

St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 11, 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.



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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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

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/
Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Ez 2:8—3:4/
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/
Ps 113:1-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10- 12, 16/
1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63
Is 12:2-4bcd, 5-6/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Prv 9:1-6/
Ps 34:2-3, 10-15/
Eph 5:15-20/
Jn 6:51-58

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.

Nothing is Too Big for God

If you were to read the editorial pages of any newspapers in the country today, one would find a variety of opinions about many issues. Not everyone thinks the same way. The various opinions usually depend on the culture, religious traditions or politics of the people in an area. The same can be said about us Christians; we represent diverse groups of people. While we are many people, we are all one in Christ. However, as with us Christians, there are different spiritual ways to arrive at a place God wants us to be. Remember, like reading editorials, every day we are free to choose the attitude we will bring as Christians. This story that someone told me over ten years ago is a blessing and a lesson for all of us.

“Two men went fishing. One was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back in the water. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste such good fish. ‘Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?’ he asked. The inexperienced fisherman replied, ‘I only have a small frying pan.’ Such was his intention.”

Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back



the big plans, big dreams, big jobs, great opportunities that God gives us.

Our faith is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan; yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith?

What specific effort do we take in that direction? How is our church important to us in our everyday outlook of things? How do we grow in the faith? We should not be afraid to be open and vulnerable to the Holy Spirit working in us. If we do, we will see God's power more clearly and readily invite him into our hearts. Each of us is called to be a disciple of prayer. Each of us is called to be a disciple of charity, willfully giving of our time, talent, and treasure to support the Church. Each of us is called to be a disciple of welcome to the holy people who come to us, who are sent by God, to lead, challenge and call the world to Christ. One thing that everybody in the world wants and needs is friendliness. It is by our work and support that we, ourselves, are active and vibrant in the ministry of the Church. Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give us anything bigger than we can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way. We can do all



things through Christ. Phil 3:13. Nothing is too big for God.

God Bless You All.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Thursday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass times are Wed, August 14 at 6:00 PM for Holy Day Vigil Mass

And Thurs, August 15 at 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM

There will be a collection taken on this holy day so please use your church envelope OR contribute using your online giving account OR by way of a cash donation into the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses for the Week—August 12—18

MONDAY, August 12 *St Jane Frances de Chantal*
 8:15 AM + **JoAnne Callahan**
 by Family

TUESDAY, August 13 *Sts Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus*
 8:15 AM + **Robert Keenehan**
 by Marissa Meleca
 2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton Manor

WEDNESDAY, August 14 *St Maximilian Kolbe*
 8:15 AM + **Eleanor Zanni**
 by Loving husband & Family
 6:00 PM + **Joan Fleming**
 by St John’s Women’s Guild

THURSDAY, August 15 Assumption of Mary
 9:00 AM + **Helen Serwah**
 by Carol Novick
 12:05 PM + **For the People of St John’s;**
Living and Deceased

FRIDAY, August 16 *St Stephan of Hungary*
 8:15 AM + **Sue Grieco**
 by Tom

SATURDAY, August 17 *St Lawrence*
 4:00 PM + **For the People of St John’s;**
Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, August 18 *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + **Helen Vieira**
 by Mr & Mrs Alan Vieira
 10:00 AM **Special Intention for the Weise Family**
 by Eileen Zegarelli

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17
James Lawlor	William Leone	Steven Lewis	Bernard Maloney	Deceased Priests	Christopher Linsler	Frank Lioi



Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. **THIS Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 PM**
 As parishioners of St. John’s along with parishioners from our neighboring parishes, we hope to see you there! **For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.**

This Week’s Schedule

Monday, August 12
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton Manor

Wednesday, August 14
 6:00 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass in Church

Thursday, August 15 Assumption of Mary
 9:00 AM Holy Day Mass in Church
 12:05 PM Holy Day Mass in Church

Sunday, August 18
 4:00 PM Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ

Men of Faith

As most of us know by now, through my mention at the Masses, through the bulletin, Prayers of the Faithful, and by word of mouth among us, our parish has recently experienced the passing of two gentleman (preceded by Gino Fiordeliso) of **Frank Haszlauer** and **Bob Schenkel**. I know these men were men of great faith and their presence here at the 10:00 AM Mass each and every weekend (excluding a health matter) was a sure sign of their love of God, their families, as well as each of us.



Frank Haszlauer was a “gentle giant”—a tall, solid man with a deep voice and hearty laugh who exuded kindness and gentleness. His love for God was evident by his dedication to being present each weekend for the 10:00 AM Mass. The gift of the Sacraments was so important to Frank and he was sure to avail himself to these gifts often. Frank lived a life of ups and downs but after 96 years he left this world accepting what God had presented him while at the same time, embracing his journey home.



Bob Schenkel was a man of great courage and strength as he battled health matters while confined to his wheelchair yet he never let these great challenges get the better of him. His granddaughter, Emily, shared in her Words of Remembrance at her grand-father’s funeral that Bob never complained or felt cheated in life. He fully understood God had a plan for him, as He does for each of us, and Bob accepted the crosses he was asked to carry; he trusted in God’s love and mercy. With God watching over him and with his devoted wife, Millie, always by his side, Bob persevered through the adversities of life with grace and courage.

We pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Frank and Bob and let us count our blessings for the gift of each of them, as well as each one of us, for being part of the faith community of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY.

God bless, Fr. Peter

Agenda and Mtg Notes for June 19th, 2024 Meeting of SJ Finance Council

Time/Location: 11:30 AM in Rectory Dining Room

Attendees: Fr. Peter, Bob Skrypek, Chris Frontale, Joe Spurrier, Jerry Dominik, Nick Verdino, Deb Smith, Mary Speer

Agenda:

- Review Meeting Agenda
- Review Collection and Attendance
- 2024 – 25 Budget Approval
- Review May 31, 2024 YTD Financial Statements
- Buildings and Grounds Update:
- Parish Center Heating/Cooling
- Parking Lot Sealing
- Other Business
- Notes from Meeting

Introductory Prayer: Fr Peter

Collections and Attendance:

- Attendance is up slightly over the previous 12 months.
- Good attendance at Daily Mass.
- All things considered; collections have held up well.
- Note: 3 significant donors passed away during the past year.

2024 – 25 Budget: Unanimously approved after discussion of details:

Profit/Loss –

- Good discussion of detailed revenue and expenses.
- Sunday Collections budget was increased from \$486,000 to \$494,000 to reflect actuals for the previous year, even though we lost 3 significant donors.

Other income:

- Revenue from Fish Fry was up from the previous year.
- Had interest income from Bank CD and Money Market Acct which we did not have most of the previous year.
- Gift income was down some for FY 23-24, but this is always very difficult to budget.
- Communis Funds were good, but this is in the “non-operating Revenue” category. Note: Communis Funds are the 2 Parish Investment Accts managed by the Diocese.

Budgeted Expenses:

- Salaries expense increased 18% due to \$25,000 error in budgeting Pension costs in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- Diocesan Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is set at 4%
- School Subsidy assessment for FY2024-2025 has decreased \$2,000. This is calculated at 14% of 3-year average of “regular” Parish Collections (these are the 3 main revenue accts for which we have budgeted \$494,000 in FY2024-2025).
- Snow Removal – big item; budgeted at \$25,000. It consists of 3 fixed contractual payments + variable per trip costs and material costs for salting and shoveling which increase the cost. We are at the mercy of the weather in this category.

Possible improvement projects for FY 2024-2025:

- Concrete facing at front of Church – would require Building Restoration experts; est. cost \$5,000,
- A new A/C unit for Parish Ctr; est cost \$25,000.
- Repairs to Glass Silo over Altar

Continued Possible improvement projects for FY 2024-2025:

- Replace carpeting in Church
- Fundraising might be needed.
- Significant expenditures require Diocesan involvement.

Overall Budget Summary:

\$ 627,950 = Budgeted Revenue from Operations
 \$ 627,874 = Budgeted Operating Expenses
 \$ 76 = Budgeted Net Profit from Operations
 \$ 0 Budgeted Non-operating Revenue
 \$ 47,000 = Budgeted Non-operating Expenses
 (repairs to Church)
 (\$ 46,924) = Budgeted Overall Net Loss for FY 24-25

Review May 31st, 2024

YTD Financial Results for the period 7/1/23 – 5/31/24:

Balance Sheet:

SJ Parish continues to have a strong Balance Sheet due to:

- Fiscal discipline regarding expenditures.
- two interest-bearing accts: a 5% CD and an approx. 4% Money Mkt Acct.
- Solid returns on Diocesan Communis Accounts.

Profit/Loss:

- We had a (\$36,394) net loss from Operations so far from 7/1/23 – 5/31/24.
- Contributing to this was a \$25,000 error in budgeting too little for Pension costs for the year.
- We had solid \$90,958 in Net Non-operating revenue (after Expenses) due to very good investment returns on our 2 Communis Accts + the interest-bearing Bank CD + Money Mkt accounts.
- There was a good discussion around certain expenses which stood out as a bit high – i.e., Snow Removal & Salting.
- Net result = \$54,564 NET overall income

Buildings and Grounds Update:

- Parish Center Heating/Cooling – had some issues with one of the existing A/C units and we have asked vendors for quotes on a new unit.
- The Parking lot was sealed and striped on June 17/18; cost = \$20,000. We decided to post this expense to **FY 2023-2024**
- Church cooling – recently Crosby/Brownlee (with whom we have a Maintenance Contract) replaced the Air Drier unit which removes moisture from the air lines which run to the Air Handlers. This ensures we can continue to cool the Church.
- (Possible) Carpet replacement – no discussion
- (Possible) repairs to stucco in front wall of Church – no discussion.

Other Business:

- Next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for 10/2/24.
- That meeting will be our Annual Corporate Meeting at which the Council must certify certain aspects of our operations for the Diocese.
- Nick Verdino will bring the financial summaries from today's meeting to the Parish Council.
- Fr. Robert Ring will replace Fr. Peter during his August / September trip to Ghana.



**Knights of Columbus
Chicken Barbecue**
Sunday, August 18
from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM

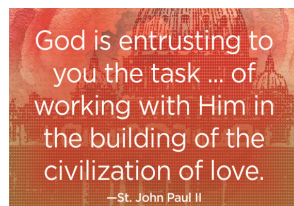
Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue in the St. John’s church parking lot – 2400 W. Ridge Rd. This will be drive-thru only event. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal. To place your order, call or text Dick Dixon at (585) 629-1916 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. **The last day to pre-order is Saturday August 17.** People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM the day of the barbecue.

The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

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



Come and get a great meal for a great price!



**Pastoral Planning:
Task Force Update**

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on July 9 with Bishop Matano who graciously accepted our invitation. The Task Force was

also joined by Fr. Daniel White, Priest Secretary to Bishop Matano, and Mr. Michael Sauter, Diocesan Director of the Department of Pastoral Services. The primary question posed to Bishop Matano was “are we on the right track with our pastoral planning efforts, including those of the task force and the three 7-parish committees (evangelization, vocations, and shared website)? Bishop Matano said that any pastoral efforts should include attention to increasing Mass attendance, support for family life and Catholic education (including catechesis of parents), and offering increased opportunities for the sacrament of Confession. Evangelization begins with building relationships—first with Jesus Christ and then with each other. There needs to be a welcoming embrace from the Church and a preferential option for the poor. Vocations to the priesthood are very important; seminarians from our Diocese this fall will include a young man from St. Mark’s Parish. Bishop Matano asked these seven parishes to do our best to remove siloes by developing cooperation, holding common events, and sharing staff and ministries. The Bishop’s concluding words: I have deep gratitude for the work you are doing. Do not get discouraged; there are many good things happening. You are volunteering your time and putting so much effort into this work. This is the strength of our parishes.

The complete task force minutes, as well as a summary of the work of the Task Force and its committees, are available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website:

[ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or
<https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>



*May the Blessed Mother teach us
to value and respect the gift of human life.*

Pray

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the Blessed Mother’s entrance into heavenly glory. The *Catechism* explains that Mary “was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body” CCC, 974.

Mary’s Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: “To live in heaven is ‘to be with Christ’” CCC, 1025.

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her “yes,” Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of pre-born children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God’s precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God’s gift of life?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Act (Choose one.)

- Read and meditate on the Mass readings for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Reflect on how the Blessed Mother consistently exemplified how to welcome and cherish God’s gift of human life.
- Choose one night to sleep without your pillow or on the floor. Consider how Mary welcomed the Christ-child in humble surroundings and pray for mothers who welcome their children amidst poverty and difficult circumstances today.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month’s intention.



Charles B. Marquardt, Sr. *Father of Pam Knauf*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Donald Leege
- ✚ Tabernacle II Missionary Priests
- ✚ Marian I Seminarians
- ✚ Marian II Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 3/4 Week 6	ATTENDANCE.....	409
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,521.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,260.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,781.04
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	460.04

August 3/4		
MISSION APPEAL Offering.....	\$	5,815.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	10.00
TOTAL MISSION APPEAL Offering.....	\$	5,825.05

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of August 4, 2024		
YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	55,926.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	57,430.95
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	1,504.95

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

Keeping in Touch

At this time of year, as well as throughout the year, parishioners are moving, especially those transitioning into Independent Living, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing situations and moves to live with family members. We will be grateful to be made aware of any relocations/new addresses/new phone numbers not only for updating our records but also for Father Peter and the Pastoral Staff to be aware of for ministry purposes. If you or your family member has moved we ask that you please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 or email us at gstjohnt@dor.org

We appreciate your help as we try our best to keep in touch with those of our faith community.

*God bless,
Fr. Peter*

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.



Late Summer & Fall Retreats and Events

Fill Your Soul Days One Day Retreats

- Thursday, August 15 "Bread of Life"**
Given by Anne Gallagher, Karen Luke, and Vicky Wejko
- Tuesday, October 8 "Praying with Icons"**
Given by Deacon George and Paula Welch and Fr Michael Costik
- Wednesday, November 6 "Looking Godward: Noticing God's Presence in Prayer and in Life"**
Given by Jim Krisher

CORE Retreats

- "Just as You Are"**
Encountering God through the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Couples:** August 23-25
- Women:** September 13-15 . September 27-29
- Men:** September 20-22 . October 25-27
- Spanish Men & Women:** November 8-10
- Silent Men & Women:** November 15-17



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**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.

Looking for Your Help

If you are a nurse or a doctor who attends Mass here at St John’s and are willing to assist when a medical emergency arises during Mass when you are present, please provide your name/phone number and which weekend Mass you usually attend, and submit this to the parish office via email:

gstjohnt@dor.org OR you can call the office at 585-225-8980. We appreciate your help with this request as we strive to maintain the well-being of those who are with us at Mass.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 18, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

August 11, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham
August 18, 2024 Tom Grieco
August 25, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 11, 2024 Chris Hoefler
August 18, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
August 25, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin