

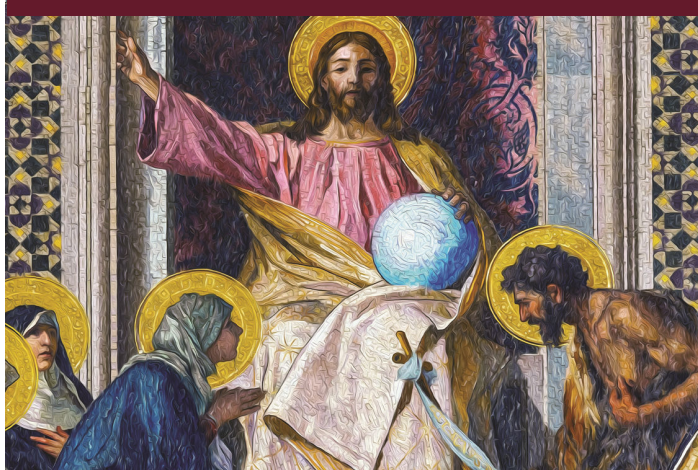
# St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 12, 2024

2400 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, New York 14626



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT**  
*As disciples of Jesus Christ serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, we collaborate with the Pastor and Staff inviting the people of St. John the Evangelist Church to joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, faithfully teach Catholic tradition, and fervently form Catholic spirituality, so that together we may go forth in love to serve the Lord and each other.*



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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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 19:1-8/  
Ps 68:2-3ab,4-5acd, 6-7ab/  
Jn 16:29-33

#### Tuesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Acts 20:28-38/  
Ps 68:10-11,20-21/  
Jn 15:9-17

#### Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38/  
Ps 68: 29-30,33-35a,35bc-36ab/  
Jn 17:11b-19

#### Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/  
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11/  
Jn 17:20-26

#### Friday

Acts 25:13b-21/  
Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab/  
Jn 21:15-19

#### Saturday

Acts 28:16-20,30-31/  
Ps 11:4-5, 7/  
Jn 21:20-25  
Jn 20:19-23

#### Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/  
Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/  
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13

## 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*



### Did You Know?

St. John's has a hearing loop. Section one on the west side of Church is optimal for reception. However, you may also use the last five pews in section two and three on the west side of the Church. Just turn your hearing aids to the T switch position.

The hearing loop will be monitored periodically to assure it is in proper working order.



**Masses for the Week—May 13—19**

**MONDAY, May 13** *Our Lady of Fatima*  
 8:15 AM *Intentions of the Zegarelli Family*  
 by Eileen

**TUESDAY, May 14** *St Matthias, Apostle*  
 8:15 AM + *Virginie Taylor*  
 by The Spencer Family

**WEDNESDAY, May 15** *St Isidore*  
 8:15 AM + *Carmelo Giordano*  
 by Mezzatesta Family

**THURSDAY, May 16** *Easter Weekday*

**FRIDAY, May 17** *Easter Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *John McTammany*  
 by Family

**SATURDAY, May 18** *St John I, Pope*  
 4:00 PM + *Bruno Mezzatesta*  
 by Family

**SUNDAY, May 19 Pentecost Sunday**  
 8:00 AM + *For the People of St John's;*  
*Living and Deceased*  
 10:00 AM + *Carmelo Cancellieri*  
 by Family

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, May 13**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

God has given us the gift of **HIMSELF**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

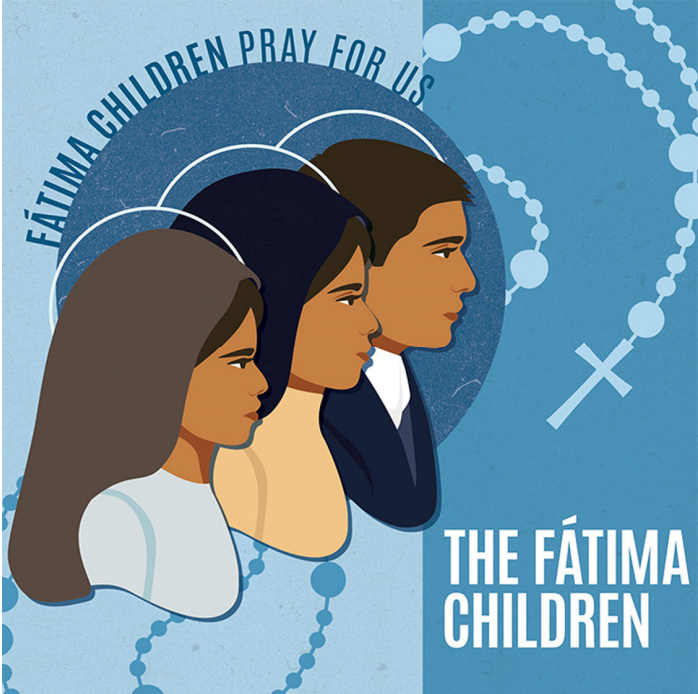
Church tradition calls for the wearing of the color red to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Make this a spiritual day by **wearing something red** at whatever Mass you attend NEXT weekend, May 18/19.

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

May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Pope Francis	Robert Bradler	Alexander Bradshaw	Deceased Priests	Richard Brickler	Philip Brockmyre	Michael Brown



**Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!**  
 Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. **THIS Monday, May 13 at 6:00 PM**  
 We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.  
*Please do not diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.*



**The Fátima Children**  
 The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.



**God Bless ALL Mothers**

*Heavenly Father*, I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold selflessness Mary showed Jesus. Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact. May we honor them today and on all days as vessels of Your love.

*Mary, full of grace*,

I ask for your intercession today for my earthly mother. Pray for her, and pray that her example of love draws me closer to Your son, not only on Mother's Day but on all days. Amen.

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary and on this Mother's Day we not only celebrate our dear earthly mothers but our Heavenly Mother as well. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, *"If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."*

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. John 19:25-27 As we honor our earthly mothers this month, let's honor our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, *"Do whatever he tells you."* John 2:5



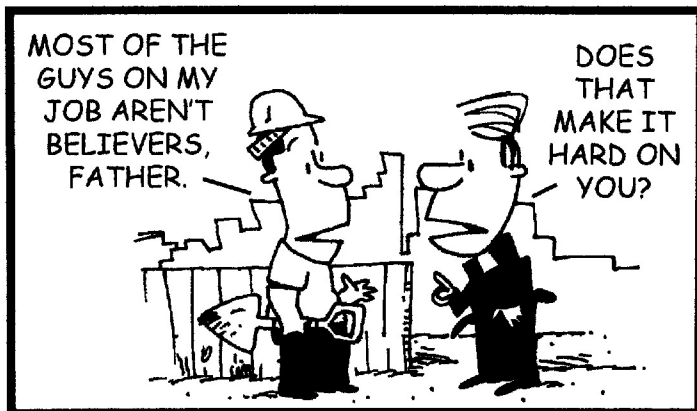
**Commit to the Journey**

In the Church, we observe a liturgical calendar that takes us through the life of Jesus and highlights fundamental doctrines of our faith. Starting with this Sunday, our observance of the Easter Season continues for one more week until the celebration of Pentecost. While many outside of the Church only see Easter as a one-day celebration, we celebrate for an entire season, much like we do during Christmas as well. Of course, this calendar only serves to remind us and point to greater realities.

We are not called to be more generous at Easter or Christmas than we are on other days. We do not choose to love more during one time of the year. The fact is that Jesus is alive right now and at all times is calling us to give of ourselves.

When we make an intentional decision to follow Jesus and adopt a stewardship way of life, we commit ourselves to this journey 365 days a year. We are an Easter people at all times. The high and low points of our journey are not tied to a liturgical year, but instead to our own experiences of life and shortcomings. A season or holiday may make it easier to have a giving attitude, but we need to do the same when little around us is pointing us in that direction. It is sometimes when few are paying attention that love and generosity are most needed.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

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May 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

With this letter, I am pleased to announce the weekend of May 18/19, 2024 celebration the Solemnity of Pentecost, as Diocesan Mission Sunday.

This mission, given to the Church by Jesus to share the Good News of the Gospel, must remain a deep concern for every Christian. As a community of faith we express our genuine solicitude for our brothers and sisters throughout the world, thereby enriching our universal and treasured identity as His disciples. Indeed, proclaiming our salvation in Christ is the message that must be etched into the very heart of ever member of God’s family.

The second reading for Pentecost Sunday challenges us to use our gifts to take care of the Body of Christ, the Church, which has many parts: “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12.

Our prayerful celebration of Holy Mass during this particular weekend gives us the opportunity once again to offer our ongoing prayers and to share a portion of our material gifts in the special Diocesan Mission Sunday collection for the missionary endeavors of the Church. Our generous response this year will enable the Sisters of St Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile to bring the fullness of the Truth of the Gospel to God’s people, redeemed by Jesus Christ and enlightened and guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

With appreciation of your cooperation and an assurance of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Salvatore R. Matano*

*The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano  
Bishop of Rochester*

**Prayer of Mission**

*Dear Lord,  
Grace us with courage and zeal  
as we go forth in Your name,  
speaking your Word,  
offering Your love,  
and bringing Your healing  
to a world in need.*


*Amen.*

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Please come and celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Peter’s 40th Priestly Ordination Anniversary on Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 AM with The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, as the main celebrant. If you’d like to attend the **brunch** afterward and have not yet placed your reservation, please know all **reservations are due no later than Wednesday, May 22** using the form below (*please allow for your reservation to be received in the mail on time*).

*“The Lord is kind and merciful”* Psalm 103

**REV. PETER ENYAN-BOADU**



**40<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

**Mass of Thanksgiving  
Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM**  
St John the Evangelist Church  
2400 W Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14626

A brunch will be held following Mass  
from Noon to 4:00 PM  
at Chef’s Event Center and Party House  
1875 N Union St, Spencerport, NY 14559

If you wish to celebrate this special occasion  
with Fr Peter by attending the brunch,  
please RSVP using the form below.

**REV. PETER ENYAN-BOADU 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

**Reservations \$50 per person  
Paid Reservations due by May 22, 2024**

Name(s)

Phone Number (to confirm receipt of your reservation)

Amount Enclosed

Dietary Restrictions

*Please mail this card back  
with your check made payable to: **PEB 40th***

*Mail to: **PEB 40  
PO Box 64633  
Rochester, NY 14624-7033***

Questions? Call Christine Paoletti at 585-478-2623.



Rev. Joseph M. Sasso *Retired Priest of DOR*  
Rev. Richard J. Beligotti *Retired Priest of DOR*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*  
✚ **Tabernacle I Deceased Members of the Wasilewski Family**  
✚ **Tabernacle II Deceased Members of the Wasilewski Family**  
✚ **Marian I Deceased Members of the Wasilewski Family**  
✚ **Marian II Deceased Members of the Wasilewski Family**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>April 27/28</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	439
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,572.11
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,512.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,084.11
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	1,445.89)

**2nd Collection**

Catholic Home Missions.....	\$	635.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	10.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$	645.00

**May 4/5**

	ATTENDANCE.....	412
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,146.01
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,920.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,066.01
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	463.99)

**2nd Collection**

Capital Improvements/Boiler Fund.....	\$	1,782.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	40.00
Capital Improvements/Boiler Fund.....	\$	1,822.00

**Fiscal Year 2023-24** as of May 5, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	428,850.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	421,779.28
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	7,070.72)

*With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.*



**Supporting Our Friends at St Charles**  
**2,500 Pairs of Shoes in 60 Days!**

*"Knot" just an ordinary Shoe Drive*  
We have accepted the challenge to collect **100 bags of shoes (25 pairs per bag) - that's a total of 2,500 pairs of**

shoes, sneakers, boots, flip flops, etc. Ambitious, YES—but with your help, we are confident that we can do it!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Joshua Opladen Scholarship Fund here at St Charles. This fund was established to assist parish families in providing their children with a Catholic education.

Please bring your **gently worn or new shoes to the Parish Office** or place them in the **collection boxes in the church.**

**Shoe Drive Drop Off!\***

**Saturday, May 18, 9:00 AM—Noon**

**Saturday, June 8, Noon—3:00 PM**

**St Charles Borromeo Church, 3003 Dewey Avenue**  
(Corner of Maiden Lane)

*\*Main Entrance of the Borromeo Ministry Center.*

*Drive-thru volunteers will be there to help*

Help us meet our goal. Save unwanted shoes from landfills, and keep the Opladen Scholarship Fund growing!

**Thank you for your support!**

**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. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. 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.



**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.**



AI can never replace the wisdom of the human heart.

Pope's  
Communications Day  
message

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

May 12, 2024      Ronn LaForce  
May 26, 2024      Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

May 12, 2024      Bob and Barb Gotham  
May 19, 2024      Tom Grieco  
May 26, 2024      Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

May 12, 2024      Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
May 19, 2024      Terry & Pam Hearne  
May 26, 2024      Chris Hoefler