

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 10, 2026

2400 West Ridge Road
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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 will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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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 16:11-15/
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34/
Ps 138: 1-3, 7c-8/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/
Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/
Ps 113: 1-8/
Jn 15:9-17

Friday

Acts 18:9-18/
Ps 47:2-7/
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28/
Ps 47: 2-3, 8-10/
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9/
Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20

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.

What is Usual and Unusual?

A quotation of our Bishop Salvatore Matano in his early familiarization of our diocese said:

"Recently, I attended a regional meeting of priests. Seated around the table were priests enriching our presbyterate from Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Vietnam, Springfield in Massachusetts and me, a transplant from Vermont/Rhode Island. Who was missing? A priest from the Diocese of Rochester! And yet when I visit parishes, so often the people ask me to send them a priest or plead that their priest will remain in the parish. The question I then ask is this: When was the last time this parish sent a young man to study for the priesthood?"

What Bishop Matano is saying here is that the Diocese of Rochester does not have enough home-grown vocations to fill the slots for our pastoral needs. So let us all be reminded that the "UNUSUAL" number of Diocesan priests in the past is not the "USUAL" in our present time. We, therefore, have to maximize our energy to give/do



Priesthood

the best in our current circumstances. It means that as your Pastor, I encourage all parishioners and fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood. Furthermore, we must support them in their ministry. All of us need to be active participants in the life of the Church. We are all needed by our Mother Church to be witnesses to our baptismal call.

What lessons does Jesus provide us? He shows us that doing the Father's work may not be easy, comfortable or without obstacles. He shows us that the important thing is doing the work. He calls us to be dedicated, to be confident, to be high-minded, but also be realistic. We are to have our head in the clouds and our feet on the ground, as an old saying goes. We are to keep always before us the building up of the Kingdom of God. Our faith can lead us to the realization that Jesus is always here, willing to heal our wounds and constantly unfolding the fulness of life before our eyes.



*Peace and love to all,
Father Peter*



Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way.

For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.

For those who have lost children:

hold them in their sorrow.

For those who have hoped for children:

surround them with Your love.

For those who have lost a mother:

may they know Your comfort.

For those carrying difficulty on this day:

bring them consolation.

Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.

Amen. ©LPi

Masses for the Week—May 11—17

MONDAY, May 11 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Madeline B. Resch*
 by Family

TUESDAY, May 12 *Sts Nereus, Achilleus, & Pancras*
 8:15 AM + *Virginie Taylor*
 by The Spencer Family
 2:30 PM + *Mass at Hamilton*

WEDNESDAY, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*
 8:15 AM *Living Members of the Zegarelli Family*
 by Eileen Zegarelli

THURSDAY, May 14 **Ascension of the Lord**
 9:00 AM + *Mary Martha Ryan*
 by Friend
 12:05 PM + *Dolores DeConinck*
 Circle of Friends
 6:00 PM + *Living & Deceased Members of St John's*

FIRST FRIDAY, May 15 *St Isadore*
 8:15 AM + *Carol Brancato*
 by The Frankunas & Charissis Families

SATURDAY, May 16 *Easter Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Stanley Waffle*
 by Daughter, Chris

SUNDAY, May 17
 8:00 AM + *Mark Duford*
 by Alan and Kathy Christodaro
 10:00 AM + *The Deceased Parishioners of St John's*

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
All Deacons	Dennis Bonsignore	Robert Bourcy	James Boyle	Deceased Priests	Robert Bradler	Buckley Brendan



**Masses THIS Thursday, May 14
 at 9:00 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6:00 PM**

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 10 **Mother's Day**

Monday, May 11
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg in Parish Center

Thursday, May 14
 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, May 16
 9:00 AM-12:30 PM Rain Date for Day of Caring on Parish Campus IF NEEDED

Sunday, May 17
 Coffee Hour following the 8:00 And 10:00 AM Mass In Parish Center



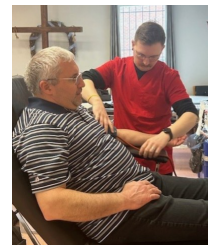
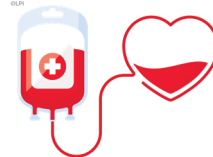
Thank You For Helping Save Lives

Thank you to all who participated in donating blood at our Parish Blood Drive on April 18, 2026, in memory of Mickey Corsi.

We were able to exceed our goal for the amount of pints collected which will be very helpful in saving lives in our community.

We look forward to another successful drive next year. Once again, THANK YOU!!

God bless,
 Tom, Cathy, and Nick Corsi





Public Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima THIS Wednesday, May 13, 2026

As America and the world at large continue to face violence, hatred, the repercussions of war and so many other challenges and chaos, many are understandably searching for a glimmer of hope. If you find yourself, like so many others, overwhelmed and uncertain about so much in this day and age, turn to the Rosary. Our Lady of Fatima requested the daily recitation of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and an end to war.

This Public Rosary Rally and others taking place around the country, promoted by America Needs Fatima, serve as public reparation for offenses against God and honoring Our Lady's message to bring the world to God through the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart. At the Public Rosary Rally, through this humble prayer of The Rosary, we focus on praying for peace in hearts, families, and the world, the conversion of sinners, and reparations for sins.

We hope you will join parishioners of St. John's Parish as well as folks from our neighboring parishes as we join together for a peaceful gathering at **the next Public Rosary Rally on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6 PM, at Southwest corner of Long Pond Road & Latta Road** (in front of the bank). ALL are invited—we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Marcia at the Parish Office at 225-8980.

Please make note of these 2026 Rally Dates:

THIS Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 6 PM

Saturday, June 13, 2026, @ Noon

Monday, July 13, 2026, @ 6 PM

Thursday, August 13, 2026, @ 6 PM

Sunday, September 13, 2026, @ Noon

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 6 PM

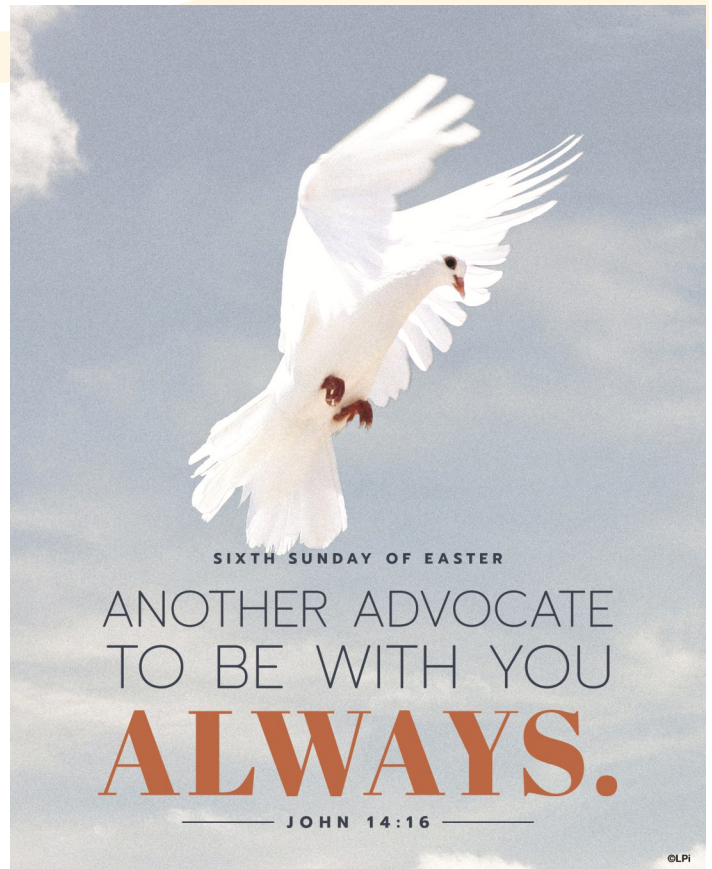
The Fatima Prayer (Decade Prayer)

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.”



Join Us for Coffee Hour!
NEXT Sunday, May 17
following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses

Come socialize with your fellow parish members and your hosts for this month, our **Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry**.
We look forward to seeing you there!



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 14:15-21

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18 He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



**Laudato Si',
Care for our
Common Home Gathering**

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together”

Col 1:16-17.

Our world, our lives and our actions are interdependent

and the outcomes of those actions have taken a toll on our planet in the past 100 years. Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si’, is an urgent call to humanity to recognize how our behavior has so altered our common home that clean air and water and livable temperatures are not guaranteed for all, especially the poor throughout the world. And he asks us to commit to change.

The Finger Lakes Catholic Creation Care Covenant (FLCCCC), which has been meeting virtually for the past 2 years would like to invite parishioners throughout the Diocese of Rochester to join us for an afternoon of discernment and fellowship regarding Care for our Common Home. We will have guest speaker Nancy Burke, Assistant Professor of Theology from St John Fisher college discuss the origins of Laudato Si; as well as parishioners’ involved in this work, who will share their personal and parish experiences and forecast where we may yet need to go.

Whether you currently have an active Care for Creation team in your parish and/or are interested in working with others to learn more, we would value your energy and input in this endeavor.

The gathering will be Wednesday, May 20 from 3:00-5:30 PM at St. Cecilia’s Church Newcomb Center, 2732 Culver Rd, Rochester NY.

To assist us in our planning we kindly ask that you register at: <https://evite.me/w9qVQR8J5Z> or scan the QR code here. If you do not have internet access, you can call Lisa Cook at 585-752-0353 to register.



**Joan of Arc:
The Warrior Saint**

Noted historian and author Stephen W. Richey will present a lecture and travelogue slide show about Saint Joan of Arc on **Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2400 West Ridge Road, 14626.** Steve is the author of the scholarly book *Joan of Arc: The Warrior*

Saint. In his presentation, Steve will describe the remarkable traits of character and unique circumstances that enabled Joan to achieve what seemed to be impossible: emerging from utter obscurity to lead her country’s army in turning the tide of a great war and—eventually—freeing her homeland from foreign domination. The presentation will consist of a lecture in which Steve will make his teaching points. Integrated into the lecture will be a photographic slide show/travelogue following Joan’s path back and forth across France. Every member of the audience will receive a copy of the lecture notes. **All are welcome!**

Blessing of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit! Bless me with Your presence today! Gather what has been scattered, assure what has been frightened, ignite what has been dry. Breathe new life into my body, new joy into my soul, new vision into my mind, new hope into my heart.

Amen. ©LPI



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SAVE THE DATE – Parish Picnic

Celebrate St. John with your parish family! Hots and burgers will be provided. We will ask for a dish to pass. Music, games and activities. Details to follow but for now **SAVE THE DATE for PARISH PICNIC ON JUNE 7.** Peace and blessings, Social Ministry



Joseph Arbia *Father of Joanne Laurini*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Deacon Bob**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Thomas Burke**
- ✚ Marian I **All Mothers Living & Deceased**
- ✚ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



May 2/3 Week 44	ATTENDANCE.....	436
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,431.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,996.61
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,427.65
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	477.65

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as of May 3, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	437,800.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	447,438.97
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	9,638.97

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

NOTE: For those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. Please contact the Parish Office if you need church envelopes or wish to donate through electronic on-line giving. Also, this QR code is a convenient option.



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



ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day in the United States
THIS Saturday, May 16, 2026

Celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May, this day honors all men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

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This world-wide program is in 27 countries and has been in Rochester for over 40 years. It has even helped separated or divorced couples who want to try again.

Our next program starts May 22nd, please call 716-474-9371 with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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 throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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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.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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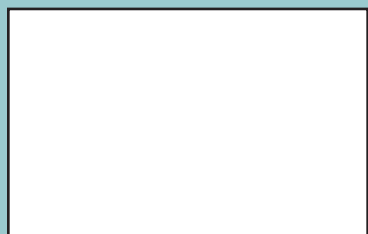
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