

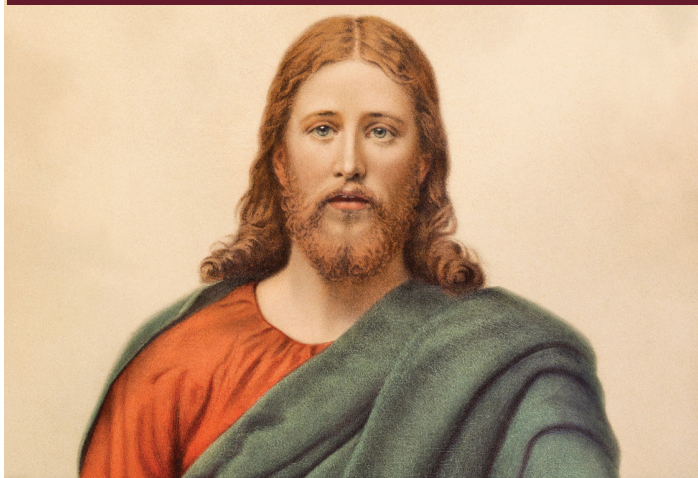
# St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 21, 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.*



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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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 20:17-27/  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/  
Jn 17:1-11a

### Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38/  
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a-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

### Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

## 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.

### Be Sure to Know and Love Yourself

As we approach the summer season and the heat engine is not yet on, there are many things to do. I want us to simply stop, look, and listen as time passes us by and think of ourselves in a special way. We need to develop a love for ourselves as children of God as well as establish a better relationship with our family and church.

We need to live the inner us and keep moving ahead in our prayer life because we can't stand still and improve ourselves at the same time. No matter how imperfect we perceive our shortcomings to be, we need to stop ourselves and learn to love ourselves as we are, even though we may not like some of the physical or character traits...that God gave us. If we are not satisfied with certain attributes that we may have, let us develop a program together to change them; that is the reason why God made us. If we do something that we know isn't in our best interest or not at our highest level of thinking, let us acknowledge our mistake, forgive ourselves, and move on. Change is inevitable in life, but growth in learning from the lessons of change is optional.

We do not have to be too hard on ourselves. We all need a break sometimes. We should know that as children of God, we are going to make

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OFTEN.

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

mistakes and even hurt each other's feelings. We need to realize that and grow through them. If we did not make mistakes, we would probably stay at the same level of achievement and our lives would be boring. Besides,

there really are no such things as mistakes; they are just learning experiences. Many of us have a stubborn part of ourselves that says we can take care of any problem we have on our own.

However, when things do not go the way we want, we may blame God and feel abandoned. God constantly reveals His love to us and looks for us to show love in return. God knows.

Determine your philosophy but continue to adjust it as time moves along. Be flexible because we must adapt to change. God is in charge, not us. Life can be short so please make an impression as one person in the mosaic plan of God. What I regret most in my life as I age in my priesthood are the failures of kindness I could have shown someone or some other person could have shown me. Sure, problems and pain may still come; yet, in the midst of these we can be confident that

Jesus will obtain for us all the resources we need.

Peace to all,  
Father Peter



### Receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

May our good and gracious God bless *Vivianna Walker* having received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 10, 2023. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may her love for Christ Jesus deepen and may this be her prayer:

Spirit of God, grant me The *Gift of Wisdom* to see the world through your eyes, The *Gift of Counsel* to make difficult decisions, The *Gifts of Knowledge and Understanding* to use my mind to know You and to love You, The *Gift of Fortitude* to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments, The *Gift of Piety* to be able to express my special love and commitment to You, And the right kind of awesome *Fear of the Lord* that makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.

### Masses for the Week—May 22—28

**MONDAY, May 22** *St Rita of Cascia*  
 8:15 AM + *Ange Zegarelli*  
 by Brenda, William, Sabrina & Isabella  
 2:30 PM *Mass at the Village at Unity*

**TUESDAY, May 23** *Easter Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Gilbert Nettles*  
 by Dan & Melissa Kabasin

**WEDNESDAY, May 24** *Easter Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Mahonna McKennan (Hogue)*  
 by Dan & Melissa

**THURS, May 25** *Sts Bede the Venerable & Gregory VII*

**FRIDAY, May 26** *St Philip Neri*  
 8:15 AM + *Ricardi Daniele*  
 by Bruna Ragonese

**SATURDAY, May 27** *St Augustine of Canterbury*  
 1:00 PM *Wedding Alan Frisa, Jr. & Julie Rossignolo*  
 4:00 PM + *Dan Englert*  
 by Marianne Katz

**SUNDAY, May 28** *8th Sunday of Easter*  
 8:00 AM + *For the People*  
 10:00 AM + *Mike Szatkowski & Deceased Members of St. John's Choir*  
 by Judy Weiser

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

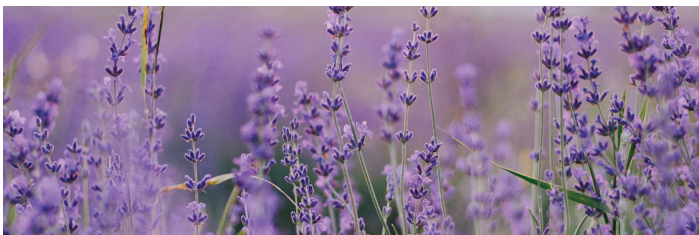
**Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
John Forni	Michael Fowler	Ronald Gaesser	John Gagnier	Robert Werth	Jeffrey Galens	John Gathenya

## PENTECOST SUNDAY



Church tradition calls for the wearing of the color red to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church. Make this a spiritual day by **wearing something red** at whatever Mass you attend NEXT weekend, May 27/28.



### This Week's Schedule

**Monday, May 22**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

**Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday**  
 Remember to **Wear Red** to Mass!



**THE MEN'S MARCH**  
 REPENT AND BE MEN OF GOD

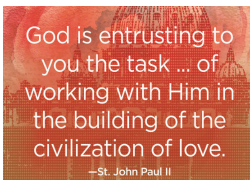
### Bus to Pro-Life March in Albany

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 in Greece will be sponsoring a bus to the June 3 Men's March to Abolish Abortion in Albany and to the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. Both men and women are welcome.

The itinerary is as follows:

- Bus leaves St. John the Evangelist (Greece) parking lot at 5:00 AM, June 3, 2023
  - Men get dropped off at Planned Parenthood in Albany, women then get dropped off at the NYS Capitol building.
  - After opening speeches, men will march 2.6 miles to the Capitol
  - Rally at the Capitol from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (all invited).
  - 1:00 PM pizza lunch and talk at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville
  - 2:00 PM guided tour of the grounds followed by a Holy Hour
  - 4:00 Vigil Mass
  - Arrive back at St. John's parking lot at 8:00 PM
- The cost is \$45 per person.

**If you are interested in participating in this bus tour or for more information, text or call Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555.**



### Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Our Parishes' Weekend Mass Attendance

We often focus on a “priest shortage” but we also have a “parishioner shortage.” The 7 parishes in our area currently have about 3400 people at Mass on a typical weekend. In contrast, in 2011 we had 8400—a 60% decrease. Our attendance—like that across the diocese and elsewhere—has been declining throughout the 2000's, but Covid greatly accelerated that trend. We have fewer people worshipping, engaging in the work of the church, paying the bills. *When was the last time you invited someone to come to Mass with you or you shared your love of the Mass and Eucharist with people in your life?* Mass attendance and church capacity numbers for our individual parishes are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from your parish office.

**Sunday, May 21** 7th Sunday of Easter**First Reading** Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:  
To dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD  
and contemplate his temple.

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

**Alleluia** Jn 14:18

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

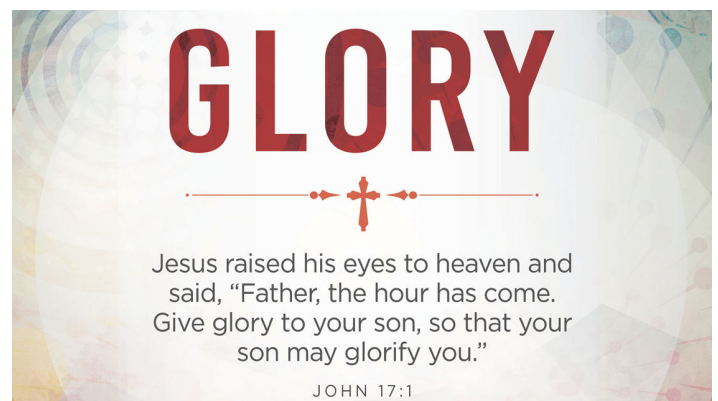
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** Jn 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."



**Be My Witness**

For my 40th birthday, I wished only for a fancy pedicure — a real indulgent one complete with a massage where I could relax and escape the stress of life. On my way to the appointment, I stopped for a coffee and, while in line, this nudge to be open to sharing my faith if the opportunity arose stirred in my heart. Only moments into my birthday treat pedicure — reclined, eyes closed and prepared for an hour of quiet, I hear, “Oh, you wear a crucifix, you must be Catholic. I left for a church that follows the Bible.” Opening one eye and peering toward heaven, I smirked with a wry acknowledgment of recognizing the day’s earlier prompting to be open to being a witness of faith. While I wouldn’t say I liked the timing, I obediently sat up and offered my attention to engaging in a friendly dialog about my faith.

The nail technician and I had a delightful conversation, including Saint Jerome’s work in translating the Bible, the abundance of Scripture found in a Catholic Mass, and my love of daily meditation on the Word of God. We remained respectful, enlightened, and often amazed by the numerous similarities in our spiritual journeys. Over ten years later, our paths have never again crossed, and I will never know this side of heaven if our conversation inspired her to revisit her Catholic faith. The Lord did not ask me to convert or convince but to simply witness and share all the blessings He had (and continues) to bestow in my life. To acknowledge and relate when He touched my heart and renewed my waning faith. That is the core of evangelization, telling how an encounter with Christ has changed you for the better and increased your desire to know, serve and love him even more.

Are you willing to continue the work of the Apostles, allowing the power of the Holy Spirit —received in your baptism and strengthened in your Confirmation, to encourage you to share Jesus — especially along the normal course of your day? To be open to speaking to what you believe, why you attend Catholic Mass, and help, when necessary, correct misconceptions many people hold against the Catholic faith.

*May I be open every day to courageously share how encountering the Risen Lord changes our life as beloved disciples. May I take advantage of opportunities that occur within the normal course of my day to share the Good News.*

That morning, while I listened to this young woman explain why she left the Catholic Church, my heart hurt at how little she knew of the faith and the role that lack of catechesis played in her departure. Recognizing, as she spoke, what she sought had actually been left behind because no one taught her the truth. She left to find Jesus, but he was right there because nowhere is he more present than in the Eucharist.

Jesus promises, just before he ascends into heaven, to send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit animates us in our following Christ more closely, to know and understand what we believe, and to have the courage to proclaim what we believe. What a magnificent gift. These “special graces are given to enable [us] to spread and defend the faith by word and deed as a true witness to Christ” Didache Bible; CCC 900. The Catholic

**Crowning our Queen of Heaven and Earth**

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, during the 10:00 AM Mass, we held our traditional May Crowning of Mary. Children, together with some members of our Fatima Women’s Prayer Ministry, took part in this ceremony led by Fr. Peter.



Jackie Scardino led the procession carrying Mary’s Crown on a pillow and after Fr. Peter’s prayer, Jackie had the honor of Crowning our Blessed Mother. A special thank you to Amelia, Olivia, Katya, and Fiona who also participated in this special ceremony.

*Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, oh Maria. Hail, mother of mercy and of love, oh Maria. Triumph all ye cherubim, Sing with us ye seraphim. Heaven and earth resound the hymn. Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.*



Church is missionary. Jesus did not intend for only the Apostles to go and make disciples. We, through our baptism, are likewise commissioned to profess the faith. We must allow the plenitude of graces and blessings we receive to provide us the courage and wisdom to encourage many other souls to encounter Jesus and pursue a path to holiness and heaven

Our goal is not only to reach the gates of heaven — the very ones Jesus opened through his love and sacrifice, but more importantly, through our own love and sacrifice, answering his call to witness to all the ends of the earth is to bring as many others with us as possible — even if it only brings us around the corner to the local salon.

—Allison Gingras





*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*



- ✚ Tabernacle I A Special Intention for Julie Rossignolo & AJ Frisa
- ✚ Tabernacle II A Special Intention for Julie Rossignolo & AJ Frisa
- ✚ Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek
- ✚ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>May 13/14</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	447
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,018.07
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,640.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,658.07
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	47.93)

**2nd Collection**

Mother's Day Offering.....	\$	305.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	.00
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TOTAL Capital Improvements.....	\$	305.00

**Fiscal Year 2022-23** as of May 14, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	446,476.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	435,379.41
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	11,096.59)

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



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

*Marriage Banns*

**III Alan Frisa, Jr. and Julie Rossignolo**

*Lord, the source of all true love, we pray for Alan and Julie*

*Grant to them joy of heart, seriousness of mind and reverence of spirit, that as they enter into the oneness of marriage they may be strengthened and guided by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



*Give me an army praying the Rosary and I will conquer the World.*

Pope Pius IX

*To conclude the month of May, dedicated to our Mother Mary, you are cordially invited to*

**Pray the Holy Rosary**

during a preached Holy Hour with **Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Sacred Heart Cathedral . 296 Flower City Park  
Rochester, NY 14615

Sponsored by the Holy Rosary Crusade of Holy Cross & Our Mother of Sorrows Parishes, the Diocese of Rochester, and Sacred Heart Cathedral

*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, THIS 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 28, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

May 21, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
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**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

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