

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 16, 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.*



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

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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

1 Kgs 21:1-16/  
Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7/  
Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday

1 Kgs 21:17-29/  
Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16/  
Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/  
Ps 31:20, 21, 24/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

Sir 48:1-14/  
Ps 97:1-7/  
Mt 6:7-15

### Friday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/  
Ps 132:11-14, 17-18/  
Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday

2 Chr 24:17-25/  
Ps 89:4-5, 29-34/  
Mt 6:24-34

### Sunday

Jb 38:1, 8-11/  
Ps 107:23-26, 28-31/  
2 Cor 5:14-17/  
Mk 4:35-41

## 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.

### How Can We Have Unity Among Christians if as Catholics We Aren't United?

*This week in place of my bulletin article, I have decided to publish the statement from the Vatican Information Service about the catechesis that Pope Francis made at his general audience on June 19, 2013 which takes place every Wednesday at the Vatican.*

VATICAN CITY, 19 JUNE 2013 (VIS)

- Pope Francis dedicated his catechesis of the Wednesday general audience to the expression "of the body" that the Second Vatican Council used to indicate the nature of the Church: the Church is the body of Christ. The Pope recalled the text of the conversion of Saul, who became Paul, in order to explain how the Apostle, with that experience, tells us how profound the union between Christians and Christ is. "The image of the body helps us to understand this deep bond between Church and Christ, which St. Paul particularly developed," the Pope said. "The Church...is a living body...and this body has a head, Jesus, who guides, nourishes, and sustains it...(But), the same way that in a body it is important that the lifeblood courses for it to live, so must we allow Jesus to work in us, so that His Word might guide us, His Eucharistic presence might nourish and inspire us, and so that His love might give strength to our love for our neighbor." "In the Church, therefore," the pontiff continued, "there is a variety, a diversity of tasks and functions. There is no dull uniformity but the richness of the gifts that the Holy Spirit distributes. There is communion and unity: all are in relation to one another and all combine to form a single vital body, profoundly connected to Christ. Let us remember this well: being part of the Church means being united to Christ and receiving from



Him the divine life that makes us to live as Christians. It means remaining united to the Pope and bishops who are instruments of unity and communion and it also means learning to overcome selfishness and divisions, to understand one another better, and to harmonize the variety and richness of each one. In a word, loving God and the persons around us, in our families, parishes, and associations, better. Body and limbs must be united in order to love!"

Speaking extemporaneously, the Holy Father added: "Unity is always greater than conflict. Conflicts, if they aren't resolved well, separate us from one another, separate us from God. Conflict can help us grow but it can also divide us. Let's not take the path of division and struggle between one another. All united with our differences, but always united: this is Jesus' path."

"How much damage is caused to the Church by divisions among Christians, by being apart, by narrow interests! The divisions among us," he continued, "but also the divisions between the communities: evangelical Christians, orthodox Christians, Catholic Christians, why are we divided? We must try to bring unity...We must pray together as Catholics and also with other Christians, that the Lord grant us unity, unity between us. But how will we have unity among Christians if we aren't capable of having it among us Catholics? Of having it in our family? How many families fight and are divided! Seek unity, the unity that makes the Church. Unity comes from Jesus Christ. He sends us the Holy Spirit to create unity."

Blessings and peace to us all.

Father Peter



**Masses for the Week—June 17—23**

**MONDAY, June 17** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Dolores Felice*  
 by William Hoysic

**TUESDAY, June 18** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *John Enyan Acheampong*  
 by Carol Novick

**WEDNESDAY, June 19** *St Romuald*  
 8:15 AM + *Helen Mikel*  
 by Family

**THURSDAY, June 20** *Weekday*

**FRIDAY, June 21** *St Aloysius Gonzaga*  
 8:15 AM *Special Intention of Nidia Flores & Sons*  
 by Parents

**SAT, June 22** *Sts Paulinus, John Fisher, Thomas More*  
 4:00 PM + *Nick Buda*  
 by Wife & Family

**SUNDAY, June 23** *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Sue Grieco*  
 by Tom  
 10:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John's Choir*  
 by Judy Weiser

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, June 16 Father's Day**  
 C&B Ticket Sales before/after All Masses  
 Food Drive

**Monday, June 17**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry  
 in Parish Center then Church

**Wednesday, June 19 Juneteenth**  
 Parish Office **CLOSED**



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

June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22
All Deacons	Albert Delmonte	Joseph DeMaio	Simon Denchira	John DeSocio	Deceased Priests	William Donnelly



**Parish Office  
 CLOSED for Freedom  
 Day, Wednesday,  
 June 19.**

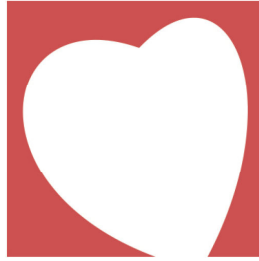
**Office will reopen on Tuesday, June 20.**

- Happy Father's Day  
 To all of the Fathers out there!**
- . Biological Fathers . Stepfathers . Spiritual Fathers .  
 . Grandfathers . Foster Fathers .
  - . Fathers who have experienced miscarriage .  
 . And all who Identify with Fatherhood .  
 . Fathers who have lost children .  
 . Fathers estranged from their kids .  
 . Fathers who have adopted children .  
 . Fathers who gave a child up for adoption .



*Honor your father and your mother,  
 so that you may live long in the land  
 the Lord your God is giving you.*

Exodus 20:12



**Gratitude from the Heart**

I take this opportunity to send along my sincere gratitude for all the love and support shown me as I celebrated my 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination last Sunday, June 9, 2024. I also wish to thank all who helped bring this day together so beautifully in so many ways. Next weekend's bulletin will expand upon this and include pictures. In the meantime, for those who were not able to attend the Mass, please know you can view it on our Facebook page: St John the Evangelist Church of Greece OR for those without Facebook, you can view it by accessing it through our parish website: [www.StJohnGreece.org](http://www.StJohnGreece.org)



## Remember Our Spiritual Fathers Today

On this Father's Day, when you pray for your fathers, living or deceased, please be sure to include all our priests, especially Father Peter, in your prayers...oh, and thank them, too!

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Give them strength when facing adversity and the fortitude to persevere.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

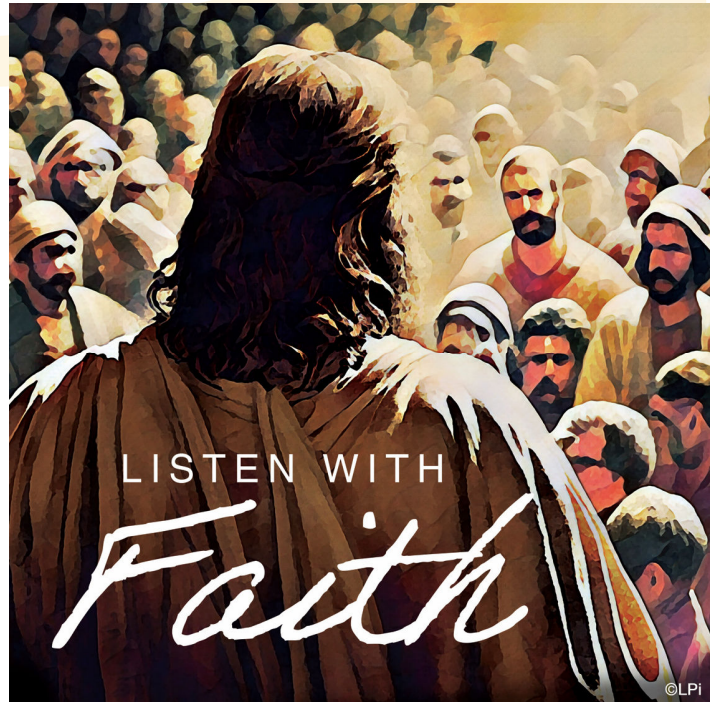
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.



### Knights of Columbus C&B Ticket Sales

The Knights of Columbus from Council 3892 will be selling Charity and Benevolent (C & B) raffle tickets here at St. John's THIS weekend, June 15/16 before and after all Masses. You will find the Knights stationed outside the front of church so please take a moment to stop by to purchase some tickets. The Knights sell these tickets annually and the proceeds go to support a variety of worthy charities including local Catholic schools, Coats for Kids, St. Peter's Kitchen and others. At the same time, your ticket purchase affords you an opportunity to win a monetary prize! Your support is greatly appreciated. Did you know our Knights Council 3892 took first place of all the councils of the Finger Lakes Region in C&B ticket sales? Thank you to all who support the Knights of Columbus Council 3892 with all they do to help those in need including the Church.



June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "**he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.**" Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly

*...it simply isn't time yet.*

— barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



## Expanding our Knowledge of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus so let us continue to show our devotion and reflect on the following.

As we look at the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we notice many symbols. Each of these expresses some aspect of God's love for us.

**Flames:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus burns with divine love.

In the Gospel, Jesus says that He has come to set fire to the earth—the fire that He longs to set is the fire of divine love, the fire of the Holy Spirit, in each human heart. One prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus says, “Oh Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love for You.” The Sacred Heart of Jesus is aflame with love for you and for me, and in this month, He wants to set our hearts on fire with His love, to consume all that is not His love, and for this fire of His love to spread to others who so need to know God's love for them.

**Rays of Light:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus is surrounded by rays of light, as if rays of light are emanating from it. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says He is the light of the world. What does light do? It shines in and dissipates the darkness, and it reveals the truth. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to us the eternal truth of God's love for us, bringing the light of God's love into the darkness of our sin and suffering, our fear and doubt.

**Crown of Thorns:** We remember that during His Passion, the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head. In one of His revelations to St. Margaret Mary, Jesus told her that the crown of thorns symbolizes our individual sins, which prick His heart.

**The Cross:** In the Gospels, Jesus hangs upon the cross as He dies for us. In the image of the Sacred Heart, the Heart of Jesus no longer hangs upon the Cross, but rather the Cross stands atop the Sacred Heart, as if to say that the Heart of Jesus is what supported the Cross and what supports us when we have to bear a cross. It was the Divine Love of the Sacred Heart that willingly accepted death on the Cross for our sake, and it is that same Divine Love that transforms the Cross into the most powerful act of redemption.

**The Open Wound:** After Jesus dies on the cross, a soldier pierces His Heart with a lance, and blood and water flow out—the mercy of God floods the world. The open wound in the image of the Sacred Heart shows us that the Heart of Jesus is always open to us, His mercy always available to us, that He never closes His Heart to us.

At this moment in our world, torn by so much violence and suffering, we need to let our own hearts be filled with the love of the Sacred Heart, so that the flames of God's love reach the world through us. So let us ask for two graces this month: first, the grace to be convinced of God's love for each one of us personally, manifested in the Sacred Heart of Jesus; second, for the grace to show that love to all those around us, to love others as Jesus has loved us.

## Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, “This parable means...” I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom's favorite casserole recipe. *Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol' mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don't even have to think about you.*

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it's certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

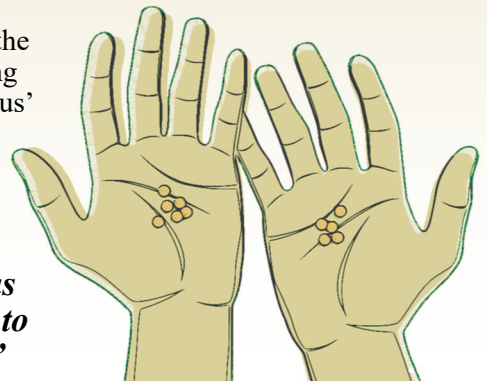
Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn't change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus' sentences.

***“With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.”***







Nancy Oberholzer *Mother of Michael Oberholzer*  
Thomas Camiolo *Husband of Ronni Camiolo*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Craig Ward**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Prayer Line Requests**
- ✝ Marian I **Mark Byrne**
- ✝ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>June 8/9</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	593
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,723.63
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,105.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,828.63
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	298.63

**2nd Collection**

Catholic Communications.....	\$	738.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	10.00
Diocesan Missions.....	\$	748.00

**Fiscal Year 2023-24** as of June 9, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	476,500.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	469,655.67
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	6,844.33)

*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



Online Giving

Page [www.stjohngreece.org](http://www.stjohngreece.org).

Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



For those trying to support and protect their families, we pray they find communities to embrace them. For those searching for peace and hope, we pray that we may be bearers of the Good News.



# St. Charles Borromeo Summer Camp 2024!



**July 8 - 19**

**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

A 2- week curriculum based, faith formation program for Kindergarten\*- 9th grade

*\*must have completed kindergarten in '22- '23 school year to participate*

For more information and/or to request registration forms, call:

**Amanuel Malik**  
Faith Formation Director  
At 663-8000 (opt #3)

Registration forms are also on the table at the center doors in the Narthex here at St John's.




**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 June 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 23, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

June 16, 2024 Tom Grieco  
 June 23, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham  
 June 30, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 16, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
 June 23, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne  
 June 30, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert