

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 5, 2024

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.



“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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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/
Mk 16:15-20

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 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/
1 Jn 4:11-16/
Jn 17:11b-19

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.

You Make a Difference

A certain king was to visit a village under his rule, and the villagers each decided to contribute a jar of wine for the royal feast. All the wine was to be poured into a big barrel from which it could be served. One person thought to himself: *With all the people in the village each pouring a jar of wine into the barrel, what difference would it make if I poured in a jar of water and saved my wine? A jar of water among so much wine would hardly make any difference.* When the king arrived and the barrel of wine was ready to be served, it was discovered to be full of water and very little wine. **Many other people in the village too had contributed water instead of wine, thinking that it did not matter, since other people's contribution would make up for their not contributing. It did matter. It does matter.**

A great number of people benefit from the services of our Catholic faith and tradition by the virtue of their being baptized. Many come in to church for the various sacraments due them, like Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage, to name just a few. Some of these people live and work in situations that make it impossible for them to contribute financially, but it is important they participate in the community for their faith to grow.

Church is not all about money; it is about the presence and participation of each one of us. No

matter how often we call ourselves Catholics, by the grace of God, we need to go to Mass and participate in the church community that nourishes us. It makes us who we are, members of the family of God.

Remember the Apostle Thomas? We see him, like so many of us, was absent from "Sunday service" and missed the blessing and presence of the resurrected Lord. The Church needs our participation and needs us to contribute—please do. Send in your bottle of wine, in this case, your very SELF. Do not go with the idea that someone is doing so on your behalf. Our presence and participation make a difference. No matter how many times we can come to Church in any given month, IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Many of us are already good witnesses. We're trying to grow in virtue, raise our families, and be of service to others. Others can see that too. But they need to know who is behind it all. Jesus is standing with us, his hand on our shoulder like an advocate, praying not only for us but *with us!* Jesus takes to himself all of our confusion, our pain, our needs, and transforms them. Miraculously, Jesus even dissipates some of them. He makes a difference in our lives to hope and participate in Church.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35



Easter blessings to all,
Father Peter

Holy Day of Obligation
the
**Ascension
of the
LORD**
THIS Thursday, May 9
Masses at 9:00 AM
12:05 PM and 6:00 PM

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Honoring our Mothers; Living and Deceased

By way of your church envelope or through electronic on-line giving, many of you have made a Mother's Day donation to St. John's in memory of your mother who is deceased or in honor of your mother who is living—for this we are very grateful. Please know that these special women will be remembered at the Masses here on Mother's Day weekend, May 11/12.



Masses for the Week—May 6—12

- MONDAY, May 6** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Angelina Masters*
by The Warren Family
- TUESDAY, May 7** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Madeline B. Resch*
by Bequest
- WEDNESDAY, May 8** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Meme Primavera*
by Giulia Panella
- THURSDAY, May 9** **Ascension of the Lord**
9:00 AM + *For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased*
12:05 PM *Connie Dennison*
by Jean & Tom Raisbeck
6:00 PM *Fr Steve Kraus on his 49th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination*
- FRIDAY, May 10** *Sts John of Avila & Damien de Veuster*
8:15 AM + *Rita Stein*
by Family
- SATURDAY, May 11** *Easter Weekday*
4:00 PM + *For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased*
- SUNDAY, May 12** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:00 AM + *Robert Kowalski*
by Wife & Family
10:00 AM + *Salvatore Panella*
by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

- Sunday, May 5**
9:00 AM RCIA Mystagogia in Parish Center
10:00 AM May Crowning Ceremony
during 10:00 AM Mass in Church
Following the 10:00 AM Mass First Eucharist Class
in Meeting Room
- Monday, May 6**
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
5:30 PM Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Center
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Center
- Thursday, May 9** **Ascension of the Lord**
9:00 AM Holy Day Mass in Church
12:05 PM Holy Day Mass in Church
6:00 PM Holy Day Mass in Church
- Saturday, May 11**
9:00 AM—Noon Day of Caring on Church Campus
4:00 PM First Holy Communion
during 4:00 PM Mass in Church



NEXT Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM 'til noon

Our 2024 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 Noon. 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.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Pope Francis	Robert Bradler	Alexander Bradshaw	Deceased Priests	Richard Brickler	Philip Brockmyre	Michael Brown

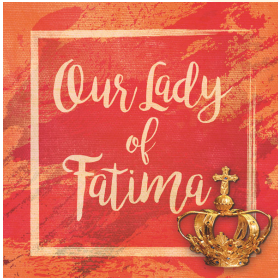


We Lift Up the Children in Prayer

In the Catholic Church, the Month of May is devoted to our Blessed Mother, praying the Rosary, and building family units. It is also when children receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

We are blessed to have two young ladies, Lilyana Martorella-Planteny and Olivia Ricigliano, who have been preparing with their parents and Cris Simone to receive this sacrament NEXT Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the 4:00 PM Mass.

Let us remember Lily and Olivia in our daily prayers, along with their families, as they approach this special day when they will be united with Jesus, Son of Mary, in a new relationship as they continue on their journey of faith.



Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry

Drawing Closer to Christ, One Rosary at a Time

The Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry is a group of women, led by Eileen Zegarelli, who want to honor Mary's request to help bring more souls to Her Son

through the prayers of the Rosary and the Fatima prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. We seek to grow in our spiritual life through faith sharing, Scripture, and the advice and knowledge of the Saints. We hope to carry this message of hope and love to all we meet. We are sisters in Christ and are always looking forward to having new members join us in our prayer ministry to help "lead all souls to Heaven."

As a parish ministry we traditionally participate in First Saturday Mass and Devotions, the Public Rosary Rally each month May through October, praying the Rosary 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass, May Crowning, a Sunday Coffee Hour and leading Stations of the Cross one of the Friday's during Lent.

Please consider joining us or at least come and visit us for one of our monthly gatherings. We currently meet once a month beginning in the Parish Center at 6:30 PM for faith sharing and stating our prayer intentions and then we go into Church where we pray a group Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. We generally conclude our gathering at 8:00 PM.

Our next gathering will be Monday, May 20—we hope to see you! If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 225-8980.



A Labor of Love—Celebrating 100 Years!

We take this opportunity to shine the spotlight on a special place that serves a special community and beyond—The DeConinck Family Farm. So many of us are familiar with their landmark stand, of more recent years, on Maiden Lane. The farm continues to produce after 100 years of multi-generational dedication and toil of

the soil. There is much history surrounding this Greece Family and what many of us witness firsthand is the dedication of the generations of family members and close relatives who work day in and day out allowing this legacy to endure, bringing us the produce, flowers, and the extra goodies we've come to embrace year in and year out. Their legacy continues and we salute the various family members for ALL that they do. May God continue to shower them with His blessings as their journey continues. Stop by to wish them a happy 100th!!

In celebration of this milestone anniversary the family has placed an ad here in our bulletin and as a friendly reminder, please Support our Advertisers.



Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following dates/times:

Monday, May 13 at 6:00 PM

Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 PM

Sat, July 13 at Noon . Tues, August 13 at 6:00 PM

Friday, September 13 at 6:00 PM . Sunday, October 13

NOTE: Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.



Share a Prayer

The following three prayers were shared by a parishioner. Take some quiet time to reflect on each of them and what they teach us.

Lord, extolled in the heights by angelic powers, You are also praised by all earth's creatures, each in its own way. With all the splendor of heavenly worship, You still delight in such tokens of love as Earth can offer. May heaven and earth together acclaim You as King: may the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth.

Lord Jesus of the Eucharist, I have nothing to bring You except that which You have already given me.

Lord Jesus, I embrace Your Holy Cross; not to be consumed with pain but to be consumed by Your love of my neighbor.

Lenten Mite Box Donations

Thank you to all who offered alms this Lenten season through the mite box project to benefit this year's recipient organizations. A total of \$3,748.78 was collected and distributed as follows:

- Diocese of Rochester Seminarians: \$1,300.00.
- Diocese of Rochester Propagation of the Faith for distribution to The Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana: \$1,300.00
- Mary's Place Refugee Outreach center: \$1,148.78

Thank you one and all for your sacrificial giving and goodness helping our brothers and sisters in need!



Parish Council Meeting Minutes—April 15, 2024

Opening Prayer: Paul Parkman

Attendance: Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Karen Bessette, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Tod Simone, Wayne Howard, Nick Verdino, Jill Bailey, Melissa Ryan, Patty Hoag, Nick Sassano, Paul Parkman, Sharon Miller *Absent:* Tammy Mahar, Kathy Christodaro *Excused:* Deacon Elmer, Alan Christodaro, *Visitors:* Jessica Wunch

Approval of Agenda: for tonight's Meeting (Emailed April 14, 2024) Approval: Patty Hoag . Second: Gary Kern

Approval of Meeting Minutes: from the 03/4/24 Meeting in the April 14, 2024, bulletin Approval: Karen Bessette . Second: Wayne Howard

Chairperson's Comments:

- **CMA UPDATE:** Our Goal for this year is set at \$81,000, which is lower than last year. We made our GOAL by January 1st! Now we need to collect the outstanding \$1,303.54 which have until May to get PAID.
- **Web Site Review:** The recommended changes have been made. Keep in mind, that the review of our WEB SITE is an ongoing process. If you are on the website and you notice an "ISSUE" please email Gary and myself.

Fr. Peter's Update:

- **Lenten Mite Boxes:** This year (2024) the recipients will be: The Seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester, Mary's Place Refugee Outreach Center, Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana. We have collected \$3,748.78. In comparison. in 2023 the Lenten Mite Boxes brought in a total of \$3,805.12
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Father talked about the Eucharistic Adoration Proposal. Ideally the best time to have an adoration at St. John's would be in the afternoon, due to the funerals in the morning. Unfortunately, our world is not what it used to be. We have had several concerning incidents take place in the surrounding neighborhood of our church. There is strength in unity, and I would not want 1 person in our church alone for Adoration. We would need several parishioners involved for safety reasons. I would recommend going to Adoration at one of the 7 parishes in the area for security reasons. I would also encourage you to attend First Friday Adoration at St. John's
- **Easter season review:** Father thanked everyone who contributed to our Easter celebration. The flowers, music, decorations, mite boxes, and of course the Fish Fries! There was wonderful feedback from visitors from other parishes, they loved the variety that we offer. Father thanked Rick and his team that did such a fantastic job.
- **Father Peter's General Comments:** Father said he is still waiting to see what the decision will be regarding his term ending in June at St. John's. Bishop Matano will hold a meeting in May and Father will know more then. Father said we are doing fine with collecting for the CMA and that our church and its future are in good shape. We have many priests in our diocese that are in their 80's. If they all retired, we would no longer have any churches. Vocations are down even though the Catholic Faith is growing. We are active and alive; we have to pray and be cordial and helpful. There are 9 students who will begin their vocation into the priesthood in September. Bob asked Father how long it takes a priest to go through a seminary to become a priest.

Father said it depends on where they went to college but typically 5-6 years. They must do one full year of internship. Father spoke about the RCIA program that was led by Rick and Kathy Paoletti and Marcia Parsons. They gave their time, talent and energy and did a phenomenal job. One of our candidates has a service dog and he was featured in the Catholic Courier.

Arts and Environment: Patty said she was grateful to all that helped decorate our church for Easter. She is monitoring the Easter plants and hopes on the day of caring at St. John's she can plant the bulbs outside.

EXPIRING Council member Terms: Patty and Melissa are members of the committee.

- 3 year terms – Karen Bessette, Rick Paoletti: Gary Kern and Bob Gotham agreed to an additional 3 year term since our last meeting.
- 1-year terms (Pastor Appointed) – Kathy Christodaro has agreed to stay on the council for an additional one-year term.
- Tammy Mahar and Jill Bailey have decided to step down from the council which leaves Father Peter to find some prime candidates.
- In addition, Karen Bessette is stepping down from her position as secretary for the council. The search is on for her replacement.

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.

Task Force: Nick Verdino – At our last meeting the pastoral leaders met with the task force. There were a lot of questions that were brought up. Our next meeting is April 22 and these questions will be discussed. There will be a date planned for the task force to meet with the parish council and finance team members from each of the seven parishes soon.

Coffee Hour: The April coffee hour was hosted by the Knights of Columbus on April 14. The 8 AM Mass only had 6 people attend. The 10 AM mass was well attended.

Certificates of Appreciation: Rose Battisto was presented with a certificate at the 4 PM Mass on Saturday.

Liturgy Committee: Tod – The Fatima group will be organizing the May Crowning. The Masses for the Ascension on May 9 will be at 9 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6 PM. There will be an announcement in the bulletin asking parishioners to wear red for Pentecost.

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update: – Tod – we have had 15 funerals to date which is double from this time last year.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Update: Rick

- We just had our Bishop vocation fund on April 6. Each council presents an envelope with a check to Bishop Matano.
- The Diaper and Formula collection was very successful. We delivered 200 Lillies to the homebound. The recipients were grateful to know that someone remembered and cared about them.
- We had a record number of fish fries served this year, 1,430. We had a profit of \$9,500.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Marie Balch**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **open**
- ✝ Marian I **Paula Stearns**
- ✝ Marian II **Martha DiPaola**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an unforeseen delay, our April 27/28 Mass attendance will be noted in the May 12 bulletin.

Thank you!

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.

May is the Month of Mary!



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES continued from page 5

St John's receives 60% of the profit for a total of \$5,700.

Rick thanked all of the volunteers that helped each week to make the dinners a huge success.

Outreach – Social Media/Communications

Committee Update: Gary said that we had all time highs for website use during Holy Week

Facebook update: 602 likes and 791 followers.

Paul Parkman – We are all called to be great saints. This is our time that we have been given by God to be saints. Paul pitched the Liturgy of the Hours book. It is a treasury of prayer, and he highly recommends reading it. This book breaks down prayers by the hours of each day. Morning prayer, Daytime Prayer and Evening Prayer. Get one of these books for your own personal holiness and it will bring you closer to God throughout the day. God is behind this book

Safety: Nick Sassano – We are doing the best that we can at each Mass to make sure that the cameras are being monitored. Our biggest problem right now is the neighborhood around our church. There have been 3 concerning incidents within a 1/4 mile radius. When the doors are locked at the beginning of Mass, we should not be letting anyone in that is running late unless we recognize them as one of our regular parishioners.

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:

- **Nick Verdino** – I recently attended Mass at a church in Florida, I was blown away by the attendance. They have 5000 parishioners attend the Masses each week. I did a little research and there is not another Catholic church within 26 miles of this church and after talking to some of the parishioners many of them are snowbirds. I was encouraged, we can't give up on our church. We need to continue what we are doing so it comes back around in our area as well.
- **Jessica Wunsch** - I see so many videos on social media attacking the Catholic Church, and the people that are making these videos do not know what they are talking about. They are not telling the truth about what we teach in our faith. I use Hallow and listen to pod casts to dive into scripture. They have helped me to better understand my faith.
- **Jill Bailey** -The Ascension app is good too, it is peaceful, and I listen to a pod cast while I am falling asleep at night.
- **Wayne Howard** – I enjoyed the videos that were played during lent. They were amazing and I would like to see more of these offered.

Closing Prayer: Paul Parkman

Next Meeting: 05/06/2024

Opening and Closing Prayers: Kathy Christodaro

**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.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 12, 2024	Ronn LaForce
May 26, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 5, 2024	Tom Grieco
May 12, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
May 19, 2024	Tom Grieco
May 26, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 5, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
May 12, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
May 19, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
May 26, 2024	Chris Hoefler