

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 24, 2026

2400 West Ridge Road
Rochester, New York 14626



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

BE FILLED
WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20/
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16/
Ps 98:1-4/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

1 Pt 1:18-25/
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/
Ps 100:2-5/
Mk 10:46-52

Friday

1 Pt 4:7-13/
Ps 96:10-13/
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

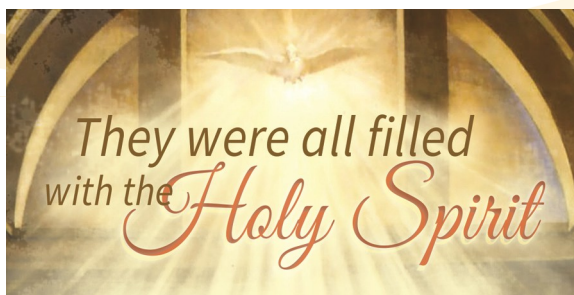
Jude 17, 20b-25/
Ps 63:2-6/
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/
Dn 3:52-56/
2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

The Feast of Pentecost— Come Holy Spirit

Pentecost was originally a Jewish agricultural feast. It was celebrated fifty days or seven weeks after Passover and started as a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest. As it developed it also became a reminder and celebration of God's mighty deeds in the history of salvation. Today, we celebrate the harvest of our faith and how it has been a spiritual nourishment during difficult and challenging days. The Feast we celebrate today gives us a chance to remember what God has done in the mystery of the life of Jesus Christ. We call this feast day the "birthday of the church" and we are the body who make up the congregation. The Spirit's signs and wonders we experience in our Baptism and Confirmation surround us and are in our midst every day. We have been strengthened by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and have become committed members who serve in ministry full-time, as well as the many volunteers. None of us has all the gifts needed to minister to this community or to address the needs of the world around us. But as a community we have seen and heard of the Spirit's gifts still being poured on those gathered in "one place together," as the disciples were on Pentecost, and we too, gathered on this day. The signs may not be as spectacular as wind, flames, and charismatic speech, but they are, nevertheless, part of the drama of the Acts of the Spirit that we read about this Pentecost Day. For among us here today are people who have been nourished by God's Spirit over a lifetime. We still believe; we are still yearning for God and we are still trying to be faithful to our commitments. In this fickle world where people walk away from



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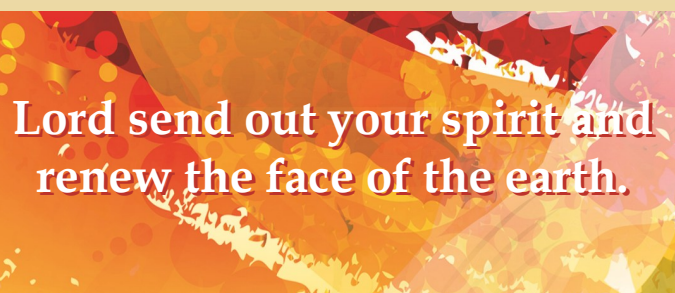
commitments they have made to church and family, the Church continues to proclaim in word and deed Christ's ongoing life among us. Once again in this faith community of St. John's, the Holy Spirit is lighting a fire that will fuel our faith. We also ask you to pray for our various committee representatives who make the running of this parish be collaborative in

ministry. This Feast of Pentecost is a major feast of the Church. It is so important because it is a celebration of the perpetual, powerful presence of God in and through the Holy Spirit in the Church. More than the fulfilled promise of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is the driving force of unity and evangelization in the Church. It is this force which unites all the followers of Jesus into his Body. It is this force which goes forth into the world to teach, challenge, convert, and bring peace. There are times in our lives when we feel weak and alone, when we lack confidence in our faith or in our Christian calling. Our Feast of Pentecost serves as a reminder to us that we are not alone—the Holy Spirit is with us.

When we open our lives to the power of the Spirit, great things will happen in us and through us. The Spirit can speak the truths of God through us if we give our VOICES. The Spirit can touch broken lives, heal divisions, and impart forgiveness if we give our HEARTS. The Spirit can lift burdens, dry our tears, and do great works of charity if we give our HANDS. Come Holy Spirit to renew us, to rewind us, and re-create us in our faith.



*God bless,
Father Peter*



Parish Office Closed on Memorial Day, THIS Monday, May 25 and will re-open on Tuesday, May 26.

Masses for the Week—May 25—31

MON, May 25 *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
8:15 AM + *Fallen Heroes*

TUESDAY, May 26 *St Philip Neri, Priest*
8:15 AM + *Deceased Members of the Keane Family*
by Jim & Delia Keane

WEDNESDAY, May 27 *St Augustine of Canterbury*
8:15 AM + *Dan Englert*
by Dad & Mom

THURSDAY, May 28 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, May 29 *St Paul VI, Pope*
8:15 AM *Living Special Intention for James & Michael*
by Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, May 30 *Weekday*
4:00 PM + *Michael Sufra*
by Michael & Ann Catalfano

SUNDAY, May 31 **The Most Holy Trinity**
8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John's Parish*
10:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John's Choir*
by Judy Weiser

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

NO Bible Study Today
Parish Office Closed
NO Mass at Unity Today

Thursday, May 28

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room
6:30 PM Cursillo Men's Retreat Team Mtg
in Parish Center

Sunday, May 31

2:00 PM Joan of Arc Presentation in Parish Center



**Memorial Day
A Remembrance
for Every
Generation**

This Monday, our nation pauses to observe Memorial Day—a time to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. As Catholics, we recognize in their sacrifice a profound witness to the words of Our Lord:

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” John 15:13.

Often times this day is only looked at as a day off from work or school. While Memorial Day is often marked by family gatherings, parades, and the unofficial start of summer, its true purpose is deeply solemn. It is a day of remembrance, a day to pray for the souls of those who died defending the freedoms we enjoy, and a day to renew our commitment to peace, justice, and the common good.

What a special way to begin this holiday – you are invited to join us here at **St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY for Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 25 at 8:15 AM.** This is a meaningful opportunity to pray together for those who died in service to our country and to commend their souls to the mercy of God. **Bring your children and/or grandchildren – a good religious and patriotic teaching moment.** You might also consider visiting a cemetery to honor the fallen of our community. Whatever this day has in store for you and your family, make it special while remembering those who have given their lives for this great nation—the *Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.*

May God, the Lord of nations and the Prince of Peace, bless our country, bring comfort to those who mourn, and grant eternal rest to the fallen. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30
All Missionaries	Robert Werth	Joseph Catanise	Thomas Celso	Lee Chase	Augustine Chumo	Peter Clifford



**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 **NEXT 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.* 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. Steve will make his teaching points through lecture and photos 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!**

Celebrating Pentecost in Different Tongues

This weekend's Prayers of the Faithful will take on a different "look". In celebration of Pentecost, we celebrate some of the various languages within The Body of Christ – which is all of us TOGETHER, so at Mass today the Prayers of the Faithful will be read by various members of our faith community in their native tongue. As most of us will not understand the language being spoken, we offer the following prayers in English for you to follow along as you listen to the language being spoken for each prayer.



We offer the following prayer for this special day.

A Memorial Day Prayer

As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray You would have us all look to You for strength, comfort and guidance.

Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country. If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry.

Most of all, we pray that You would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to your holy Word where we find true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray.

Author Unknown

This Weekend's Prayers of the Faithful

FR. PETER: Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and united in Jesus on this Feast of Pentecost, we make our prayers to the Father.

LECTOR: Our Response today is:

"Come Holy Spirit; Renew the Face of the Earth."

- For Pope Leo XIV, that he be guided by the Holy Spirit in the challenges he faces, and we pray for the Church in America and throughout the world, that we be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we seek renewal and the true way forward together, *we pray to the Lord.*
- As the Spirit hovered over the earth and brought order to chaos, we pray for peace in the world. May the Holy Spirit proclaim the Truth to every nation and *"renew the face of the earth", we pray to the Lord.*
- For families: that the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control will form the shape of family life for all families, *we pray to the Lord.*
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world: strengthened by the Holy Spirit, grant them perseverance and courage in their faithfulness and witness to the Gospel, *we pray to the Lord.*
- For the conversion of sinners, especially those who seek to do harm to others. May they see their sinful tendencies and by the power of the Holy Spirit have a conversion of heart, *we pray to the Lord.*
- That the love of Christ revealed in the Sacraments may strengthen the faith of all members of this community, *we pray to the Lord.*
- That the Lord will pour forth his mercy on all the faithful departed and welcome them into the joy of his heavenly kingdom, especially our nation's Fallen Heroes whom we remember especially this weekend, AND that God will hold in His loving care _____ for whom this Mass is offered, *we pray to the Lord.*
- We bow our heads and remember the needs of the Universal Church, our diocese and parish, the spiritual and physical well-being of our clergy and parishioners including those listed at the Marian Shrine, and our own personal intentions, *we pray to the Lord.*

FR. PETER: God of Light from whom every good gift comes, let your Holy Spirit renew the Church. Send Your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Enlighten our minds by the flame of your wisdom, open our hands to do Your work well, and open our mouths to sing Your praise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



Aloha!
You're Invited
St. John's Parish Picnic

Join us for a tropical celebration filled with family fun, food, and games.

Sunday, June 7
After 10:00 AM Mass

Hots & Burgers provided
 Wear a tropical shirt and
 Bring a dish to pass.

Last Name
 A—H Salad
 (lettuce, potato, mac, pasta, fruit, etc.)
 I—P Dessert
 Q—Z Drinks
 (non-alcoholic - water, lemonade, tea, soda)



Can You Help?

A sacristan/altar server is needed for the 8:15 AM daily Mass. Duties include opening the church, setting up the altar, serving during Mass, and closing

the church every other week at the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Masses. **Anyone interested should call the parish office at 225-8980.**



Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

Sunday June 7 from 4:00 PM until gone in the Mother of Sorrows Church Parking Lot – 5000 Mt. Read Blvd.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue. This will be drive by-only. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal.

To place your order, call or text Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The last day to pre-order is Saturday June 6. People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM on the day of the barbecue. The cost is \$14, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken
- Baked beans
- Macaroni salad
- Corn bread

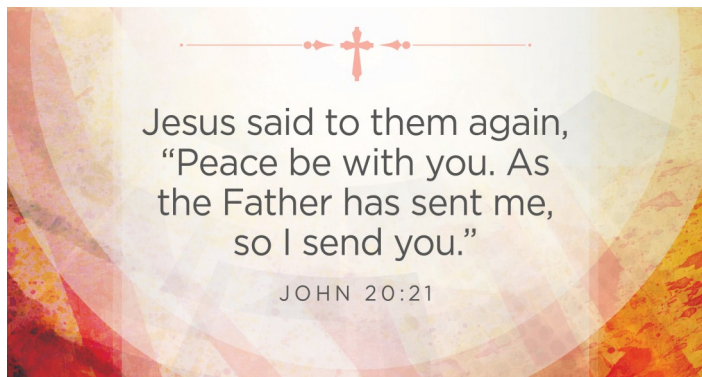
Come and get a great meal for a great price!



What is Fear of the Lord?

Often times we have seen written or have heard the words *Fear of the Lord*. Many of us may wonder what these words really mean. Are we expected to fear the Lord? Of course not; God repeatedly tells people throughout the Bible, “Be not afraid!” Read on to get a better understanding of this sometimes misunderstood phrase.

Fear of the Lord, one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, is a deep, reverent awe and profound respect for God’s holiness, power, and majesty, and a desire for us to avoid offending Him. It involves recognizing God as Creator and Judge, leading to a humble submission, loving obedience, and the avoidance of evil; all of which is considered the foundation of wisdom. *Fear of the Lord* is often contrasted with “the fear of man” or “servile fear” which is a paralyzing fear of judgment.’ Instead, it is seen as a clean or holy fear that leads to a fountain of life, confidence, and security. Let us, therefore, not lose a sense of sin. Conversion is an ongoing aspect in the life of a Christian – driven by love and not fear.



Jesus said to them again,
 “Peace be with you. As
 the Father has sent me,
 so I send you.”
 JOHN 20:21



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Fallen Heroes**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Ron Yancone**
- ✝ Marian I **Jack Slattery**
- ✝ Marian II **Dolores DeConinck**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



ASCENSION, May 14	ATTENDANCE: 200
Holy Day Offering:	\$ 1,439.15
Online Offering:	\$ 160.00
Total Holy Day Offering:	\$ 1,599.15

May 16/17 Week 46	ATTENDANCE.....438
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 10,769.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,854.75
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 13,623.78
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 3,673.78

Second Collection	
Diocese Missions.....	\$ 895.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 160.00
TOTAL Offering.....	\$ 1,055.00

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as of May 17, 2026	
YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 457,700.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 470,394.68
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 12,694.68

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.



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! Find the link to Online Giving on our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



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

Day of Caring - Thank You

On Saturday, May 9, a group of parishioners gathered to do our annual spring clean-up of the grounds around St. John's. The group did a lot of work, and it was very labor intensive. The entire DUMPSTER was filled to the brim.

Thank you to Tod Simone, Marcia Parsons, Jim & Rita Delucia, Joe Waters, Nick Verdino, Nick Sassano, Jim & Patty Borden, Marilyn Swerde, Suzanne Loucks, Bill & Sandy Smith, Millie Schenkel, Virginia McIntyre and Allison Vorndran, and anyone whose name I may have missed. Thank you also to Carol Napierala for capturing the event through her photography. Great job by this group and we could always use a few more hands in the future.

Bob Gotham



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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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May/Early June 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 24, 2026	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
June 7, 2026	Ron LaForce
June 14, 2026	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 24, 2026	Tom Grieco
June 7, 2026	Tom Grieco June 14, 2026

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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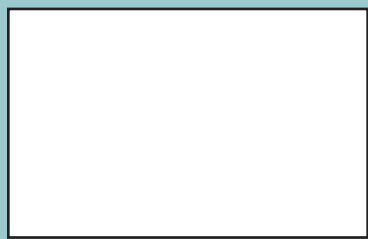
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