

2400 West Ridge Road
Rochester, New York 14626

Consecutive Masses at Sacred Heart Cathedral.....7

Ex 24:3-8/
Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/
Heb 9:11-15/
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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 Feast of the Blessed Trinity

Anytime I think about this Feast of the Blessed Trinity, what comes to my mind is the collaboration among the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. It also presents me with a mystery of my faith, the how, the why, and the challenges understanding the Trinity. Yet I see it is oftentimes good to stand before the mystery of life and ponder it as we contemplate the mystery of the Blessed Trinity and what it does to our own faith. Today we stand before the profound mystery of God: One God, Three Persons; a mystery that people have pondered since the beginning of time. It tells about the awesomeness of God. In our daily meditation it presents the excellent relationship that there exists in the unity of the one Godhead. When we listen to the Scriptures we hear them as the one God speaking to us. We see people do things in the name of God, like those doing community service at our parish. We are lifting up the name of God in our relationship to God through our neighbor.

I guess this encourages us all as Christians to try and help each other in building the Kingdom of God. Who is this God that we worship? What does divine revelation tell us through Sacred Scriptures, the wonder of creation, or the Holy Spirit speaking in the hearts of people? The sources of our faith tell us that God exists: *"I am who am"* Ex 3:14. God is eternal. God has always been. God will always be. They tell us that God is all-knowing. Wisdom and truth flow from God. *"God is love"* 1John 4:16. God is unity and community: a Trinity of Persons. This naturally flows from God's love. Out of his love flows great mercy.

To try and solve the unsolvable will only leave us frustrated and possibly unbelieving. The mystery of the Holy Trinity creates a dynamic relationship between God and us.



It encourages us to work together to foster the unity of our faith in caring for one another. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as to stand in awe before God, worship God, and know God better. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as

to know who God wants us to be, who God has made us to be. From Sacred Scripture we know that God permits our pain, suffering, and any form of human grief. In our prayers for the sick, just as in our prayers for ourselves, we must trust the will of the Triune God and trust, too, in the manner in which the Blessed Trinity may answer our prayers. Only then will we fully understand the power and possibility of prayer to God.

Both within our church and our community, we are called to be evangelizers who through our word and actions, give witness to our gracious God whose love "has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." We are called to share with others what we have personally come to know. Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. One way to do that is to celebrate the life of that Trinity in each believer and to respond with confidence to the call to proclaim God to all the world. We pray at this Eucharistic celebration that the Holy Spirit will teach each of us how to do that so that our beloved St. John's here in Greece will better mirror what we profess. In the words of St. Paul to the Romans 5:3-5, "not only that, but we boast of our afflictions, knowing that afflictions produce endurance, and endurance-proven character, proven character-hope, and hope doesn't disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." No matter how you feel, no matter what you are experiencing, you are wrapped up in that love of God Almighty. God Bless.

Father Peter



Masses for the Week—May 27—June 2

MONDAY, May 27 *St Augustine of Canterbury*

8:15 AM + *Dan Englert*
by Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, May 28 *Weekday*

8:15 AM *Living For the return of good health
to John Clark*
by Jake & Katie

WEDNESDAY, May 29 *St Paul IV, Pope*

8:15 AM + *Maria Sciortino*
by Children

THURSDAY, May 30 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, May 31 *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15 AM + *Mary Lou Mikel*
by Niece

SATURDAY, June 1 *St Justin*

8:15 AM *Father Peter's Intention*
4:00 PM + *For the People of St John's;
Living and Deceased*

SUNDAY, June 2 *The Most Holy
Body & Blood of Christ*

8:00 AM + *Michael Pero*
by Frank & Nancy Lader
10:00 AM + *Evelyn Konon*
by Elmer & Anne Marie Smith

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day

Parish Office CLOSED

NO Bible Study Today

Saturday, May 25

12:00 PM Baptism in Church

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center



**Parish Office is CLOSED this Monday, May 27
in Recognition of Memorial Day.**

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

As we celebrate **Memorial Day** to honor the brave men and women who died in military service for our country, let us take a moment to **pray for them and their families, pray for our country, and review some American flag etiquette**(courtesy of *Wounded Warrior Project*).

A Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom for our nation. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

Let peace prevail among nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, divided in so many ways, 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 the 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. Amen.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1
Daniel Condon	Patrick Connor	Brian Cool	William Cosgrove	Michael Costik	Redemptorist Frs & Brs	Bishop Salvatore Matano



**Friday, May 31
The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Important Info from Fr. Peter

As I mentioned at last weekend's Masses, **Bishop Matano has re-appointed me as Pastor of St. John's for the next 5 years** until I reach senior status (age 75). I look forward to traveling this road with you.

As I've shared with you previously, I will be celebrating my 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination with a **Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM with Bishop Salvatore R. Matano as the main celebrant**. I will be grateful for your attendance in celebrating this very special occasion with me.

Lastly, please know that in order to prepare for and tend to all the particulars surrounding the 10:00 AM Mass with Bishop Matano attending, **there will be NO 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2024**. I do hope those who regularly attend our 8:00 AM Mass will join me in celebration at the 10:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving on this special day. *God bless, Fr. Peter*

A Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. *Amen.*

A Round of Applause and a Sincere *Thank You* to go with it



With Spring in the air, although a little too much rain, we held our Annual Parish Day of Caring on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Thankfully we were blessed with perfect working weather as well as being blessed by close to 30 volunteers. Together we worked to spruce up the grounds

mainly with raking of leaves and clearing away some branches and vines. After working up an appetite, we enjoyed a hot dog lunch and snacks—nothing like a nice Zweigle's hot dog!

Doing this each year really helps maintain the property not only visibly but it also benefits and keeps safe the volunteers who mow and trim the property throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. In the early years of holding our Annual Day of Caring, the tasks were much more challenging and time consuming due to the accumulation of debris that built up over multiple years from not tending to it. Thankfully, it's a more manageable task nowadays as we tend to it annually.

As your Pastor, and on behalf of Bob Gotham and Tod Simone who headed up this year's project, THANK YOU to those who stepped up to help with this year's event.

God bless,
Fr. Peter



American Flag Etiquette

Many probably **observe these faithfully**, for others it may be a thing they **used to do**, and for others, especially our young folks, **they may have never even heard of** these nor practice them. This is a great weekend, as we gather with family and friends, to reminisce, share, remind, and teach one another what our American flag stands for.

Make sure it can wave

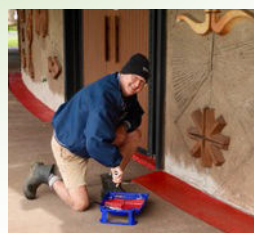
freely. Never allow the flag to touch the ground or any other object while it's on display.

Stand for America. Salute the American flag as it is hoisted and lowered and while saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Stand at attention with your right hand over your heart and your hat removed.

Remember the dawn to dusk rule. Display the American flag outdoors only between sunrise and sunset, unless illuminated by a spotlight.

Position your flag correctly. When displaying the American flag indoors, always place it to the right of a speaker or staging area.

Know how to show honor. To place the American flag at half-staff, first hoist it to the peak for an instant before lowering it to a halfway position.



Parish Council Meeting Minutes—May 6, 2024**Opening Prayer:** Robert Gotham**Attendance:** Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Karen Bessette, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Tod Simone, Wayne Howard, Nick Verdino, Jill Bailey, Melissa Ryan, Paul Parkman **Absent: Excused:** Nick Sassano, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Deacon Elmer, Patty Hoag, Tammy Mahar **Visitors:****Approval of Agenda** for tonight's Meeting (*Emailed April 24, 2024*): Approval: Melissa Ryan, Second: Pam Tofany-Kern**Approval of Meeting Minutes** from the 04/15/24, Meeting in the May5, 2024, bulletin: Approval: Gary Kern, Second: Wayne Howard**Chairperson's Comments:**

- **CMA UPDATE:** Our Goal for this year is \$81,000. Having reached our GOAL (102.96%) we now we need to collect the outstanding \$690.41 which we have until May 31 to get paid.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Please refer to the ROC website: ROC Catholics Northwest or www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org
- **Web Site Review:** The recommended changes have been made. Keep in mind, that the review of our website is an ongoing process. If you are on the website and you notice an "issue" please email Gary and me.
- **Father Peter's 40th Anniversary celebration:** Sunday June 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM, brunch to be held at CHEF's Event Center. Please RSVP by May 22, 2024.
- **Day of Caring 2024:** Our Day of Caring is scheduled for Saturday May 11 with a rain date of Saturday May 18. We will start at 9:00 AM and finish with a Hot Dog lunch around 12:00. There is a variety of things to do but it mostly involves raking. We need volunteers to complete assigned duties and be flexible in completing a list of tasks. Please bring with you: Work Boots, Work Gloves, a rake, clippers and a lot of energy. Please dress warm and please wear long pants for safety. If you can help us out, please contact the Rectory office and leave your Name, phone number and email address, so that we can contact you if needed.
- **Next meeting: PICNIC** Our June Meeting will be on June 3 at 6:00 PM. We will have a picnic with the Liturgy and Finance committees. Rick volunteered to organize the picnic.

Fr. Peter's Update: We are at the end of our Council year, and all is good. No news is good news regarding my term here at St. Johns. This summer I will be going home to celebrate my 40-year anniversary with my family. We have lost 2 priests in our diocese the funerals are this week. We have 1 ordination this year and he is from Gates. I thank you all for what you continue to do for our parish and for me. We are journeying into the future.

Arts and Environment: No update at this time**EXPIRING Council member Terms:** Father has appointed Christine Paoletti to one of the open positions and she has also accepted the secretary position for next year. Karen Besette will be the back-up for Christine.**Food Collection Days:** Pam Tofany-Kern is the coordinator for the event. Pam said she would like to have the next food collection the weekend of June 15/16 and Father agreed. Pam said there are new items needed and Gary will post the list in the bulletin.**Task Force:** Nick Verdino – There is a lot going on with the task force too much to talk about at the meeting, I encourage you to go to the website roccatholicwest.org for information. The task force would like to invite Bishop Matano to one of their meetings for some guidance. They are hoping he will agree to attend. Our next meeting is on June 22.**Certificates of Appreciation:** – Sharon – No new nominations at this time.**Liturgy Committee:** – Tod – The Novena to the Holy Spirit will begin on May 10 and will be prayed for 9 days at morning Mass. There is not too much going on in the summer until the Assumption on August 15. Mass times TBD**Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update:** – Tod – Bob asked Tod how many of our parishioners are homebound. Tod said there are about 50 on the list and he visits them over a 5–6-week period. Sharon Miller helps him as well.**Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Update:** Rick – On June 1 we will have our quarterly prayer of the rosary at Planned Parenthood. On June 2 we will have a Eucharist procession after the 10:00 AM Mass at Mother of Sorrows. There will be a chicken BBQ at Mother of Sorrows on June 30 and at St. John's on August 18.**Outreach – Social Media/Communications****Committee Update: Website** - Gary – In the last 30 days we have had 1850 views and 725 users. The most looked at pages are the home page, the bulletin, and the mass times. I am in the process of writing a maintenance guide for the website. If I am not available and someone needs to update the website it will be a step-by-step guide on how to do so.**Facebook update:** 600 likes and 780 followers. Paul Parkman – **Faith stories-** I would like to talk about the Saints. Everyone of us here is a Saint and we elevate our minds to God when we pray. The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest Novena and the only Novena prescribed by the church. This prayer has had a tremendous effect on me, and I encourage you to pray this Novena.**Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:** – Karen offered to Co-Chair the social ministry committee if Melissa would be her co-chair and Melissa agreed. Karen also talked about possibly having a pizza hour after the 4:00 PM Mass, like the coffee hour on Sundays. Bob asked the council for their opinion on this. Nick Verdino said that he thinks a lot of the parishioners like to head out to dinner and already have plans on Saturday evenings. Tod suggested putting a survey in the pews at the 4:00 PM Mass asking the parishioners what they would like. Father said that we need to evangelize the young people. He mentioned a young man that has been attending the 4:00 PM Mass. This man asks Father questions about our faith. Father has given him some books to read and hopes he will continue his faith journey. Father said we must testify to the truth; Jesus is in us, and we are in him. Father said if a young person is looking at our website, what are they looking for? Father challenged Gary to make the website pop out to a person that is looking at it. Gary said he can ask Brendon to see what people are looking at when they are on the website. We use social media for communication. Gary said he can put questions and answers about Evangelization on the website.**Closing Prayer:** Kathy Christodaro **Next Meeting:** 06/03/2024 **Opening and Closing Prayers:** Alan Christodaro



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

✠ Tabernacle I Men and Women Who Died in Military Service for our Country

✠ Tabernacle II Prayer Line Requests

✠ Marian I Anthony DePetres

✠ Marian II Deceased Members of the Scantlin & Englert Families

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



May 18/19

ATTENDANCE.....446

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,972.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,202.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 10,174.03
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 644.03

2nd Collection

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 797.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 15.00
Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 812.00

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as of May 19, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 447,910.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 442,451.91
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 5,458.09)

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. Matthew Black and Stephanie Braya

As a faith community, let us offer our prayers for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.



St. Charles Borromeo Summer Camp 2024!



July 8 - 19

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A 2- week curriculum based, faith formation program for Kindergarten* - 9th grade

*must have completed kindergarten in '22- '23 school year to participate

For more information and/or to request registration forms, call:

Amanuel Malik
Faith Formation Director
At 663-8000 (opt #3)

Registration forms are also on the table at the center doors in the Narthex here at St John's.





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 Honor the “United Hearts of Jesus and Mary” on their feast days at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Please join Father Peter Van Leishout,
Rector at Sacred Heart Cathedral for two
consecutive Masses.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June
7 at 11:00 PM

The Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, June 8 at
12:00 AM

*Please use the rear doors ONLY and park at the Entrance
bordering Ridgeway Avenue.*

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May/June 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 26, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato
June 9, 2024	Ron LaForce
June 23, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 26, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
June 2, 2024	Tom Grieco
June 9, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
June 16, 2024	Tom Grieco
June 23, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
June 30, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 26, 2024	Chris Hoefler
June 2, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
June 9, 2024	Chris Hoefler
June 16, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
June 23, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
June 30, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert