

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 14, 2023

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

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 1:12-14/
Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/
1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a

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 if you will please 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*



ST. PETER'S KITCHEN
nourishment. community. hope.

Dear Friends at St. John's,

Thank you for your gifts to St. Peter's Kitchen from your St. Joseph's Table (\$175) and your Monthly Meal Program (\$150). Thank you for the encouragement your gift brings, inspiring us to continue to work hard to meet the needs of Rochester's most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

Kelly Finnigan, *Executive Director*



Dear Friends at St. John's,

Thank you for your donation to St. Joseph's House. Your financial support of \$150 on April 19, 2023 helps us to continue in our mission.

Thank you,

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Dear Friends at St. John's,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$150 to the House of Mercy on April 17, 2023.

Our service to the poor is only made possible with the support of our donors like you! We are so grateful for your support!

Yours truly,

Dr. Tammy Butler, *Executive Director*

Masses for the Week—May 15—21

MONDAY, May 15 *St Isidore*

8:15 AM + *Pamela Kalke*
by Jeanne Feola

TUESDAY, May 16 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Dana Gellert*
by Pat & Richard Powers

WEDNESDAY, May 17 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Deceased Members of the Bible Study Ministry*
by Bible Study Ministry

THURSDAY, May 18 *Ascension of the Lord*

9:00 AM + *Joseph McKee*
by The Paoletti Family

12:05 PM + *Danny Cochrane*
by Mother and Brothers

6:00 PM + *The People of St. John the Evangelist Church*

FRIDAY, May 19 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM NO Mass Today

SATURDAY, May 20 *St Bernadine of Siena, Priest*

4:00 PM + *Rose Marie Skrypek*
by Family

SUNDAY, May 21 *7th Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM + *Bill Baker*
by Gene & Diane Englert

10:00 AM + *For the People*

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember **St. John the Evangelist Parish**

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20
Thomas Erdle	Richard Farrell	James Fennessy	John Firpo	Deceased Priests	Raymond Fleming	Jesus Flores-Rivera

God is entrusting to you the task ... of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.
—St. John Paul II

Pastoral Planning: Highlighting the Fatima Women’s Prayer Ministry at St. John the Evangelist

This ministry was formed to honor our Lady’s special request at Fatima to spread

the devotion of praying the rosary for peace in the world, to make reparation for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart, and to honor our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The group meets monthly to participate in these devotions while forming close spiritual friendships. According to one member, “For me, it has been a great way to come together with other women at our beloved St. John’s community to pray the rosary & prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. I have enjoyed our faith sharing, stories and fellowship with other Catholic women growing in prayer and encouraging one another. We are called to imitate Our Blessed Mother and love her Son, Jesus.”

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, May 14 Happy Mother’s Day!

Monday, May 15

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

6:30 PM Fatima Women’s Prayer Group in the Parish Center and Church

Thursday, May 18 Holy Day Masses *See below*

Friday, May 19 Holy Hour in Church *See below*

Saturday, May 20

9:00 AM Day of Caring on Parish Campus

Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses on Thursday, May 18 at 9:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM



BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Hour

THIS Friday, May 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM

To begin the Novena to the Holy Spirit, please join us in a special Eucharistic Adoration in a Praise and Worship style, for vocations. A time to help you enkindle, rekindle, and deepen a living relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. All are welcome; young and old alike and if possible, bring a friend.

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever”

John 6:51



Parish Annual Day of Caring

We look forward to seeing our volunteers THIS Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 AM ‘til noon (may end sooner). After our morning work we will enjoy a hot dog lunch and snacks. Water will be available throughout the morning. Don’t forget to bring a rake, work gloves and footwear for yardwork.

If you’re physically unable to help and the weather is nice, you’re welcome to come over and join us along with lunch; just bring your lawn chair and enjoy some fellowship. EVERYONE—Please pray for nice weather!

Sunday, May 14 6th Sunday of Easter**First Reading** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**The
righteous
for the
sake of
the
unrighteous!**

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Alleluia Jn 14:23**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."



A Special Time in Prayer Amidst Reverent Silence

As many of you know, and for those who may not know, 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass, we gather in front of the tabernacle to pray a group Rosary for peace in our world, vocations to the

priesthood, and various other intentions. It was the hope that by now more people would take part in this special devotion but we gather nonetheless no matter the number of people taking part and we always welcome more. ***Won't you please consider joining us?*** Our nation and our world are in dire need of spiritual renewal and peace, therefore, we pray to our Blessed Mother for her powerful intercession.

If you aren't too familiar with praying the Rosary, you can still gather with us and pray what you know with the hope of learning more. We have Rosary pamphlets available. No one is put on the spot; you can participate in prayer as you are comfortable and it is our hope that over time your devotion will increase as we honor our Blessed Mother's call to pray the Rosary, drawing us ever closer to her Son. **Please join us each Saturday at 3:30 PM, or Sunday at 7:30 AM or Sunday at 9:30 AM.** For those in church, sacred space, we respectfully ask for reverent silence as people prayerfully prepare for Mass and the Rosary is being prayed.

Note: The music before Mass is part of Mass preparation.



Blessing for Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You give life and care for Your Church.

Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor.

May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

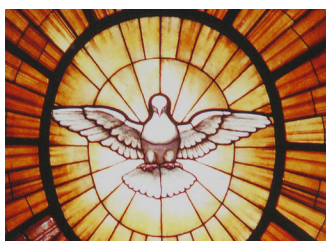
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, Mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith.

Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Our Journey to Pentecost

Novena to the Holy Spirit—Friday, May 19 through Saturday, May 27

This particular novena is based on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and a desire for sainthood.

It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that someone can become a Saint. We cannot save ourselves and it is only by the grace of God that we are saved. So, we must rely completely on the power of the Holy Spirit and the death of Our Lord Jesus. That is the essence of this novena.

The Pentecost novena is really THE original novena. The disciples waited in unity and prayer for the Holy Spirit for nine days after Jesus' ascension to heaven. Jesus asked them to pray constantly in the upper room until the descent of the Holy Spirit.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." — Acts 1:14

To celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, we are going to pray the Holy Spirit Novena! It is a powerful and moving novena that is meant to help us open ourselves up to the third person of the Holy Trinity.

Even though we pray this novena as a preparation for the feast of Pentecost, you can also pray a novena to the Holy Spirit any time that you want.

So, let us pray with great confidence and trust in our God who is all good and loving.

Beginning THIS Weekend, May 13/14, you can pick up your copy of the Holy Spirit Novena from the basket in the front of church near the ambo or go to praymorenovenas.com.

Novenas—not just reserved for the disciples of Jesus' time but to be prayed by disciples of ALL times and this includes each of us! Please make a point to set aside ten quiet minutes each day of the Novena to pray the daily prayer.



Leona Gregg *Mass Attendee from Atria*
Madeline B. Resch *Mother of Deborah Stanton*
Brian Slocum *Father of Jamie Anthony*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Our Mothers, Living & Deceased**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Expectant Mothers**
- ✝ Marian I **Deacon Bob Burke**
- ✝ Marian II **Jeff Lader**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



May 6/7	ATTENDANCE.....	400
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	9,703.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,950.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,653.00
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	2,947.00)

2nd Collection

Capital Improvements.....	\$	1,696.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	365.00
TOTAL Capital Improvements.....	\$	2,061.00

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of May 7, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	436,770.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	425,721.34
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	11,048.66)

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. 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.



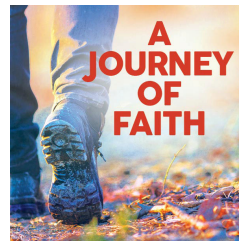
Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



II Alan Frisa, Jr. and Julie Rossignolo

Spiritual Reading Library

"Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book." -St. John Bosco



If you haven't taken notice over the past month or so, there is a bookshelf in the Narthex by the center doors dedicated as a Spiritual Reading Library. This bookshelf is supplied with new and gently used books made available for the purpose of sharing resources to help us on our

spiritual journey. We encourage parishioners and visitors alike to feel free to take a book or two for yourself or someone you know who might benefit from reading them. You can return the book(s) when you are done, you can pass it/them along to others or you can choose to keep it, if you so choose. The idea is to offer opportunities to deepen our knowledge and understanding of our faith and teachings of the Catholic Church, to draw closer to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to share the truth and beauty of our faith with others. We respectfully ask that you do not donate/leave books and pamphlets (that did not originate from this library) on this bookshelf as it is currently being stocked having received pastoral approval.

In addition to this Spiritual Reading Library you will also find a nearby display of booklets covering various topics offered by the Knights of Columbus and their wall display

...share the truth and beauty of our faith with others.

containing CD's covering various Catholic topics, a literature rack with materials offered in memory of a faithful parish evangelizer, and monthly displays of different Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place throughout history, including more recent history. It is our hope and prayer that, together, these resources and displays will spiritually benefit many! May God bless you on your spiritual journey.

Please join in praying together at the end of each Mass the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

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.**

Special Collection

Diocesan Missions Sunday, NEXT Weekend, May 20/21



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.

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.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 14, 2023 Ron LaForce
May 28, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 14, 2023 Chris Hoefler
May 21, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
May 28, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 14, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
May 21, 2023 Tom Grieco
May 28, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham