carrying regret, grief, or disappointment, and remind them that it is never too late to grow, to love, and to lead.

Bless fathers with patience for their children, clarity for their purpose, and courage to protect not only their families, but their own mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

Bless them with restored relationships, stronger homes, and may they know their lives matter, their presence matters, and their love leaves a lasting legacy.

Amen.





Catholic Teaching For Fathers Always Strive To Do Your Best

As a father, embracing Catholic teaching is foundational in leading the family toward holiness and strong values. Here's how Catholic principles align with the key responsibilities of a father:

- Providing Financial Support:**
Provide for your family, but remember, true wealth comes from spiritual richness. Be generous, not only with material gifts but also in sharing the love and blessings of Christ.
- Emotional Guidance and Support:**
Lead with compassion, rooted in prayer. Reflect on Jesus' unconditional love, modeling the same care and concern for your family's emotional needs. Regular participation in Confession and Mass strengthens your ability to guide others spiritually and emotionally.
- Disciplining and Setting Boundaries:**
Discipline with love and fairness. Teach respect for authority, not just human, but also divine authority, as you uphold God's commandments in your household.
- Role-Modeling Values and Behavior:**
As a man of faith, live out virtues like chastity, integrity, and respect for women. Lead by example, reflecting Christ's love and kindness in your relationships.
- Protecting and Ensuring Family Safety:**
Safeguard your family physically, emotionally, and spiritually. By attending Mass, praying the Rosary, and teaching chastity, you shield your loved ones from the harmful influences of the world.



Good News/Bad News: A Reflection on Supreme Court *Dobbs* Decision on June 24, 2022

Article by Fr Jim Hewes

It has been nearly four years since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* (a decision which had impeded many effective limits to abortion). Having read all 213 pages of the Supreme Court's decision, I conclude that this decision is a "good news/bad news" outcome.

The Good News

The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* is a tremendously significant event in our nation's history. It meant that abortion was no longer presumed legal in all fifty states, throughout pregnancy, for any reason. The decision finally opened the great possibility that there can be laws enacted which could protect pre-born children and their mothers. Also, abortionists' killings could be limited or even some abortion mills could be put out of business. The Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs* has deprived the pro-abortion side of many of their long-standing false arguments. It also created opportunities, including legislation to limit abortion practices, which were previously impossible, and in some cases, close abortion facilities.

No judge in New York, no judge anywhere, can claim that there is a federal "right to abortion." Likewise, no state legislator in New York, and no state legislator anywhere, can point to such a federal "right to abortion." Moreover, no candidate for any public office, whether in New York, or anywhere else, can campaign on a federal "right" to abortion. In addition, pro-abortionists now have to make their case *on why* it's a good idea to kill babies within the womb; and wound vulnerable pregnant women. Political candidates can no longer campaign on the basis that abortion is constitutionally guaranteed nationwide.

For decades, the existence of a so-called constitutional "right to abortion" largely prevented meaningful public debate about new scientific advances in fetology, perinatology, and ultrasound technology—developments that reveal the humanity and development of the pre-born child. Likewise, growing evidence regarding the emotional, psychological, and societal effects of abortion often received little public attention. The *Dobbs* decision has reopened space for broader public dialogue on these issues

According to a June 24, 2024 Texas Values press release, an estimated 89,000–110,000 babies were saved within .





the first two years in Texas (with strong restrictions), after the Dobbs decision. 41 states currently have some form of abortion ban or restriction in effect, ranging from total bans to early gestational limits. Among these, 13 states have near-total bans in effect.

The Bad News

The “states-only” strategy, however, cannot defeat this abortion threat and clearly does not work because 20 pro-life states can’t even enforce their laws because of mail-order abortion drugs, and inter-state travel. Also, the pro-life movement cannot match the money, unity and organizational focus of the other side (an unintended consequence the Dobbs decision has galvanized the pro-abortion lobby).

For fifty years, abortion supporters—often aided by widespread media messaging—worked to embed abortion deeply into American law and culture. Since *Dobbs*, nearly every statewide abortion ballot initiative has resulted in defeat for the pro-life position. As a result, laws passed by state legislatures can later be overturned through ballot measures establishing abortion-on-demand policies. So, at least an estimated 750,000 babies (and vulnerable women) remain unprotected.

Fundamental human rights should not vary by geography. Think if slavery was a states only decision, it would continue to have allowed slavery in the southern states. This “states-only” law forfeits the moral power of the pro-life cause; rather than having pre-born children come under the protection of the 14th Amendment.

The Dobbs decision by the Supreme Court still abandons women in need and countless helpless children to die painful, late-term deaths in states like New York. No human rights issue in American history has ultimately been resolved through a state-by-state approach alone.

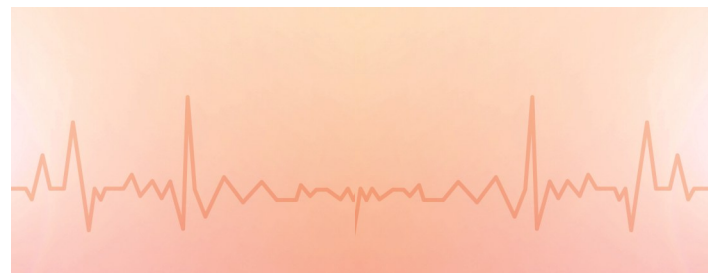
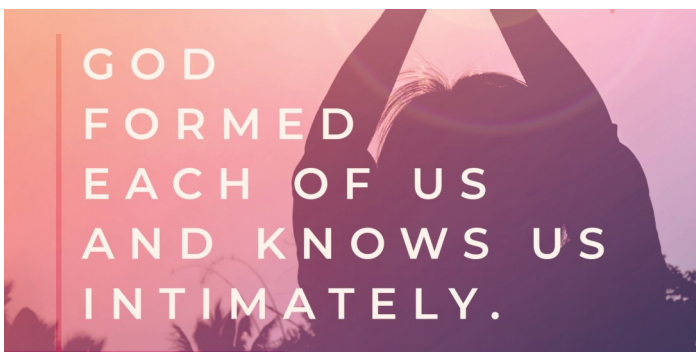
The difference here is that this strategy has failed in record time. For example, with a rising trend in chemical abortions (where the pre-born child starves to death) according to the Guttmacher Institute’s Monthly Abortion Provision Study, estimates for 2024 suggest the number in New York State alone could be as high as **119,600 pre-born children killed** by abortions. Last estimate for the 12 counties in our diocese was 5,200 abortions. In addition, New York is one of only 17 states that force taxpayers to pay for this act of dismembering pre-born children.

Continuing Mission

The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was not the end of the effort to protect pre-born children—it was only the beginning. Much work remains to protect innocent voiceless children and to support vulnerable women facing unexpected pregnancies. There are many organizations and ministries dedicated to helping women choose life including:

- St. Mark’s “**Walking with Moms in Need;**” Restore Health and Wellness; Focus Pregnancy Help Center, Birthright, Caring Choices Pregnancy Help Center, Women’s Care Center, Compass Care, the Margaret Home. Mentoring Moms (**Roc Love Inc.**), **Abortion Pill Rescue® Network**
- **PRAY PRAY PRAY**
- **Read one book about abortion (St Bernard’s has over 700 pro-life books)**
- **Promote Healing Resources Project Rachel-888-9RACHEL (888-972-2435);**
- **Speak up-in your social media;** write a letter to the Catholic Courier or other newspapers.
- **Support by volunteering & witnessing and financial giving for Life-**Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Sidewalk Advocates. Rochester Area Right to Life Committee; Feminists Choosing Life of New York; “Stand Up For Life” (4th Saturday Morning at Rochester Planned Parenthood)
- **Simple Ways-**turn your car into a moving bulletin board with a pro-life bumper sticker (Prolifestickers.co); pro-life t-shirts (Students for Life)

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BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,765.13
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,790.10
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,555.23
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	2,394.77)

2nd Collection

Catholic Communication Campaign.....	\$	458.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	65.00
TOTAL Catholic Communication Campaign..	\$	523.00

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as of June 14, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	497,500.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	504,445.49
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OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	6,945.49

As your Pastor, I wish to extend my gratitude for the ongoing support from all of you who have been faithfully contributing to the Sunday collection and other various collections throughout the year. Please know your generosity is a vital part of maintaining the mission of the Church. May our good and gracious God bless you abundantly. Fr. Peter

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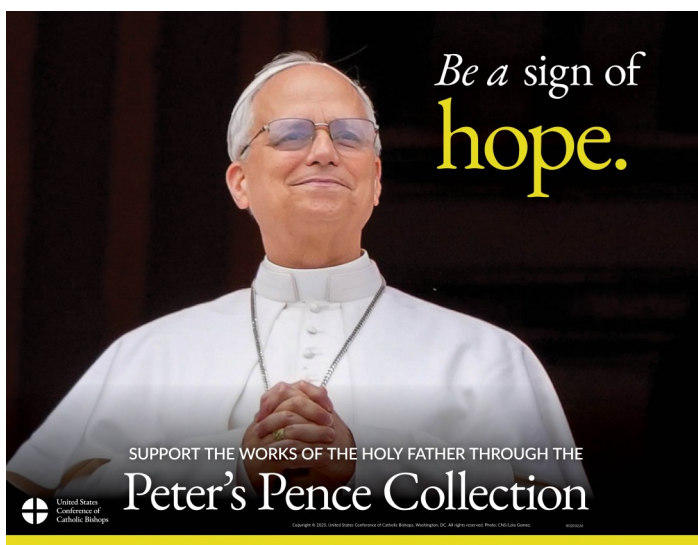


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Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



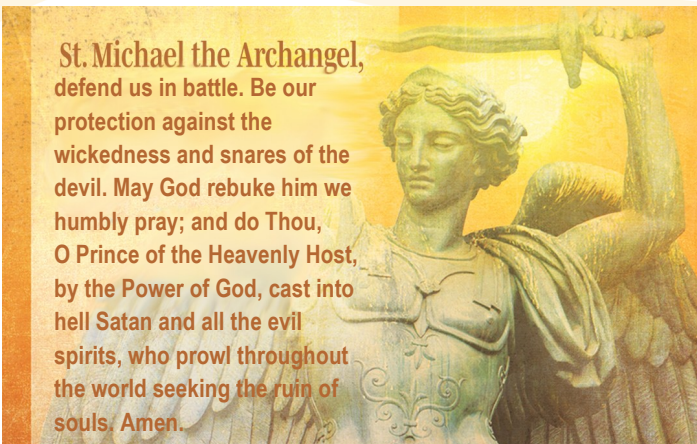
Next week, **June 27/28**, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Blessing for the Summer
Praise God!



Pour Your mercy upon this season, Lord! As the days fill with sun, fill our hearts with the fire of Your love. As we gather to share story and song, campfires and connection, be with us. Bless our work, our rest, and our play in Your goodness.

Amen. ©LPI



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Please note: This does not replace the individual parish websites; it's another resource to find out what's going on throughout our 7 parishes.



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HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

June 21, 2026 Tom Grieco
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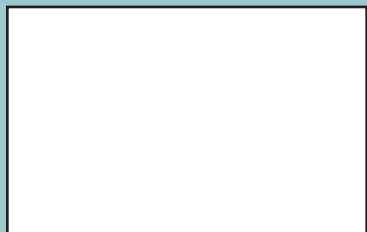
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