



## 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.

### The Angel Inside Us and Our First Communion Experience

This month, many children of our diocese will be making their First Communion, and so I have this story to share.

A young boy was walking down the street when he came upon an old cathedral. He could hear banging and clanging coming from within and decided to open the door to find out what was going on. Inside, an old man worked on a huge block of marble with a chisel and hammer. The old man never noticed the young boy, and after a few minutes the boy wandered off, unimpressed by what he saw.

Many days later, the boy was once again passing by the cathedral. This time it was the silence that stoked his curiosity, and he peeked in to see why things were so quiet. The old man was still at work, but instead of a hammer and a chisel, he held a soft cloth that he used to polish a large angelic figure that had once been the block of marble.

The little boy stood in amazement of what he saw, and after several minutes he asked the old man, "How did you know that an angel was inside that block of marble?" The old man turned to the boy and said, "There is an angel inside us all. All we need to do is chip away at those little hard pieces that do not resemble one, and we will release the angel that is inside us."



The only way to unwrap this angel within us is to develop trust in God through the Eucharist. We need to experience it, need to see it, and need to live it as the source of our faith. Parents and grandparents, bring your young ones to church often so that they can receive the Eucharist at

Mass. Parents, thank God for your child and think about God's faithfulness. Think about how God led his people (the Israelites) to the Promised land despite their weak faith and episodes of disobedience. Fill your minds with stories like these, and you will see what faithful friendship looks like. We need to reach into the depths of our hearts and allow God to use us through our guardian angel. Think about your family, job, neighborhood, church, gym, and so on. ***Have you ever thought that God might have positioned you just perfectly in the midst of all these people to be a door-opener for the Good News?***

Today, let us take some time to map out the different connections we have through our Eucharistic celebration. Start by making a list or drawing a kind of web that illustrates the many groups we are linked to. Look for ways to invite others to come and see the goodness of the Lord. Even a small act of trusting

hospitality can do wonders!

Peace to all,

*Father Peter*



*There is no job harder than being a mom. For this reason, it is important that we keep our mothers in our prayers on a daily basis, and especially on Mother's Day.*

#### **A Prayer for Mothers and for those women in our lives who serve as our mothers**

God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.

May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.



## Masses for the Week—May 12—May 18

**MONDAY, May 12** *Sts Nereus, Achilles, & Pancras*  
8:15 AM + **Michael Danny Hoerr**  
by John & Carol Leary

**TUESDAY, May 13** *Our Lady of Fatima*  
8:15 AM + **Intentions of the Fatima Group**  
by Eileen  
2:00 PM **Mass at Hamilton**

**WEDNESDAY, May 14** *St Matthias, Apostle*  
8:15 AM + **Eva Evans**  
by John & Carol Leary

**THURSDAY, May 15** *St Isidore*

**FRIDAY, May 16** *Easter Weekday*  
8:15 AM **Intentions of the Zegarelli Family**  
by Mom

**SATURDAY, May 17** *Easter Weekday*  
4:00 PM + **Helen Waffle**  
by Daughter & Family

**SUNDAY, May 18** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
8:00 AM + **Salvatore Panella**  
by Wife & Family  
10:00 AM + **Living Members of St John's**

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

## This Week's Schedule

**Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day**  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Monday, May 12**  
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

**TUESDAY, May 13** *Our Lady of Fatima*  
2:00 PM Mass at Hamilton

**Wednesday, May 14**  
10:30 AM Bereavement Group in Parish Center

**Thursday, May 15**  
4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room



## Sunday, May 11 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts  
in the Body of Christ.*

*We ask that You inspire young people  
whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life  
to courageously follow Your will.*

*Send workers into Your great harvest  
so that the Gospel is preached,  
the poor are served with love,  
the suffering are comforted,  
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.*  
*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

<https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/prayers/>

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

May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
Robert Bradler	All Deacons	Alexander Bradshaw	Richard Brickler	Philip Brockmyre	Michael Brown	Timothy Brown



## Statement of the NYS Bishops on State-Sanctioned Suicide Bill

*"Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for all. We are called never to abandon those who are suffering, never giving up but caring and loving to restore hope."*

— Pope Francis, 2019

At a time when New Yorkers are rightly concerned with issues such as affordability, crime, homelessness, federal cuts to Medicaid, behavioral health access, and their children's education, we pray that the legislature reconsiders this disastrous public policy, and we call on Governor Hochul to exercise her veto authority should the bill come to her desk.

Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the Catholic Bishops of NYS April 24, 2025



Oh 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.  
Amen.





### Vocations Display

Are you, or someone you know, considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? If so, visit our new display of vocations literature in the narthex near the stairway to the choir loft. There's also information for parents, Rosary meditations and even

information for those considering the vocation of marriage. Please consider who in your life could benefit from this information and pass it along.



### Journey Through Grief - Support Group

Sisters and brothers that are grieving the death of a loved one are invited to share in our bereavement program "Journey Through Grief" with Deacon Lon at St. John the Evangelist Church.

**You do not have to walk this journey alone. Our next series will meet in the Parish Center from 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, Wednesdays, May 14-June 18.**

**To register, please call the Parish Office at 225-8980.**

*God, grant me the strength to keep moving  
when I can, the grace to rest when I need to,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

-A Serenity Prayer for Griefers

### The Lord Calls Us to Feed the Hungry

Thank you for supporting the St. John's Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf. Thanks to your generosity, St. John's Parishioners delivered 409 lbs. of food and household items to the Greece Food Shelf on March 24, 2025.

The generosity of our parishioners is amazing! Many thanks to Fr. Peter who supported the food drive, the wonderful parishioners who donated the food, the volunteers who helped fill the boxes, and to those

who helped transport the boxes to the Greece Food Shelf. These food items help put food on the table for hundreds of families in the Greece Community.

Pam Tofany-Kern



Pictured L to R Rick Stein, Joe Waters, Pam Tofany-Kern, Gene Preston, Nick Verdino, and Gary Kern.



**Greece Ecumenical  
Food Shelf &  
Clothing Closet Inc.**

*Serving the Greece and Charlotte Areas*

The Board Members of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf & Clothing Closet, Inc. thank the congregation at the Church of St John the Evangelist for the donation of food donated on March 24 and the check for \$500 given on April 16. We are very grateful for your continued support to our organization.

We served 324 households and 911 people in March 2025. Many clients have been coming each month, and with the current cut backs in support by the Federal Government, we expect our client numbers to continue to increase.

The Clothing Closet is experiencing similar increases in client support. The Clothing Closet served 118 households in March 2025 compared to 106 households in March 2024.

The people in need in our community certainly benefit from your contributions.

Sincerely,

Chris Pucher, *Assistant Treasurer*

Did you know  
that Catholics  
*celebrate* Easter  
for 50 days?





## MANY Thanks to Go Around

With the Lenten season and Sacred Triduum behind us, and the ongoing Easter Season, it's time to reflect on the many people and ministries who worked hard to bring the Triduum and Easter Sunday to the beautiful celebrations they were.



Once again we were blessed with a very successful **Lenten Fish Fry** supported by our **Knights of Columbus Council 3892**

(comprised of men, not only from

St. John's, but also St. Charles and Our Mother of Sorrows) and dedicated **parishioners of St. John's**. Over the course of 6 weeks MANY people came to enjoy a delicious meal by dining in or taking their meal to go. All in all, 1493 meals were prepared and as a result, St. John's net proceeds totaled \$5,828.41. I'm grateful to know so many of our parishioners volunteered week in and week out to make this overall fish fry experience a wonderful one! Lastly, but certainly not least, a special thank you to all of the parishioners who supported this year's Lenten Fish Fry – we've had another successful year!



Some of you, along with myself, took part in our 5 week **Parish Lenten Retreat** led by **Deacon Lon Smith** and for those who were not able to take part, please

know it was an excellent and well done retreat that benefited those taking part. It was an opportunity to experience and explore compassion as a tender yet powerful inner capacity that helps cultivate well-being and overcome divisions. I wish to extend my gratitude to Deacon Lon for putting this wonderful Retreat together.



I also take this opportunity to thank the **Knights** for their annual **Easter Lily Sale** which results in making a difference to our homebound and nursing home parishioners who receive a hand delivered lily from the Knights. The recipients are very touched in being remembered especially at this holy time of year and it maintains a connection for

them with their parish of St. John's. God bless you for your goodness and for those who donated to make this possible.



On Saturday, April 12, children were treated to an **EGGstra-special** time at our annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our **Social**

**Ministry Team** led by **Karen Bessette** and **Melissa Ryan** along with various volunteers. This is a favorite event enjoyed by young and old alike so **THANK YOU** Social Ministry for a fun-filled event!



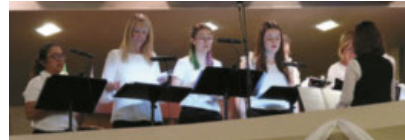
Thank you to the **Ushers, Greeters, and Security Team** who were available

to welcome and meet the needs and safety of parishioners and visitors.



On a very holy night, Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025, the Catholic Church, here at our beloved St. John's, received into full communion, through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, **Glenn Smith** and **Jay Colgrove**.

These gentlemen spent several months, together with their sponsors, preparing through our parish **O.C.I.A.** program under the dedicated leadership of **Rick** and **Kathy Paoletti** to whom I am very grateful. Running this program is a long-term commitment and I am blessed by their solid understanding of the Catholic faith and helping to catechize others.



With much preparation taking place leading up to the Triduum, our **Music Ministry** provided beautiful

music adding to the sacredness of this Holy Week. We are blessed here at St. John's to have **Dawn** and **Consuelo** in their roles in our Music Ministry and the special gifts they share bringing out the best in our cantors and various choir members. From the bottom of my heart – **THANK YOU!**



By now we have all witnessed the Easter beauty in church and for this we can thank **Patty Hoag, Marianne Katz** and the **Volunteers** of our **Arts and Environment Ministry** who together put on this beautiful

display. They worked within a very tight schedule as we moved from one liturgy to the next. I appreciate the efficient planning through all of this. I also wish to thank all those who made a donation in memory of or in honor of loved ones – your generous support made these flowers possible! And where would all this beauty be now if not for the dedicated watering of these plants by **Barb** and **Bill Childs**.



Thank you to our **Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Deacon Elmer** and **Deacon Lon** who added in a special way to the beauty of the Masses and the season overall!

To my **Parish Staff** who worked behind the scenes to tend to the various details, please know of my gratitude.

Lastly, but certainly not least, to **all our parishioners** and **visitors** who so generously supported our Mite Box Project this year; \$5,000 was collected to share with the DOR Seminarians, Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana, and Mary's Place Outreach. In addition, you supported the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, the Easter offering, and the Sunday offering. I thank all those who extended their wishes of Easter joy to me by way of your cards and your prayers. May our good and gracious God bless each and every one of you now and always.

In Gratitude to God for all these blessings, *Fr. Peter*



## ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday, May 17



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Special Intention for Sarah**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Special Intention for Sarah**
- ✠ Marian I **Deacon Bob**
- ✠ Marian II **Thomas O. Burke**

### BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>May 3/4</b> Week 45	ATTENDANCE.....	432
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,119.62
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,285.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,404.62
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	83.62

### Fiscal Year 2024-25 as May 4, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	419,445.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	406,998.68
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	12,446.32)

*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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).

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



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

## Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

**CMA REMINDER:** We take this opportunity to pass along a friendly reminder that all CMA pledges are to be paid in full by May 31, 2025. Thank you for your attention to this and once again, please know the appreciation we have for all of you who supported this campaign and making it successful for our beloved St. John's Parish 039!

### Special Collection

#### Diocesan Missions Sunday

NEXT Weekend, May 17/18



We shall observe Diocesan Missions Sunday.

Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of pilgrimage as Church. This is the message of the new evangelization.

*"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey." -Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel" (127)*

Our dedicated Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile have been on pilgrimage sharing their gift of faith and service to God's people.

We are called to help them next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

## Women's Retreat

*"Walking in Friendship with God:  
Pilgrims of Hope"*

Elena Kiley • Fr. Phillip Sutherland, SJ • Jodie Scordo

**May 16—18, 2025**



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### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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 about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

We are  
the **sheep**  
of **His flock.**

PSALM 100

*We ask the Risen Jesus, who turns  
death into life, to change hatred into  
love, vengeance into forgiveness,  
war into peace.* - Pope Francis

### Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2025

#### HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 11, 2025	Ron LaForce
May 25, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

#### ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 11, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert
May 18, 2025	Chris Hoefler
May 25, 2025	Chris Hoefler

#### THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 11, 2025	Bob/Barb Gotham
May 18, 2025	Tom Grieco
May 25, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham

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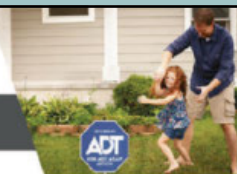
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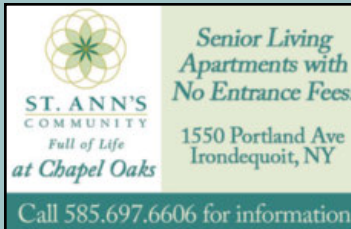
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