

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 28, 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

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

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12/
Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Zep 3:14-18a/
Is 12:2-4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 1:39-56

Thursday

Sir 42:15-25/
Ps 33:2-9/
Mk 10:46-52

Friday

Sir 44:1, 9-13/
Ps 96:10-13/
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

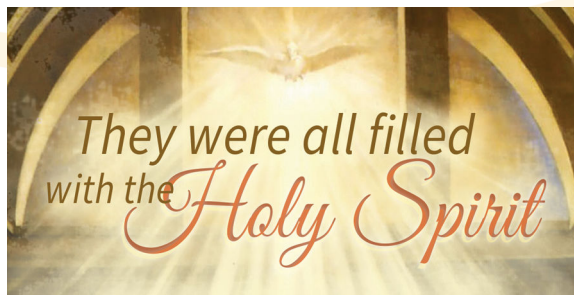
Sir 51:12cd-20/
Ps 19:8-11/
Mk 11:27-33

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, have 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 29 and will re-open on Tuesday, May 30.



THIS Monday, May 29

MARY
Mother of the church

Masses for the Week—May 29—June 4

MON, May 29 *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
 8:15 AM + **Michael Yax**
 by Wife & Children

TUESDAY, May 30 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Madeline Resch**
 by John & Carol Leary

WED, May 31 *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:15 AM + **Mary Ann Keefer**
 by Bill & Sue D’Ambrosio

THURSDAY, June 1 *St Justin*

FIRST FRI, June 2 *Sts Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs*
 8:15 AM + **Intentions of John & Carol Leary**
 by Guarneri & Smith Families
 10:00 AM **Benediction**

FIRST SATURDAY, June 3 *St Charles Lwanga*
 8:15 AM **Fr Peter’s Intention**
 4:00 PM + **For the People**

SUNDAY, June 4 **The Most Holy Trinity**
 8:00 AM + **Ray & Alice Garney**
 by Judy
 10:00 AM + **Salvatore Panella**
 by Family

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

This Week’s Schedule

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day
 Parish Office CLOSED
 NO Bible Study Today

First Friday, June 2
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration
 with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

First Saturday, June 3
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation &
 Devotional Prayer
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parish Center



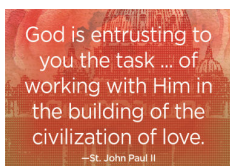
Gracious God,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. 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.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this through Your Name. Amen.
 - Author Unknown

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3
All Missionaries	Paul Gitau	William Graf	Joseph Hart	Matthew Walter	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



Pastoral Planning:

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on April 25th. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to discussing ways to keep the mission of our parishes front and center—especially in the

likelihood that the future will mean Pastors and Pastoral Administrators are increasingly appointed to lead multiple parishes. Members noted that all parishes have the same mission: to spread the Good News through Word, Worship, Community and Service. We will be exploring ways that leaders can empower lay people to take responsibility for increasing aspects of parish life. Minutes of task force meetings are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>

Two new committees with members from the 7 communities had their first meetings in early May: 1) exploring a shared website, and 2) evangelization. More information will be available as these groups continue their work.

Congratulations Deacon Elmer Smith!



We take this opportunity to send along our congratulations and best wishes to you, **Deacon Elmer**, in celebration of the **11th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Diaconate on June 2, 2023**. May God bless you abundantly on your spiritual journey in your role as Deacon in our Rochester Diocese especially here at our beloved St. John’s. Wishing you good health, happiness, and peace.

All our best, Fr. Peter, Staff, and the Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY.

St. Laurence, Pray for Deacons

O Christ, You are the source of all ministry in the Church. In response to the needs of the People of God, through the laying on of hands and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, You have called forth and ordained deacons as servants for our Church.

Loving Savior, continue to help Your Church affirm our deacons in their service. Together as one family of faith, may all that we say and do give honor and glory to You and draw others ever closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday**First Reading Acts 2:1-11**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

**Responsorial Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34**

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Sequence Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of
yours, And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or
thought, Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour
your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation,
Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Parish Council Meeting Minutes—May 8, 2023

Opening Prayer: Kathy Christodaro

Attendance: Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Nick Sassano, Tod Simone, Paul Parkman, Jill Bailey, Melissa Ryan, Wayne Howard, Nick Verdino, Jan Gallucci, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Karen Bessette, Patty Hoag, *Absent:* None, *Excused:* Deacon Elmer, *Visitors:* Marcia Parsons

Approval of Agenda for tonight's Meeting (Emailed 5/1/2023) Approval: Gary Kern Second: Melissa Ryan

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the April 10, 2023, Meeting (in bulletin on 4/30/2023) Approval: Kathy Christodaro, Second: Nick Verdino

Chairperson's Comments:

- **CMA UPDATE:** For the CMA year we had 341 donors that averaged \$247 per donation. We have pledges of \$84,209.75 and we have collected \$80,669.75 of those pledges. So, we still need to collect \$3,500 in outstanding pledges by the end of MAY. And for Information purposes the Diocese is short \$345,000 of its goal. 42 parishes have met their goal. 14 parishes are in the 90 percentile and 33 parishes are under 90%.
- **Day Of Caring:** Is scheduled for Saturday May 20th (rain or shine), starting at 9:00 AM with Hot Dog Lunch at 12:00 PM. Wear long pants in case of poison ivy, work boots and gloves. Please bring a rake, saw or any other tool you think may be helpful.
- **COFFEE HOURS:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry is Hosted the Coffee Hour on April 16. I thought it went well. That is the last coffee hour for this year. I am glad they are back.
- **June Picnic:** Our NEXT meeting of the year is on Monday, June 5 and is basically our annual PICNIC with the Liturgy Committee. Nick Verdino volunteered to help with the cooking. Rick Paoletti has volunteered to organize the picnic. Rick will probably be sending out a sign-up sheet. Please give this your attention. KEEP IN MIND THE PICNIC STARTS AT 6:00 PM. The Parish council will be responsible for set-up and the Liturgy committee will be responsible for clean-up, so that the Parish Council can conduct it's final meeting after the picnic (a short one).
- **Council Member Terms:** *Expiring Three-year terms* – Nick Sassano, Jill Bailey, Sharon Miller, Pam Tofany-Kern. *Expiring Pastor Appointed Members* – One – year terms – Kathy Christodaro, Karen Bessette, Wayne Howard. Bob Patty and Melissa will be meeting afterwards concerning this.
- Bob Gotham suggested to Father that we start offering the sign of peace again during Mass. Bob said that several parishioners have asked when it will return. Father started saying let us offer each other a sign of peace on Easter, so it is back! Bob encouraged the council to bring any suggestions we may have to Father and he will consider them.

Fr. Peter's Update: Thank you to all of you for everything you do for our parish. I have been with our Parish for 11 years now and my term will be up in 2024. Mickey was a foundation to this parish when I arrived, she opened and closed this Church every day. She did so many things for our parish and now we have a few parishioners who have volunteered to help fill in as her replacement but we need more. We have lost so many parishioners to non-denominational churches. We have so few families that attend weekly Mass, I don't know how to get people to return after Covid. We have tried Christ Life, and other ideas to try to get people to come back. Please pray for our church, bring a friend to Mass, pray for me personally. We are called to pray for ourselves, vocations, healing and the church that you love so much. If we want our church to be here then we have to actively participate. We will pray the Novena for 9 days in the

Month of May, we will pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit, to have peace, love and hope, and to bring people back to Mass and to increase vocations.

Arts and Environment: Patty Hoag- We are looking for ideas for Pentecost and will meet with Father this week. We moved the Easter flowers to the parish center and they will be planted outside on the day of caring.

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon Miller- Wayne made a nomination and it is ready to be presented. I would like to put a list together of all of the parishioners who have received a certificate since last June and recognized them in the bulletin.

Liturgy Committee: Ascension of the Lord Masses on May 18 will be at 9:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM.

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update: Tod Simone – Atria contacted me today and they would like to start a once-a-month mass or communion service again.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 Update: Rick Paoletti - The knights will be hosting a dinner for the priests that will be held on June 3 at St. Johns. And we are also sponsoring a bus trip to Albany for a prolife rally that will leave from St. John's parking lot in the morning on June 3 as well. We will have a chicken BBQ at St. Charles on June 10.

Outreach – Social Media /Communications Committee Update:

- Gary Kern – Website update – Gary thanked Carol for all of the wonderful pictures that she takes and he has been able to link them to our parish website. Gary posted a link on our Facebook page to watch the weekly Mass. We have 100 followers on twitter and we have an average of 250 views on our Face Book page per day. Father asked Gary to put an invitation on Facebook to join us at Mass.
- Christine Paoletti via Cleveland– Facebook update – 747 likes
- Paul Parkman – I would like to thank Father for all of the attention that he has paid to the Novena. We are leaders in our parish and we need to participate in the Novena. The prayer takes 7 minutes, No one is too busy to pray, if you do pray your life will change.

Safety: Nick Sassano—We do not have any new volunteers; we are short at the 8:00 AM Mass. We need more help for when one of us is on vacation or can't attend Mass. If anyone has any ideas on how to get volunteer's please let me know. If you look up church security online, we are doing everything that other churches are doing we just need more participants. The most important security job is to stay by the monitor and watch during the entire Mass. Alan said he talked to a parishioner personally and he has agreed to help out.

Pastoral Ministry Task Force Website sub group:

Gary Kern attended a meeting with the 7 parishes from Greece, Hilton and Charlotte. All were in agreement that there should be a shared website for all 7 parishes and a calendar on the website that would list events from each church. There will be minutes from this meeting sent to all of the priests. We also talked about how we manage our domain, statistics, costs, and what tools are used.

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish: Pam said everyone did a great job for Easter, the decorations and music were beautiful and many visitors commented on how much they love our church. Gary said that he and Pam attended St. Joseph's church last weekend to celebrate their Grandson's first communion. Gary said we could learn a lot from them as they had 107 kids making their first communion. The church was vibrant and uplifting with so many young families. Gary

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Teresa Torio Mother of Ivan Garrido



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Daniel Englert**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Those Who have Died Serving our Country**
- ✚ Marian I **The Englert Family**
- ✚ Marian II **In Honor of Deacon Elmer's 11th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Ascension	ATTENDANCE.....	205
Regular Offering.....	\$	1,421.88
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	75.00
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TOTAL Ascension.....	\$	1,496.88

May 20/21	ATTENDANCE.....	420
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,814.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,463.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,277.05
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	1,428.95)

2nd Collection		
Diocesan Missions.....	\$	869.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	10.00
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TOTAL Diocesan Missions.....	\$	879.00

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of May 21, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	456,182.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	443,656.46
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	12,525.54)

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Continued from page 5

suggested that 2 of our parish council members meet with a couple of their members to get feedback on how they draw so many families. Nick Verdino -There has been an update in the bulletin each week regarding the Pastoral Ministry task force and next week it will recognize the St John's Woman of Fatima group. Marcia – We need to focus on God and put him first, we should not be waiting, now is the time. Marcia asked how the council members feel about this topic. Sharon Miller said she loves all that Marcia does for our Church. We need to make time for our faith and it is the little things that we can do to make a difference. Father said there was a banner that he saw years ago that said We are Catholic's let it Show! We should not be afraid to show we are Catholics and show our faith. Be open to the spirit. Rick – a reminder that we will be starting RCIA in the



Bus to Pro-Life March in Albany on June 3

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 in Greece will be sponsoring a bus to the 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 PM 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.



Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue
Sunday June 11 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 Dick Dixon at 629-1916 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The cost is \$12, and the meal includes:

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

Come and get a great meal for a great price!

fall. Keep your eyes and ears open for anyone that would like to learn more about our faith and invite them. Wayne – I have had multiple compliments on the music during Masses and thanked Consuelo for all of her efforts.

Closing Prayer: Kathy Christodaro

Next Meeting: 6/5/2023 AT 6:00 PM

Opening and Closing Prayers: Alan Christodaro

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.

PRAYER LINE Jill Finan StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com

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Deacon: Elmer Smith - 230-3074

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Director, Choir Ministry: Consuelo De Los Santos 225-8980

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Parish Office hours: Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 9-Noon and 1:30-5 PM; Thursday: 9-Noon

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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May/June 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 28, 2023	Steve and Mary Ann Donato
June 11, 2023	Ron LaForce
June 25, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 28, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham
June 4, 2023	Tom Gioco

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 28, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
June 4, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
June 11, 2023	Chris Hoefler
June 18, 2023	Terry & Pam Hearne
June 25, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin