

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 7, 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.



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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 14:5-18/
Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28/
Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6/
Ps 122:1-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21/
Ps 96:1-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31/
Ps 57:8-10, 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10/
Ps 100:1b-3, 5/
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/
Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/
1 Pt 3:15-18/
Jn 14:15-21

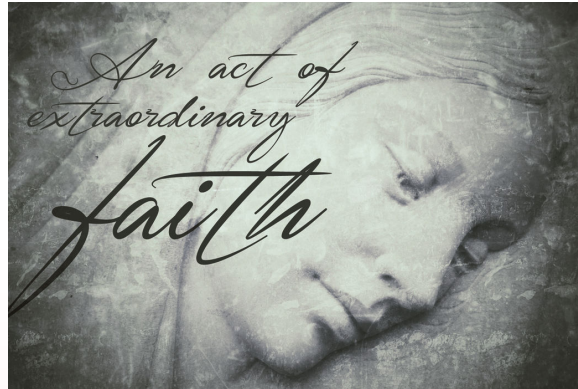
Welcome!

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.

May, the Month of the Virgin Mary

Many Christians, even Catholics, think that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a late, perhaps medieval development. But for the earliest days of the Church, Christians have revered Mary and sought her intercession.

The Catholic practice of assigning a special devotion to each month goes back to the early 16th century. Since the best known of these devotions is probably the dedication of May as the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late 18th century that this devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate



Conception in 1854, it had become universal.

May crownings and other special events in May in honor of Mary, such as public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time. Sadly, such communal events are more rare today, but we can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own

devotion to the Mother of God by taking up our rosaries, learning a few Marian prayers, and teaching our family members how to pray the rosary.

Parents, in particular, should encourage Marian devotion in their children, since the non-Catholic Christians they encounter today often downplay (if not denigrate) the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation through her *fiat*—her joyous “Yes” to the will of God.

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May Crowning THIS Sunday May 7 at 10:00 AM Mass

This is a special devotion to our Blessed Mother celebrating Mary as a Queen because she was the perfect follower of Jesus Christ and the absolute ‘crown’ of creation. Members of our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry along with any children at Mass will honor our Blessed Mother. Our Sunday attire is fitting for our Lord and His Queen Mother whom we honor.

All are welcome!



CONFIRMATION

This week, on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, **Vivianna Walker** of our beloved St. John's Parish, will be confirmed by the Holy Spirit with Bishop Matano laying on hands and anointing her with the Oil of Chrism. Leading up to this special day, we ask everyone to please pray the following prayer for Vivianna.

Holy Spirit, you are the giver of many gifts which God wants to give Vivianna very personally.

Open her heart and her mind as she prepares for Confirmation.

Help her to know that you are confirming all the goodness that she is and all the goodness that she will become.

Increase her desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart. Amen.

Masses for the Week—May 8—14

- MONDAY, May 8** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + **Deceased Members of the Malin Family**
by Eileen Zegarelli
- TUESDAY, May 9** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + **Robert Kowalski**
by Wife & Family
- WED, May 10** *Sts John of Avila & Damien de Veuster*
8:15 AM + **Betty Garney**
by Judy
- THURSDAY, May 11** *Easter Weekday*
- FRIDAY, May 12** *Sts Nereus, Achilleus, & Pancras*
8:15 AM + **Betty Pierce**
by Family
- SATURDAY, May 13** *Our Lady of Fatima*
4:00 PM + **Deceased Members of the Kabasin & Jweid Families**
by Daniel & Melissa Kabasin
- SUNDAY, May 14** *6th Sunday of Easter*
8:00 AM + **For the People**
10:00 AM + **Pasquale & Irene Fiorica**
by Daughter, Mary Sciortino

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

This Week’s Schedule

- Sunday, May 7**
May Crowning at 10:00 AM Mass in Church
- Monday, May 8**
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting in Parish Center
- Sunday, May 14 Happy Mother’s Day!**



Parish Annual Day of Caring

Saturday, May 20, 9:00 AM ‘til Noon

It’s Spring and with Spring comes our Annual Day of Caring here at our beloved St. John’s. Parishioners, family and friends, please join us as we tend to sprucing up the grounds around the property with raking being the main task at hand. Afterward there will be a hot dog lunch with a few snacks. Bottled water will be available throughout the morning. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

A special thank you to those who have already signed up to help; we hope others will still do so. If you’re physically unable to help and the weather is nice, you’re welcome to come over and join us along with lunch; just bring your lawn chair and enjoy some fellowship. EVERYONE—Please pray for nice weather!

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

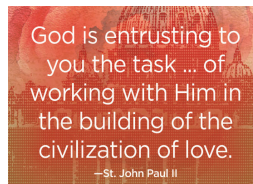
May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13
Pope Francis	John DeSocio	Edward Dillon	William Donnelly	Thomas Dugan	William Endres	Peter Enyan-Boadu



Fr. Steve Kraus Celebrating 48 years a Priest! May 9, 1975 – May 9, 2023

Please continue to remember Fr. Steve in your prayers especially as he celebrates his **48th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination** this

week on May 9, 2023. If you’d like to reach out to Fr. Steve, you can do so at St. Ann’s Home at St. Ann’s Community, Room 604, 1500 Portland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621—he’d love to hear from you. We are grateful for Fr. Steve’s many years of ministry throughout our diocese, including the time he ministered to us here at our beloved St. John’s. May God bless Fr. Steve with improved health, happiness and peace.



Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Deacons Serving Locally

Our 7 parishes are blessed to be served by 10 permanent deacons in a variety of capacities. Dcn. Frank

Pettrone leads St. Mark’s as its pastoral administrator. Dcn. David Squilla is the full-time pastoral associate at St. Lawrence. Six others are also appointed by Bishop Matano to serve our parishes by volunteering ideally 10 hours per week: Dcns. Tom Jewell and Joseph Placious (Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows), Dcn. Dan Callan (St. Charles), Dcn. Elmer Smith (St. John the Evangelist), Dcn. Jose Rivera (St. Leo), Dcn. Gerard de la Fuente (St. Mark). In addition, 2 senior deacons assist locally—Dcn. Dick Lombard (St. Charles) and Dcn. Manny Asis (St. Lawrence). Deacons are ministers of Word, Sacrament, and Charity who can proclaim the Gospel, preach, preside at baptisms, and witness marriages.

For a fuller definition of the role of a permanent deacon visit <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>.

Sunday, May 7 5th Sunday of Easter**First Reading** Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:

Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and

A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Alleluia Jn 14:6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA
Because it's the Solution for Our Times!

Peacefully Praying for Peace —the Time is Now.

With the month of May upon us, when we honor our Blessed Mother, we begin the Public Square Rosary Rallies promoted by *America Needs Fatima*. The Mother of God called the world to conversion at Fatima and praying the Rosary in public reminds the person on the street that conversion is possible, and we know that with God, ALL things are possible. Mary's intercession is powerful thus, we pray the Rosary.

Please join St. John's parishioners, including women from our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry, and those from neighboring parishes as we gather to peacefully pray the Rosary as our Blessed Mother called everyone to do in 1917, in Fatima, Portugal.

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

THIS Saturday, May 13 at Noon

Tues, June 13 at 6:00 PM . Thurs, July 13 at 6:00 PM

Sun, August 13 at Noon . Wed, September 13 at 6:00 PM

Friday, October 13 at 6:00 PM

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.

A Special Project to Honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Throughout this month, we celebrate Marian feast days, including the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and The Visitation. Why not consider celebrating our Lady this May by planting a Mary Garden. The beauty of a garden in full bloom reminds us of the beauty and grace of our Blessed Mother. Its fruitfulness also reminds us of the fruit of Mary's womb, Jesus, and how she is always leading us closer to her Son. Your Mary Garden can be as simple or as elaborate as you'd like and is something you can do as a family with children and grandchildren—a good teaching moment!

Traditionally, a statue of the Virgin Mary is used as the focal point and then special plants are planted around her. A Mary Garden is easy to create, especially if you already have garden beds in your yard. **Follow these easy steps:**

- 1. Choose** the location. Sun-to-partial shade is best for most plants.
- 2. Prepare** the soil. Amend garden soil with compost and manure.
- 3. Find** a statue of the Blessed Mother. Choose large or small, whatever pleases you.
- 4. Identify** the plants for your Mary Garden. It's your choice; see suggestions that follow.
- 5. Design** the garden. Start with placing your statue of Mary, then plan where your flowers and herbs should be placed.
- 6. Buy** the plants or transplant them from other locations.
- 7. Add** meaningful accents to the garden, such as a bench or decorative stones.

If you do not have a garden or yard, you can still make a Mary Dish Garden using a planter and smaller sizes of a Mary statue and plants.



Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry

As we begin the Month of May, the month we honor our Blessed Mother, we invite the women of our parish and others to consider joining our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry. Currently we are a group of approximately 15 women who gather on a Monday evening 1 or 2 times a month in the Parish Center for faith sharing and then to Church for praying the Rosary for the intentions of each other, our own intentions, and those of the Church and the world.

At Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, when our Blessed Mother appeared to the 3 shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco, her message to the children was that everyone needs to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of Russia and for peace in our world. In this current day and time, with the way our world is going, this message needs fulfilling now more than ever; we need to fulfill the Blessed Mother's request without delay.

Whether you join our group or not, please be sure to pray your Rosary daily. If you think you'd like to join our group, we will love to have you, or if you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact our Ministry Leader, Eileen, via the parish office, 225-8980.

“May the mother of Jesus and our mother, always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.”

- Saint Padre Pio

Possible plants for your garden: **Roses**—the “queen of flowers” has long been associated with Mary, Queen of Heaven. **Rosemary**—it's in the name. **Marigold**—Marigold means Mary's gold. Early Christians offered Mary these flowers instead of coins. **Sweet Alyssum**—these have a wonderful fragrance and cross-shaped flowers that remind us of our Lord's cross. **Lily of the valley**—also known as Our Lady's Tears. This flower has amazing fragrance and tolerates shade (note: it spreads!). **Impatiens**—called Mother's Love because of their constant blooms. This flower does well in shade. **Bleeding hearts**—this plant reminds us of Mary's heart, which was pierced; it also does well in shade. **Hyacinths**—early bloomers, they have gorgeous colors, fragrance and star-shaped flowers.

Tending to your Mary Garden each day will give you space to cultivate a deeper relationship with our Lady. Take time while you are taking care of your garden to ask for Mary's intercession. Planting a Mary Garden allows us to intentionally honor the Blessed Mother and give her a place of honor in our environment. Let us offer Mary our physical and spiritual bouquets in thanksgiving for her glorious *fiat* and obedience to the Father.

“She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley.”

—St. Augustine



Joseph Genova *Brother of Jean DePetres*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **In Honor of the 48th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Steve**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Persecuted Christians**
- ✚ Marian I **Victims of War and Violence**
- ✚ Marian II **Conversion of Sinners**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



April 29/30	ATTENDANCE.....	408
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,024.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,447.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,471.03
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	1,234.97)

2nd Collection

Catholic Home Missions Appeal.....	\$	583.86
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	50.00
TOTAL Catholic Home Missions Appeal.....	\$	633.86

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of April 23, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	427,064.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	413,068.34
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	13,995.66)

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

Online Giving

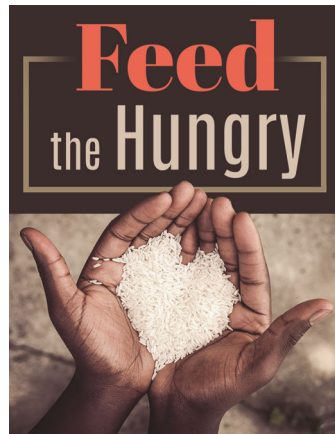
You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around 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.



I Alan Frisa, Jr. and Julie Rossignolo



Monthly Meal Program Donations

As a result of the generosity of those who support the Monthly Meal Program here at St. John's, we were able to recently distribute \$150 to House of Mercy, as well as St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and St. Peter's Kitchen. These monetary donations are made periodically throughout the year in lieu of the meals that were previously prepared by our volunteers (before the Covid pandemic). Volunteers donate a monetary amount about equal to what they used to spend on the ingredients to make the meal. A very special thank you to those who support this Ministry which goes a long way in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

Capital Improvement 2nd Collection THIS Weekend, May 6/7



This Second Collection for on-going maintenance of our buildings and campus will be taken up. Please use the pink envelopes found in your envelope packets.



Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coor: Deborah A. Housel, 585-328-7177, x1555; Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, x1555 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org



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.**



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 14, 2023 Ron LaForce
May 28, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 7, 2023 Tom Grieco
May 14, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
May 21, 2023 Tom Grieco
May 28, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 7, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
May 14, 2023 Chris Hoefler
May 21, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
May 28, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin