

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 8, 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

2 Cor 1:18-22/
Ps 119:129-133, 135/
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/
Ps 99:5-9/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/
Mt 5:20-26

Friday

2 Cor 4:7-15/
Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday

2 Cor 5:14-21/
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday

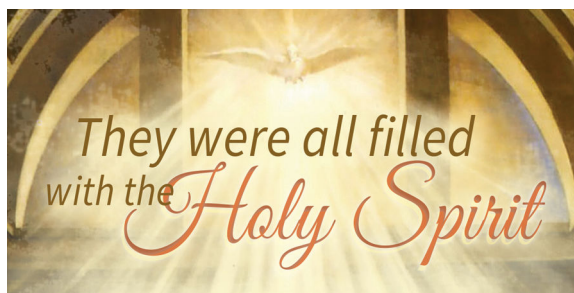
Prv 8:22-31/
Ps 8:4-9/
Rom 5:1-5/
Jn 16:12-15

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.

From the Desk of Father Peter *The Feast of Pentecost—Come Holy Spirit*

Pentecost was originally a Jewish agricultural feast. It was celebrated fifty days or seven weeks after Passover and started as a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest. As it developed it also became a reminder and celebration of God's mighty deeds in the history of salvation. Today, we celebrate the harvest of our faith and how it has been a spiritual nourishment during difficult and challenging days. The Feast we celebrate today gives us a chance to remember what God has done in the mystery of the life of Jesus Christ. We call this feast day the "birthday of the church" and we are the body who make up the congregation. The Spirit's signs and wonders we experience in our Baptism and Confirmation surround us and are in our midst every day. We have been strengthened by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and have become committed members who serve in ministry, full-time as well as the many volunteers. None of us has all the gifts needed to minister to this community or to address the needs of the world around us. But as a community we have seen and heard of the Spirit's gifts still being poured on those gathered in "one place together," as the disciples were on Pentecost, and we too, have on this day. The signs may not be as spectacular as wind, flames, and charismatic speech, but they are, nevertheless, part of the drama of the Acts of the Spirit that we read about this Pentecost Day. For among us here today are people who have been nourished by God's Spirit over a lifetime. We still believe; we are still yearning for God and we are still trying to be faithful to our commitments. In this fickle world where people walk away from



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commitments they have made to church and family, the Church continues to proclaim in word and deed Christ's ongoing life among us. Once again in this faith community of St. John's, the Holy Spirit is lighting a fire that will fuel our faith. We also ask you to pray for our various committee representatives who make the running of this parish be collaborative in

ministry. This Feast of Pentecost is a major feast of the Church. It is so important because it is a celebration of the perpetual, powerful presence of God in and through the Holy Spirit in the Church. More than the fulfilled promise of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is the driving force of unity and evangelization in the Church. It is this force which unites all the followers of Jesus into his Body. It is this force which goes forth into the world to teach, challenge, convert, and bring peace. There are times in our lives when we feel weak and alone, when we lack confidence in our faith or in our Christian calling. Our Feast of Pentecost serves as a reminder to us that we are not alone—the Holy Spirit is with us.

When we open our lives to the power of the Spirit, great things will happen in us and through us. The Spirit can speak the truths of God through us if we give our VOICES. The Spirit can touch broken lives, heal divisions, and impart forgiveness if we give our HEARTS. The Spirit can lift burdens, dry our tears, and do great works of charity if we give our HANDS. Come Holy Spirit to renew us, to rewind us, and re-create us in our faith.



God bless,
Father Peter

Masses for the Week—June 9—June 15

MON, June 9 *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
8:15 AM + Angelo, Vincenzo, & Damiana Leonardis
 by Maria & Family

TUESDAY, June 10 *Weekday*
8:15 AM + Eleanor Zanni
 by Husband, Anthony & Family
2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton

WEDNESDAY, June 11 *St Barnabas, Apostle*
8:15 AM + Ken Ward
 by Wife, Jean & Family

THURSDAY, June 12 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, June 13 *St Anthony of Padua*
8:15 AM + Anthony Vieira
 by Mr & Mrs Alan Vieira

SATURDAY, June 14 *Easter Weekday*
4:00 PM + Living Members of St John's

SUNDAY, June 15 The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 AM + John Freitas
 by Sister, Nidia
10:00 AM + Carl Cottorone
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 8

Pancake Breakfast following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM
 Masses in Parish Center

Monday, June 9

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish
 Center & Church

TUESDAY, June 10

2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton

Wednesday, June 11

10:30 AM Bereavement Group in Parish Center

Thursday, June 12

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, June 14

Food Drive for Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf

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Flag Day THIS Saturday, June 14

Things to Share
 with Your
 Children/
 Grandchildren

Flag Etiquette:

- **Display:** Explain that the flag should

be displayed from sunrise to sunset and illuminated at night.

- **Respect:** Teach kids not to let the flag touch the ground, to always treat it with respect, and to never use it for advertising or decoration.
- **Half-Staff:** Explain that the flag is often flown at half-staff to show respect for someone who has died, and how it should be raised and lowered.

Connecting to Patriotism and American Values:

- **National Identity:** Explain that the flag represents the country and its values, like freedom, justice, and unity.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Explain the Pledge of Allegiance and its significance.
- **National Holidays:** Discuss how the flag is displayed on national holidays like Flag Day and why.

Lastly, but certainly not least, not only on Flag Day, but every day, let us remember to pray... When you see an American flag, remember to pray for all those who have fought for our freedoms – the brave men and women of the past, those now, and those yet to come. Pray a *HAIL MARY* that we be a united, loving, and God-fearing nation. Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States, **PRAY FOR US!**

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Martin Truong	William Cosgrove	Michael Costik	Charles Curran	Donald Curtiss	Joseph Martuscello	Steven Lape



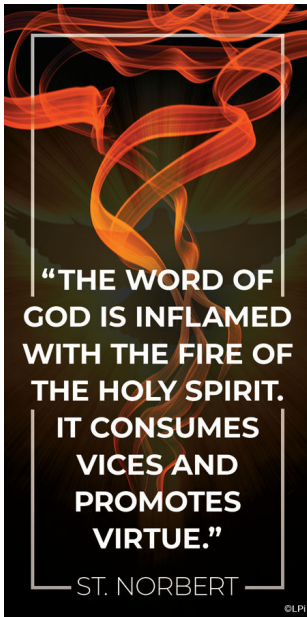
Sacrament of Holy Orders

In the Catholic Church, Holy Orders is one of the seven sacraments. It's a sacred rite through which a man is given the authority and grace to serve in the Church. This sacrament is meant to empower an ordained man to continue the mission of Christ in the world, building up and leading the Church through his ministry.

Albeit one man being ordained to the Holy Priesthood in our Diocese of Rochester, this one man, this one ordination, is one awesome blessing from God! This Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will ordain **Transitional Deacon, Reverend Mr. George A. Bastedo IV** to the Holy Priesthood. All are invited and encouraged to attend this blessed celebration.

The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.

– St John Vianney



June 5, 2022 —Pentecost Sunday

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

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When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. *"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."* St. Augustine If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

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June is the Month Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

As we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this month of June, please take a moment when you are in church to pay a visit to the Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus located next to the Tabernacle, and pray the following prayer (or you can pray it at your pew).

"O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you."



Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost.

Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



CONGRATULATIONS

NEWLY CONFIRMED!

Come Holy Spirit, Fill the Hearts of the Faithful

In the past few weeks, three of the youth from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral by the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester. I take this opportunity to congratulate **Grant Bailey, Noah McMichael, and Jeannine Zodarecky** on their recent Confirmation with the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit – *Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord*. Having been confirmed, may they each continue to grow in their faith through the graces offered at Mass each week through hearing the Word of God and receiving Jesus – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. It is our prayer that Grant, Noah and Jeannine be blessed with the Peace and Love of Christ. Let us pray also for their families that they be a strong support to them on their journey of faith, together with our prayers. A special thank you to Cristyn Simone, Jessica Wunsch, and Deacon Lon Smith for catechizing and supporting this young woman and these young men over the past two years of preparation.

God bless us one and all!

Fr. Peter



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:

THIS Friday, June 13 at 6:00 PM

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

Saturday, September 13 at Noon.

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.



Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf

Our Food Drive
will be held
NEXT weekend

June 14/15. The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece residences each month.

They are asking for donations of the following items: Baked beans, chunky soup, canned pasta, cereal, 1-pound box of various shaped pasta, tomato products, small size dish soap, laundry detergent, and bars of soap.

Food will be delivered on the morning of June 16.

Please, contact Pamela Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053 or email gakern85@gmail.com if you can help with the delivery.

PENTECOST





Antoinette Mannara *Sister of Maryann Pino*



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



May 24/25 Week 48	ATTENDANCE.....463
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,184.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,707.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,891.05
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 429.95)

Ascension Thursday May 29	ATTEN.....210
Ascension Thursday.....	\$ 1,452.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 115.00
Ascension Thursday.....	\$ 1,567.00

May 31/June 1 Week 49	ATTENDANCE.....437
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,975.27
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,912.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,887.27
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 433.73)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as June 1, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 456,729.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 444,448.89
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 12,280.11)

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.

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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Leaving the Room

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church,” and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost *was*, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come *before* the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn't until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, *the Church*, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

They had the Truth — capital T. They had borne witness to Christ's miracles, to his life and to his passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn't enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It's what makes *us* the Church. Without it, we're just a bunch of guys in a room. ©LPi

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 StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu - 225-8980**Deacons:**

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Lon Smith - 489-7255

Director, Music Ministry:

Dawn Chmiel - 225-8980

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Consuelo De Los Santos

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

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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