

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 23, 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.



He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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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.

PRAYER LINE Jill Finan StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Is 49:1-6/
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15/
Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/
Ps 119:33-37, 40/
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

2 Kgs 24:8-17/
Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday

2 Kgs 25:1-12/
Ps 137:1-6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

Acts 12:1-11/34:2-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19

Sunday

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
Mk 5:21-43

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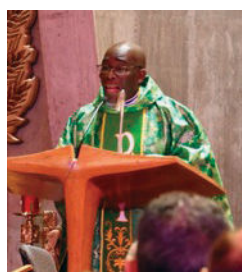
Grateful ~ Thankful ~ Blessed

I find it challenging to find the words that best express my gratitude for what I experienced on Sunday, June 9, 2024, but I will give it the best try that I can. At the time I am writing this, a few days after my celebration, I am still on an emotional “high”. I never expected to feel this way but our good and gracious God has gifted me with a very special time in my life and to have so many of you a part of it means the world to me especially with the numerous cards with your thoughtful words to me. You=AWESOME; Me=Grateful.



By now, after 12 years as your Pastor here at St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY, many of you are well-versed on my journey from my homeland of Ghana, West Africa, to this land of opportunity we all know as the United States of America. My journey has seen its fair share of ups and downs and through it all, God has carried me through—for this I am eternally **GRATEFUL**.

The planning of my celebration consisted of many details to be worked out for Mass and I am grateful for Tod and Marcia’s help with many of these details. I am very grateful for Bishop Matano’s presence along with Fr. White. They are very busy indeed and making time to share my celebration was special. Heading up the brunch details was Christine Paoletti and oh, how nice it is to have her back with us at St. John’s! She tackled so many details surrounding the planning, reservations, venue particulars, hotel accommodations for my family, and so much more to round out a beautiful day of celebration—I am truly grateful! Carol Napierala was instrumental in spending time with me and taking meticulous notes of all that I shared with her about my history and leading up to the present time as I serve as Pastor of our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church. Carol captured it all so well for the picture boards displayed at Church and at the reception.



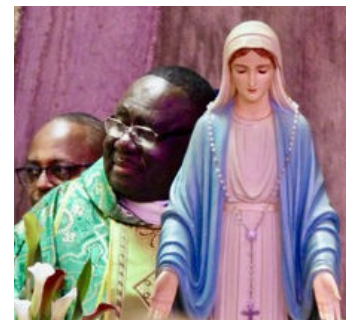
Thank you Consuelo for preparing the celebration booklet. Thank you to Bob Gotham, Chip Lacure, John Lacek, Rick Paoletti and Deacon Ed

Knauf who shared very special words in my honor; they each touched my heart so much. God is good and I am very **THANKFUL**.



Lastly, but certainly not least, I thank the various ministries—Consuelo and all the Choir members and Cantors for their beautiful music

and wow, what a delight to have learned so well the Ghanaian song much to my delight and the pleasant surprise of my family and brother Ghanaian priests! The Art and Environment Ministry team, led by Patty Hoag and Marianne Katz did a wonderful job decorating the altar and tending to some house-cleaning details. Thank you to Marcia and Eileen Zegarelli from the Fatima Women’s Prayer Ministry for bringing together a very beautiful Marian Shrine—I have expressed many times how much our Blessed Mother has been there for me and I certainly wanted her honored on this special occasion.



I wish to thank my faithful Altar Servers; Tony Muscato, Ryan Buda, Mateo Tifone, Evan Maher, as well as Samantha and Sarah Muscato. It was a joy to have each of them serve at the altar on this very special day and a wonderful job they all did.



Thank you to the Lectors, Jonathan Verdun, Rich Jacobs, and Marianne Katz



To the many Ushers, Greeters, and Security team, too numerous to name, who came together from our three Masses to tend to the various details before and during Mass, keeping everything running smoothly and maintaining safety. A special thank you to Chris Muscato for your support. I would be remiss if I did not extend my gratitude to Joe

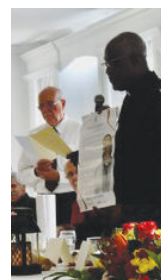


Petrella who tended to a variety of details surrounding the week or two leading up to this occasion. Joe is always there to help me whenever I call upon him no

matter the day or hour—no matter the need, he steps up graciously to help.

For EACH and EVERY ONE of YOU—I am truly **BLESSED**.

I look forward to these next 5 years as your Pastor and together, let us work to build up God’s kingdom here on earth!



Masses for the Week—June 24—30

MONDAY, June 24 *Nativity of St John the Baptist*
 8:15 AM + *Saverio Gangemi*
 by Giulia Panella

TUESDAY, June 25 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Angelo and Maria Lanna*
 by Daughter, Teresa Mercone

WEDNESDAY, June 26 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Johanna Finucane*
 by Paul & Nancy Westlake

THURSDAY, June 27 *St Cyril of Alexandria*

FRIDAY, June 28 *St Irenaeus*
 8:15 AM + *Edward (Russ) Ryan*
 by The Jacobs Family

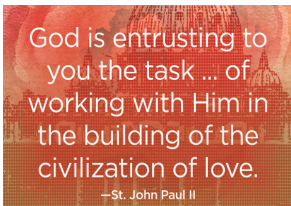
SATURDAY, June 29 *Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles*
 4:00 PM + *Saturno & Antonette Palladino*
 by Luciana & George Ferrini

SUNDAY, June 30 *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Mae Sassano*
 by Family
 10:00 AM + *For the People of St John's; Living and Deceased*

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 24
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center



**Pastoral Planning:
 Task Force Update**

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on April 22. Work continued on preparing a recommendation for the Bishop:

- We agreed to add to the last draft more complete information about the accomplishments and the activities of the 7-parish committees (evangelization, shared website, vocations).
- The central component of the recommendation will be the wisdom of the 7 parishes regarding how we can best handle what we know is coming--which clusters make the most sense to us if/when there is future clustering because of a lack of sufficient number of priests/pastoral leaders. That situation (a trigger event leading to a change) could arise with priest retirements, health issues, or needs elsewhere in the diocese.

There was a lengthy discussion about the increasing demands being put on clergy as more and more parishes are clustered or merged. Work on the recommendation will continue over the summer, and two dates to get input were set: Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils on 10/15 and Parishioners on 11/12. The complete task force minutes are available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>



Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
John Firpo	William McGrath	Thoma Dugan	William Endres	Peter Enyan-Boadu	All Missionaries	Thomas Erdle



Irenaeus (AD 130–202) was the bishop of Lugdunum in Gaul (modern Lyons, France), a stalwart opponent of heresy, and an influential witness concerning the development of the biblical canon.

Little is known about the life of Irenaeus. We know that he was from Smyrna in Asia Minor and a student there of Polycarp (who was a disciple of the apostle John). Irenaeus moved to Rome and studied under Justin Martyr. The significance of Irenaeus is found in his writings. There are fragments of many works, but two major works survive intact: *Against Heresies* and *Proof of Apostolic Preaching*.

Irenaeus was an influential thinker, and there is evidence that his writings were widespread in the churches around the Roman Empire during his lifetime or shortly after his death. Irenaeus died around 202. St. Irenaeus has been canonized by the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

The Perfect Storm

I am writing this on a Saturday morning. Saturdays are my writing days, when my husband takes over the kids and the house and I disappear into the office with an enormous cup of coffee and noise-canceling headphones. Saturdays are sacred — if work can be called sacred.

But Saturday morning is also the only time I'm able to consistently get to confession. Every other time the sacrament is offered in my area during the week, I seem to have unavoidable commitments — but on Saturday morning, all I have is work, and how can I let work come before a sacrament, as much as I might secretly want to?

I've spent a good deal of time being bitter about this, because it's just not convenient, having to carve out time from work to run to the other side of town, especially when I get there and there's a line. I sit there in the sanctuary, waiting my turn, checking the clock, stewing, fretting. Obsessing over forgetting one of my sins. Thinking of how much work I have when I get home.

Saturday mornings: *a perfect storm*, I sometimes call it in my head.

I forge ahead, though. I've never gotten up and dashed back to my desk. I make it into the confessional and I stammer out my pathetic little list and receive absolution. Then I go before the tabernacle to perform my penance.

It's while I am kneeling there that it happens. Always. God awakens, and he cries into the depths of my heart: "Quiet! Be still! Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

After teaching all day by the shore of the sea, Jesus asks his disciples to remove him from the crowds. He wants to escape the noise, the clamor, the disquiet. But the clamor follows him, because the world is full of it. Storms crop up wherever we go.

Jesus sleeps through the storm, because he understands what the disciples do not: the storms of the world cannot hurt us. They are only so much noise.

"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

— Mark 4:41 ©LPI



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

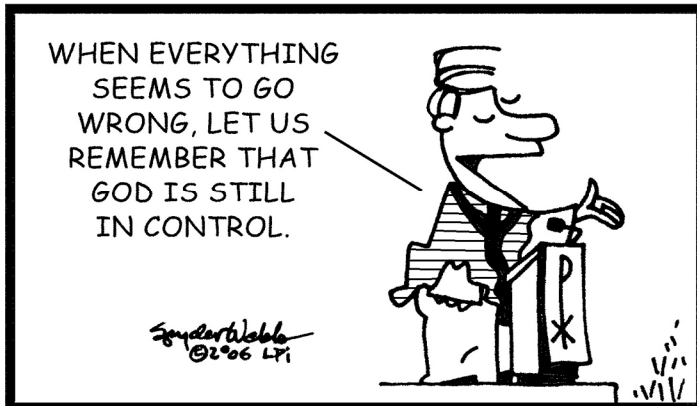
Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, "**rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, 'Quiet, be still!'**" He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much "wind" is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much "water" is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Council Meeting Minutes—June 3, 2024

Opening Prayer: Alan Christodaro

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

Approval of Agenda for tonight's Meeting (Emailed June 2, 2024) **Approval:** Patty Hoag **Second:** Gary Kern

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the 05/6/24, Meeting in the May 26, 2024, bulletin **Approval:** Alan Christodaro **Second:** Wayne Howard

Chairperson's Comments:

- **CMA UPDATE:** We did great!
- **Web Site Review:** 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 Bob.
- **Father Peter's 40th Anniversary Celebration:** Sunday June 9, 2024, Mass at 10:00 AM, brunch to be held at CHEF's Event Center at 12:00 PM. Christine Paoletti has done a lot of work for Father's Anniversary celebration.
- **Social Committee:** Karen Bessette and Melissa Ryan have volunteered to co-chair this committee. They will work on some ideas for social activities over the summer.
- **Diocesan-Wide CENSUS:** St. John's has been assigned to the Summer/Fall phase, which will run August/September/October. We will be looking for volunteers to help in conducting the census. These volunteers can be anyone within the St. John Parish. Tod said that there will be a zoom meeting in September with more information. There will be mailings, no phone calls. Father said the purpose for the Census is that the diocese would like to know who is a registered Catholic attending Mass, who is a Catholic that does not attend Mass. People are worried about the church they attend closing. A church will not close if it is financially supporting itself. We need to do the best we can to build our church and be energetic about it.

Fr. Peter's Update: Father welcomed our new Deacon, Lon Smith and his wife Susan to our parish. Father said he is very fortunate to have Deacon Lon join us in September. Father is also grateful that Deacon Lon is willing to start assisting Father this summer. Father will be going home to visit his family in September, and he will be celebrating his 40-year Anniversary with them. Father thanked the Council for all of their hard work and dedication this year. He also thanked Jill Bailey for serving on the Council for 7 years.

Arts and Environment: Patty said that everything went well for Easter, and some of the plants are still out on the altar. Patty and Father are discussing what plants he would like for his celebration Mass. Patty said she will find something appropriate. On Friday after Adoration the Arts and Environment committee will be doing some cleaning to prepare for Father's Anniversary Mass.

EXPIRING Council Member Terms: Jill Bailey and Tammy Mahar's terms have expired, and they will be

leaving the Council. We thank them both and wish them all the best. The two positions will be filled by Christine Paoletti and Stephanie Braya.

FOOD COLLECTION DAYS: Pam Tofany-Kern is the coordinator for the event. Pam has scheduled the next food drive for the weekend of June 15/16 and Father has agreed to these dates. Pam said it will be announced in the bulletin this weekend and there are fliers posted in the vestibule with the needed items. Pam said the last food drive went very well and she was grateful to all the volunteers that helped her deliver the food to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf.

TASK FORCE: There will be a date for the Task Force to meet with the Parish Council and Finance team members from each of the seven parishes soon.

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon – No new nominations currently

Liturgic Committee: Tod – There is a holy day in August that we will decide what time the Masses will be.

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update: Tod – Sharon and I continue to visit the homebound

Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Update: Rick – The Knights will host two chicken barbeques this summer. The first one is on June 30 at Our Mother of Sorrows and the 2nd one will be held on August 18 at St. John's. Both dinners will begin at 4:00 PM. The Knights will be selling C and B tickets on June 15/16. Our Council won the top award for selling the most C and B tickets in the Finger Lakes region.

Outreach – Social Media/Communications Committee Update:

- **Website** - Gary – the first Draft of the Website Maintenance Guide is complete (42 Pages). Currently pending review and update. Gary is looking for someone to train on how to update the website so that we have someone that knows how to do this besides him. A notice can go in to the bulletin.
 - Website had 876 visitors and 2181 page views in the last 30 days. This is a 20% increase over last month. YTD there have been 4664 visitors and 12720 page views.
 - Last month we discussed adding some content and using our website for evangelization. Some possibilities are questions and answers, testimonials, videos, links to other information, outreach and other communications that would encourage increased participation and strengthening of one's faith. This would require a sub-team to discuss requirements and participate in maintaining these pages.
- **Facebook Update:** 601 likes and 788 followers

Faith Stories: Paul Parkman – St. John's has been very active with social media; we have been tweeting since 2017. Our parish tweets every day of the year. The Holy Eucharist sets us apart as Catholics. He offers himself to us at every Mass. Each time we receive the Holy Eucharist we renew ourselves to God. We must become that which we have eaten.

Safety: Nick Sassano – No update at this time

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This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Dan Craddock**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Dan Craddock**
- ✝ Marian I **Special Intentions of the Englert Family**
- ✝ Marian II **Prayer Requests through our Prayer Line**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



June 15/16	ATTENDANCE.....	424
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,042.01
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,420.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,462.01
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	1,067.99)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as of June 16, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	486,030.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	478,117.68
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	7,912.32)

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



Online Giving

Page www.stjohngreece.org.

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2nd Collection

NEXT Weekend, June 29/30

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES *Continued from page 5*

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish: Bob asked the Council to tell us one thing that they love about St John's. Bob said he is grateful that Father will be with us for 5 more years. Marcia loves the holy hours. Sharon loves that the ushers are so kind in helping to get her husband in and out of church for Mass. Paul loves the contribution that St. John's has put forth to the 7-Parish Council. Tod said he is sorry to see Jill leave the Council. Melissa is happy that we have Father for 5 more years. Wayne said he is grateful that Christine is back. Jill is thankful that she was chosen 7 years ago to be on the Council. Patty is thankful for all the volunteers who helped with the Fish Fry's. Gary is grateful to Father for his leadership and that he recognizes the talent that we have and lets us do our jobs as Council members. Karen is grateful for all the parishioners who volunteer their time for the various needs of our parish. Rick said that the highlight of my year was seeing two adults come into the Church at the Easter Vigil for the first time in several years.

Closing Prayer: Alan Christodaro

Next Meeting: September 2024

Opening and Closing Prayers: TBD

Welcome Summer!

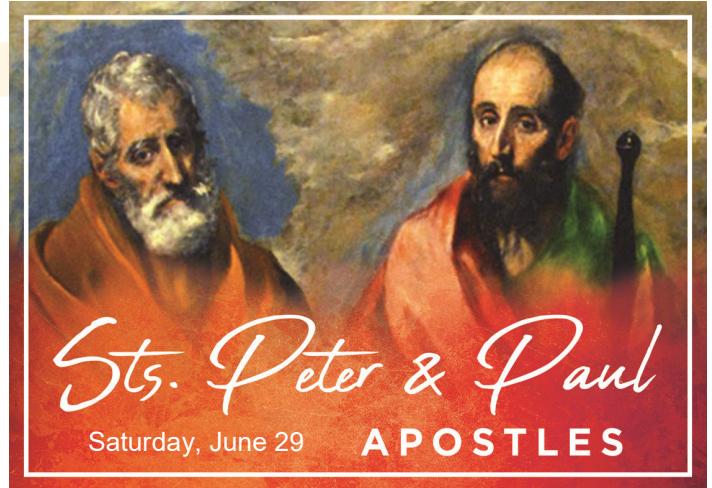


**PRAYER TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

**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 23, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham
June 30, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 23, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
June 30, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert