

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 7, 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.*



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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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

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/  
Ps 145:2-9/  
Mt 9:18-26

### Tuesday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/  
Ps 115:3-10/  
Mt 9:32-38

### Wednesday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/  
Ps 105:2-7/  
Mt 10:1-7

### Thursday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/  
Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16/  
Mt 10:7-15

### Friday

Hos 14:2-10/  
Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/  
Mt 10:16-23

### Saturday

Is 6:1-8/  
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Mt 10:24-33

### Sunday

Am 7:12-15/  
Ps 85:9-14/  
Eph 1:3-14  
Mk 6:7-13

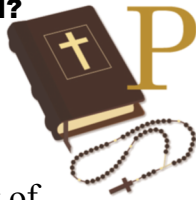
## Welcome!

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.

### What is Usual and Unusual?

A quotation of our Bishop Salvatore Matano in his early familiarization of our diocese said: "Recently, I attended a regional meeting of priests. Seated around the table were priests enriching our presbyterate from Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Vietnam, Springfield in Massachusetts and me, a transplant from Vermont/Rhode Island. Who was missing? A priest from the Diocese of Rochester! And yet when I visit parishes, so often the people ask me to send them a priest or plead that their priest will remain in the parish. The question I then ask is this: When was the last time this parish sent a young man to study for the priesthood?"

What Bishop Matano is saying here is that the Diocese of Rochester does not have enough home-grown vocations to fill the slots for our pastoral needs. So let us all be reminded that the "UNUSUAL" number of Diocesan priests in the past is not the "USUAL" in our present time. We, therefore, have to maximize our energy to give/do the best in our current circumstances. It means



# Priesthood

that as your Pastor, I encourage all parishioners and fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester

to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood. Furthermore, we must support them in their ministry. All of us need to be active participants in the life of the Church. We are all needed by our Mother Church to be witnesses to our baptismal call.

What lessons does Jesus provide us? He shows us that doing the Father's work may not be easy, comfortable or without obstacles. He shows us that the important thing is doing the work. He calls us to be dedicated, to be confident, to be high-minded, but also be realistic. We are to have our head in the clouds and our feet on the ground, as an old saying goes. We are to keep always before us the building up of the Kingdom of God. Our faith can lead us to the realization that Jesus is always here, willing to heal our wounds and constantly unfolding the fullness of life before our eyes.



*Peace and love to all,  
Father Peter*

St Toribio Romo

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CHRIST SAID,  
'I AM THE TRUTH;  
HE DID NOT SAY  
'I AM THE CUSTOM.'

MEXICAN  
PRIEST  
AND  
MARTYR

### Prayer for Truth

*Dear Lord,*

*Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth.  
Help me to be a speaker of truth as well,  
one who reminds of Your love,  
encourages the lowly,  
and points ever more deeply to You.*

*Amen.*

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### Masses for the Week—July 1—7

**MONDAY, July 8** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM *For the Return to Good Health of John Clarke*  
 by Jake & Katie

**TUESDAY, July 9** *St Augustine Zhao*  
 8:15 AM + *Alfreda Weise*  
 by Daughter, Eileen

**WEDNESDAY, July 10** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Rita Stein*  
 by Family

**THURSDAY, July 11** *St Benedict*

**FRIDAY, July 12** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Giuseppa & Filomena Coccitto*  
 By Daughter, Maria & Family

**SATURDAY, July 13** *St Henry*  
 4:00 PM + *Paula Stearns*  
 by Anna Burbank

**SUNDAY, July 14** *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased*  
 10:00 AM + *George & Katherine Schum*  
 by Jim & Trudy

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

### This Week's Schedule

**Monday, July 8**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center




**America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!**  
 Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following dates/times:  
**THIS Saturday, July 13 at Noon**  
 Tues, August 13 at 6:00 PM  
 Friday, September 13 at 6:00 PM  
 Sunday, October 13 at Noon

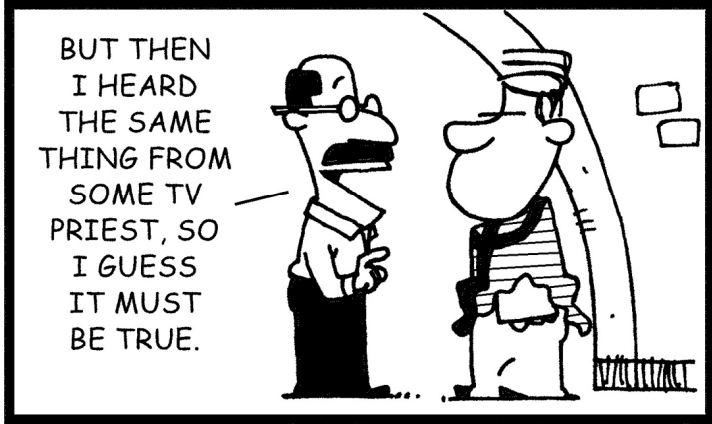
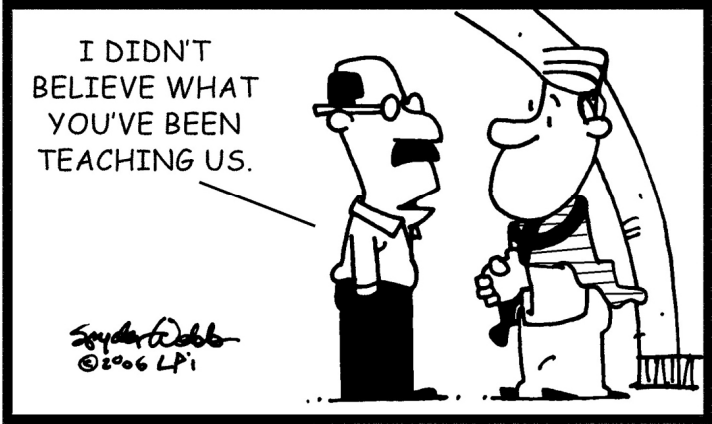
**NOTE:** *Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.*

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

**Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13
Pope Francis	John Forni	Michael Fowler	Ronald Gaesser	All Deacons	John Gagnier	Jeffrey Galens

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







## We Celebrate a Newly Ordained Priest in our Diocese

Last Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bishop Salvatore R. Matano ordained to the holy priesthood Reverend Father James Muscatella. We celebrate this very special occasion and thank God for this blessing upon our diocese. Let us pray especially for

Fr. Muscatella as his journey of priestly ministry begins and let us also continue to pray daily for Bishop Matano, our Pastor, Fr. Peter, and all our priests.

*O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your newly ordained priest, Reverend Father James Muscatella.*

*Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.*

*In his loneliness, comfort him;  
in his sorrow, strengthen him;  
in his frustration, point out to him  
that it is through suffering that the soul is purified.  
Show him that he is needed by the Church,  
he is needed by souls,  
he is needed for the work of redemption.*

*O loving Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests,  
take to your heart your son who is close to you  
because of his priestly ordination,  
and because of the power which he has received  
to carry on the work of Christ  
in a world which needs him so much.*

*Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength,  
and especially help him to live and to defend  
the ideal of consecrated celibacy.*

*Amen.*

## Examples of Our Faith

Born Caterina de' Pazzi, to a noble family in Florence, **St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi** (April 2, 1566 – May 25, 1607), has been called the “ecstatic saint” or “The Passion Flower of the Eucharist,” because of the trance-like state, or ecstasy, she entered for long periods after receiving Holy Communion. An ecstasy is when a person’s internal and external senses are completely occupied by God, so much so that the individual is entirely unaware of anything other than God.

Caterina learned to meditate at age 9, and took her first communion at age 10, which was young for her time. She was so moved by the experience that she took a personal vow of virginity. She longed to be able to receive the



blessed sacrament every day and so at 16, she entered the Carmelite convent of Santa Maria del' Angeli, which had a special dispensation to celebrate the Eucharist daily.

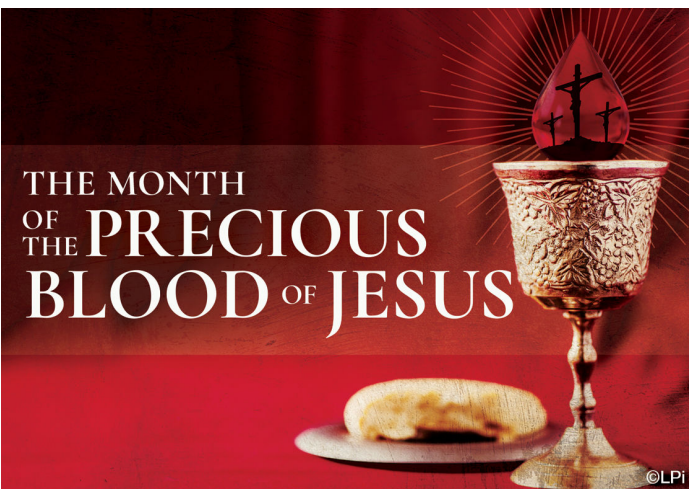
As a novice she took the name Mary Magdalen. In 1584, she became so ill that the sisters feared she

would die and so she was allowed to profess her vows from a stretcher in the chapel. What followed was a miracle. For 40 days she would enter a state of ecstasy lasting several hours after receiving Holy Communion. She recovered from her illness and her sisters recorded the teachings she offered during the ecstasies, they are collected in “Revelations and Intelligences.” Her years of ecstasies and visions, which she saw as witness of her sins rather than a reward for her holiness, were followed by five years of temptation, doubt, and suffering.

She led an exemplary life of service as mistress of novices and postulants, and eventually the superior. She died on May 25, 1607, after a long excruciatingly painful illness. She was beatified by Pope Urban VIII in 1626 and canonized by Pope Clement IX in 1669.

St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi, pray for us!

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## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### A Prophet and His Native Place

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.” It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn’t go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn’t like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can’t reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you’ll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he *became*, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don’t often see anything worth venerating in the “right now” of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we’ll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn’t realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn’t want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn’t look like the “right now” of their lives.

But that’s where God is, folks. He’s in the right now, and nowhere else. He’s waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

*Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”* — Mark 6:4

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## Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

July 7, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

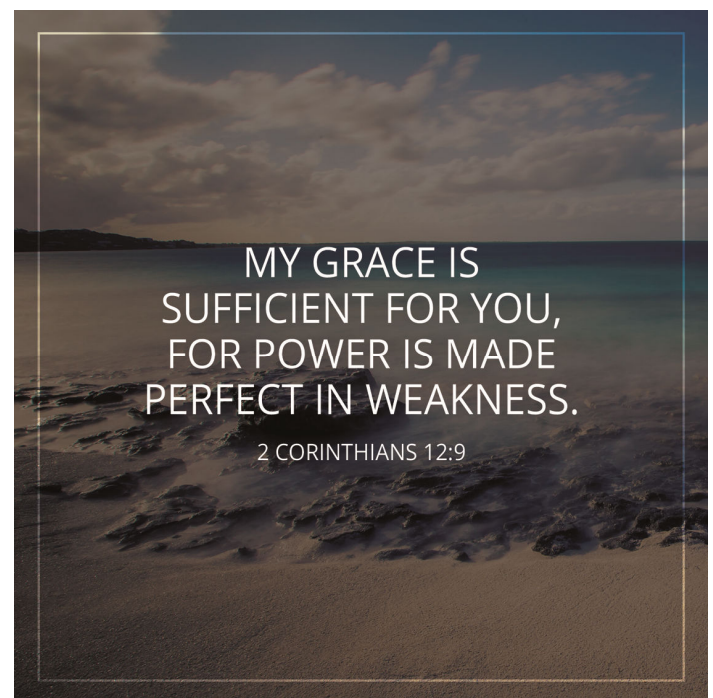
*Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them.*

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “**I will rather boast most gladly of**

**my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** 2 Cor. 12:9.” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— *Father John Muir*

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Sherri Sciortino *Wife of Alfonse Sciortino*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✝ Tabernacle I **James Vilar**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **open**
- ✝ Marian I **Prayer Requests thru Prayer Line**
- ✝ Marian II **open**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>June 22/23</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	379
BUDGETED Sunday Offering (Week 52)	\$	0.00
<i>(as our annual budget was satisfied June 16)</i>		
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,382.65
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,063.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,445.65
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING	\$	7,445.65

**Fiscal Year 2023-24** as of June 23, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	Budget was satisfied June 16	
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	485,563.33
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	436.67)

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

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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



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**Deepen Your Relationship with God  
Join Us on an Upcoming Retreat**

- JULY 14-19 Men and Women Retreat, **6 – Day Silent Directed Retreat** Spiritual Directors assigned to each individual
- JULY 21-26 Men and Women Retreat, **'Prayer as Discernment'** Deepening the Felt Presence of our Trinitarian God With Fr. Gerry McKeon, S.J.
- JULY 24 Men and Women Retreat, **"Following Jesus in a Polarized World"** With Fr. Aaron Wessman, G.H.M. (Sponsored by DOR Social Ministry)
- AUGUST 4-9 Women Religious Retreat, **"Praying with Pope Francis"** With Fr. Chuck Frederico, S.J.
- AUGUST 15 Men and Women Retreat, **"Bread of Life"** - Discourse in John 6 and the Sacred Sacrament of the Eucharist
- AUGUST 23-25 Couples Retreat, **"Just As You Are"** – Encountering God's Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus With Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo **FIVE SPOTS LEFT**

**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.**

**“When you seek truth,  
you seek God  
whether you know it or not.”**

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June/July 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 7, 2024            Ron LaForce  
July 21, 2024         Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

July 7, 2024            Tom Grieco  
July 14, 2024         Bob and Barb Gotham  
July 21, 2024         Tom Grieco  
July 28, 2024         Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 7, 2024            Carolyn Kerhaert  
July 14, 2024         Chris Hoefler  
July 21, 2024         Terry & Pam Hearne  
July 28, 2024         Dan & Melissa Kabasin