# St. John the Evangelist Greece

2400 West Ridge Road Rochester, New York 14626





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



Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

#### **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.

PRAYER LINE Jill Finan <u>StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com</u>

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#### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Gn 12:1-9/ Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/ Mt 7:1-5	Is 49:1-6/ Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15/ Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/ Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/ Mt 7:15-20	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 Ps 106:1b-5/ Mt 6:7-15	Ez 34:11-16/ Ps 23:1-6/ Rom 5:5b-11/ Lk 15:3-7	Gn 18:1-15/ Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/ Mt 8:5-17	Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-9/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16:13-19

#### Feast of C<mark>orpus Christi</mark> —The Bread of Life

Jesus gave us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist we honor today. In 1263, a German priest named Peter of Prague was troubled by doubts he had about the Real Presence of Christ

in the Blessed Sacrament. He decided to make a pilgrimage to Rome and pray for guidance in his troubles along the way. On the way to Rome, he came to a small town in central Italy called Bolsena. While celebrating Mass there something amazing happened. As the priest held the host and said the words of consecration, blood started to seep out of the host onto the linen cloth on the altar, that we call the corporal.

He soon asked to be taken to the nearby city of Orvieto where he knew Pope Urban IV was staying. The Pope had the incident investigated and no natural explanation could be found for it. Pope Urban had the blood stained host and corporal put in the Cathedral in Ovieto. The corporal is still there today to be reverenced by the faithful.

Today's Alleluia verse is a powerful statement of the theme of this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Taken from the chapter of John's Gospel 6:51, listen to it again: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

It is not easy for today's generation of people to understand the ancient significance of bread. It used to be know as the "staff of life," meaning that it was the main support of human life. So, the question arises for modern believers: Why did Jesus choose bread and wine for the sacrament? It was because, in biblical times, bread, along with fish (usually cooked in olive oil) and grape wine, was the regular diet of the ordinary people. Bread was the staff of life. It meant life to the ancient people and the Scriptures say as much. When our first parents were expelled from the Garden of Eden, it was in these terms: "By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat." Gen 3:19. When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, he taught them to ask for their earthly needs in terms of bread: "Give us today our daily bread."



Mt 6:11. In his desert confrontation with Satan trying to tempt him, Jesus said, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Mt 4:4. Jesus chose the most common food of his time for the

Eucharist to show that just as the body needs food in order to live, so the soul needs the nourishment of this sacrament.

A second question arises when we consider the Eucharist: What did Jesus mean when he spoke those sacred words? Listen to the words from today's Gospel: "This is my body...this is my blood of the covenant..." These are plain assertions by a man who is about to die. People about to die do not speak in riddles. Or, listen again to the Alleluia verse: I am the living bread. Four of those five words have only one syllable. This is plain language. This is why the Church does not substitute canned grape juice for wine or dispose irreverently the elements of communion which are unused in the celebration of the Mass. That might be permissible if Jesus, our Lord did not really mean what he said, if bread and wine were merely symbols. There is only one conclusion: He meant what he said. He, himself. is our food under the forms of bread and wine. We are called as Catholics to, therefore, be reverent when we come to receive the Holy Eucharist and the Precious Blood. Men and women throughout the ages have died to preserve and protect it.

Our final question is: Of what importance is this to us? The answer is that this sacrament is necessary for spiritual living. It forgives sins and gives us spiritual strength and health. Just as we need three meals a day to be healthy and to work, so we need this sacrament regularly to be alive and well in Spirit. Remember that the results are guaranteed, for Jesus assures us, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Therefore, we celebrate this day the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist gratefully and joyfully adored. "O sacrament most holy, O sacrament



divine, all praise and thanksgiving be every moment Thine!" *Peace and love to all, Father Peter* 



#### Masses for the Week—June 23—29

MONDAY, June 23 Weekday 8:15 AM + Sue Grieco by Husband, Tom 2:30 PM Mass at the Village at Unity

**TUESDAY, June 24** Nativity of St John the Baptist 8:15 AM + Helen Mikel by Ray & Marcia Parsons

WEDNESDAY, June 25 Weekday 8:15 AM + Don Frank by Bev & Family

THURSDAY, June 26 Weekday

FRIDAY, June 27 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 8:15 AM + Connie Mroczek by Daughter, Emily

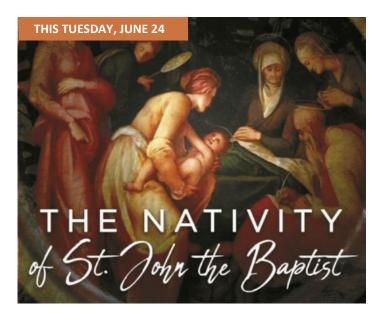
SAT, June 28 Immaculate Heart of Mary & St Irenaeus 4:00 PM + Georgio Ferrini by Wife, Luciana & Family

SUNDAY, June 29 Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles 8:00 AM + Louise Staub by Eileen Zegarelli 10:00 AM + Living Members of St John's

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

### Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
William Donnelly		William McGrath	Christopher Duffy	William Endres	Peter Enyan- Boadu	James Muscatella



#### This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 23 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center 2:30 PM Mass at the Village at Unity

Thursday, June 26 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

#### THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 27

## DID YOU KNOW?

THE FIRE IN MANY IMAGES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS REPRESENTS THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF DIVINE LOVE.



#### Minutes from Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on June 2, 2025

#### **Opening Prayer:** Deacon Lon Smith

Attendance: Father Peter, Deacon Lon Smith, Bob Gotham, Rick Paoletti, Wayne Howard, Melissa Ryan, Paul Parkman, Nick Verdino, Christine Paoletti, Tod Simone, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Karen Bessette, Patty Hoag *Absent:* Kathy Christodaro *Excused:* Deacon Elmer Smith, Nick Sassano, Alan Christodaro, Stephanie Braya-Black, Sharon Miller *Visitors:* Joe Waters, Marcia Parsons, Susan Smith

**Motion** to approve the agenda for tonight's Meeting (Emailed June 2, 2025)

**Approval:** Gary Kern | Second: Nick Verdino **Motion** to Approve Meeting Minutes from the 5/5/2025 Meeting, in the Bulletin on May 25, 2025.

Approval: Karen Bessette | Second: Wayne Howard

ST. JOHN-The Beloved One-

The Beloved One-ST. JOHN

#### **Chairperson's Comments:**

CMA UPDATE: Our CMA numbers thru 5/30/2025: Donor to date:311 | Commitment to date: \$84,888.02 Commitment % to date:108.83%

Paid To date: \$84,856.77 | Paid % of Goal: 108.79% Average per donor: \$272.95

Our CMA goal: \$78,000

There is only a \$31.25 commitment still outstanding that needs to be paid.

Just so you know: things that the Parish Council started, dreamed up or participated in this year: K of C Chicken BBQ (August 2025), Task Force, Back to School (Supply Collection), Faith Formation, Coffee Hours - starting with the Pancake breakfast, SOCKTOBER, Pie Fundraiser (Special Touch Bakery), CMA (Hit it out of the Ball Park), OCIA, Pet Blessing, Fall Festival, Greece Food Shelf, Memorial Mass, Giving Tree, Dady Family Concert (Advent), Coffee Hour with Santa, K OF C Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets, Advent Reflection – presented by Deacon Lon, Christmas Caroling, Art & Environment, (Decorating for all the Holy days), Prayer Shawl Ministry, Money Counters, Masses at the Hamilton and Village @ Unity, Parish Website by Gary Kern and Maureen Baran, Flower Garden Ministry, Our Choir, Fish Fries, Mite Boxes, Lenten Retreat, St. Joseph's Table, Easter Egg Hunt, Day of Caring

**Coffee Hours:** May Coffee Hour was on 5/4/2025 and was hosted by the Knights of Columbus. We also had the added attraction of the history of St. John's. Next Coffee Hour is June 8, hosted by the social ministry group

**Annual Day of Caring:** Was held on Saturday May 10, starting at 9:00 am and ending around 12:00 PM. Hot dog lunch at noonish. We had around 14-16 people in attendance, and we got most of our scheduled work done. We filled the Dumpster and hauled one truck load of branches to the recycle center.

#### **DEACON LON SMITH UPDATE:**

- The Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate took place on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester.
- Mark Amann and Rick Burgess were ordained as permanent deacons, and seminarian David Cataline was

ordained a transitional deacon on his path toward priestly ordination next year.

- The ordinations of Mark and Rick were the first ordinations of permanent deacons since 2022.
- Please continue to pray for vocations.

#### FATHER PETER'S UPDATE:

- 160th Anniversary Celebration Update; Paul Parkman has written a song that the choir will be singing regularly. The Catholic Courier has also been contacted, and we will look at a special Mass at the end of the year. Fr. Dan Tormey who was here when the new church was built had written a history on how our current church building was constructed.
- There is a new priest being ordained this month and is assigned to a parish in Geneva. There are a couple of priests who will be coming in this summer to do mission appeals. They will be staying here and may be assisting with the Masses at our parish.
- We just put in a new HVAC system in the parish center this past week. There is a lot of maintenance that is scheduled for this year.
- We are in the summertime which brings more visitors of different cultures to our church and security is always an issue. We are a welcoming parish and encourage visitors, but remain should vigilant to security issues.
- Singing creates a welcoming atmosphere, and we encourage all parishioners and guests to participate in musical liturgy.
- There is a sense of hope in the new pope. We pray for an increase in participation in our faith around the world.

#### Social Ministry: Karen and Melissa

- The Social Ministry group is going to put on a Pancake breakfast at our last coffee hour for the year on June 8.
- The tile fundraiser will be on hold until Fall.
- Fall festival will be changed to Oktoberfest this year

#### **Arts and Environment:**

- Decorating later this week for Pentecost.
- Banner is being worked on for St. John the Beloved One.
- There are a number of bulbs to be planted in the fall.

#### Certificates of Appreciation: none

#### **Knights of Columbus Council 3892:**

- June 14th Priest Steak Dinner.
- June 29th first Chicken BBQ at Our Mother of Sorrows.
- August 10th St. John's Chicken BBQ

#### **Outreach** – Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Update:

- Alan Christodaro is a new altar server for funerals and will begin his training.
- Thank you to Deacon Lon for covering Tod's vacation.

#### Liturgy Committee: none

#### St. John's Social Media – Statistics Website

TODSILC.	
Visitors – 842	Views – 2387
Down/up	Down/up – down 1%

#### Facebook:

Views – 13K | From Followers - 81% down 1.2%

From Non-Followers – 19% up 5.6%

Reach – 1.2K down 24% | From Followers – 471 up 9.3%

From Non-Followers – 800 down 34.5%

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We can publish the bulletin online with the ads, we will be updating the procedure and operating guide and will make these available later on Thursdays to make this update. This should be ready to start by the end of the month.

#### Safety and Security: No updates

**Faith Stories:** There will be activities all summer long in our theme "In the Footsteps of St. John". There will be more of the activities published after Pentecost.

Novena to the Holy Spirit was prayed by the council.

#### **Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:**

- Pam: Thank you for a wonderful, productive year.
- Gary: Jesus Christ Superstar is playing on Owasco Lake in the Auburn Area through June 14th
- Susan Smith: Deacon Lon and I feel very welcome into your parish, and we appreciate your help with our thoughts and participation this year. There will be an evangelization meeting this week to ask, "what have we done" and "what can we do" to advertise to others what we offer. The bereavement program will also look at calling the family members of deceased parishioners in the seven parishes to welcome them back to church.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Lon Smith Next Meeting: TBD



#### It's that time of year again.

**Faith Formation for 2025-2026 school year** For those who did not attend one of the summer sessions, please register Home Schooling for all children in grades K thru 7th

#### Sacraments for 2025-2026 school year

If you have a child entering the 2nd grade or have not yet made their First Penance and First Communion, please register them to start the preparation.

If you have a child entering the 8th grade they can be registered for the 2 year Confirmation program.

ALL Registration forms can be found in the back of church or at the office.

## All registration forms should be completed by Friday, August 22

For additional information you can contact Cris Simone.



Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue NEXT Sunday June 29 from 4:00 PM until gone in Our Mother of Sorrows Church Parking Lot - 5000 Mt. Read Blvd.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue. This will be drive-thru only. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal.

**To place your order, call or text Rick Paoletti at 489-9555** and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The last day to pre-order is Saturday June 28. People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM on the day of the barbecue.

The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

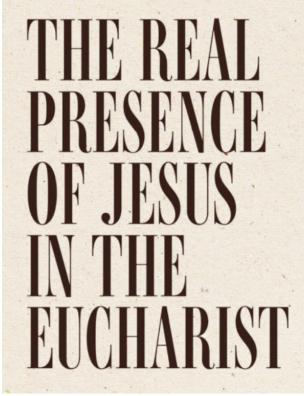
- Half a chicken Baked beans
- Macaroni salad
   Corn bread



Come and get a great meal for a great price!

## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

This global Catholic feast celebrates



#### June 22, 2025



Patrick DiStefano *Brother of Michael DiStefano* Catherine Hauck *Aunt of Greg Hauck* 

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL

June 14/15 Week 51	ATTENDAN	CE418
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	9,249.15
ONLINE Giving	\$	1,574.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering	\$	10,823.15
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFF	ERING\$	1,502.15

#### Fiscal Year 2024-25 as June 15, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$	475,371.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$	465,250.44
SHORTAGE TO DATE(\$	10,120.56)

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. 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.



**NEXT Weekend, June 28/29** The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

For more information, see: <u>https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html</u>



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
Tabernacle I A Special Intention
Tabernacle II Dan Craddock
Marian I World Peace
Marian II Newly Ordained Rev. Fr. George Bastedo IV

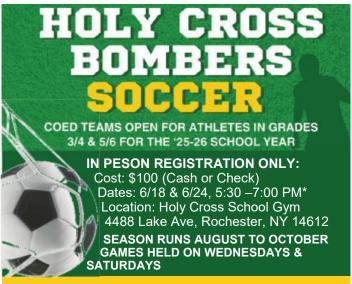


#### **Parish Increased Giving Campaign**

We kindly ask that you complete the pledge card and return it to us by THIS Monday, June 23, 2025.

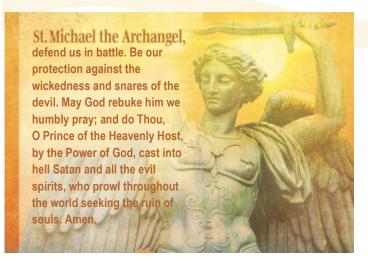
You can drop it into the collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Office (if we're closed, you can drop it through the mail slot in the front door) or you can mail it to us at 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626.

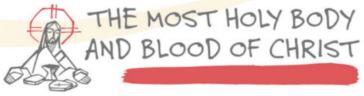
**<u>NOTE</u>**: If you did not receive the mailing for this campaign, we ask that you please contact the Parish Office at 225-8980.



We are looking for coaches for the 3rd/4th grade team. If interested, contact Mike/Cori, holycrossbombers@gmail.com or 585-278-8897 (Coaches will need to become CASE certified)

Additional summer registration dates will be TBD





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**Prayer for the True Presence** 

Jesus,

What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us. Amen. ©LPi

#### **Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June 2025**

HAMILTON NURSING	HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE
June 22, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

June 22, 2025

Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILL	AGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE
June 22, 2025	Terry & Pam Hearne
June 29, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin



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