

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 30, 2023

2400 West Ridge Road  
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**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.*

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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

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/  
Ps 106:19-23/  
Mt 13:31-35

### Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/  
Ps 103:6-13/  
Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35/  
Ps 99:5- 7, 9/  
Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/  
Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/  
Mt 13:47-53

### Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/  
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/  
Mt 13:54-58

### Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17/  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/  
Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/  
Mt 17:1-9

## 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 and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, 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.

### Fr Ring Breaks Down Scripture for the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Wise Prayer

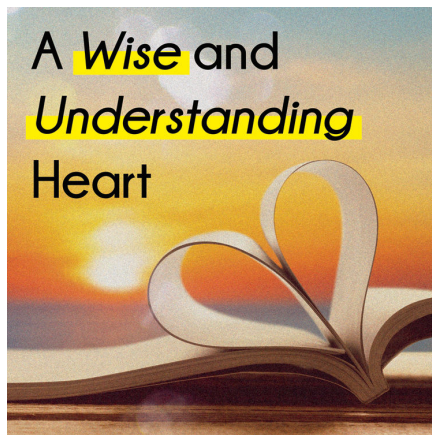
Becoming king at somewhere between 12 and 14 years-old, Solomon realized he was young, inexperienced, and bore a heavy responsibility for a growing kingdom. He will regularly be called upon to make very difficult decisions, as will be the case in just a few verses hence. In a dream, God reassures him. With wisdom beyond his years, he prays for an understanding heart, the ability to distinguish right from wrong. Praying for the gifts needed to be of service to others, rather than for selfish gain – a wise prayer in every age. If Solomon had prayed in this way every morning, how much differently things may have turned out! Sadly, he let the gift of wisdom go to his head, rather than his heart. There are definitely several lessons to take home.

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#### Meditating on Torah

The word 'law' doesn't do justice to how our Jewish brothers and sisters, and the psalmist of Psalm 119 understand Torah. It is God's instruction so that we might have a fruitful, blessed and joyful life. What Psalm 119 lacks in plot,



**KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN**

it more than makes up in the countless ways it reflects on the value of God's instruction, God's law, God's Word. We just get a taste in today's responsorial psalm. With 176 verses, this acrostic psalm leaves not one stone left unturned!

#### The Long View

Taken out of context, the claim "all things work for good for those who love God" can seem quite naïve.

But put in the context of all St. Paul writes about God's plan, and how Jews and Gentiles fit into it: that's a different story. St. Paul always seems able to take the long view. Thank God! It is in the long view that we can see how suffering led to glory for Christ, our risen savior, and how our suffering, united with his, can lead to glory and eternal life for us!

#### A Few More Parables

Jesus offers parables in this week's Gospel inviting us to consider just how precious the kingdom of God is. More to the point, the parables invite us to spend time pondering just how precious life can be when we live it in God's will and God's grace in the kingdom. Everything else pales in comparison. Discover the truth of what Jesus is teaching, and we will know just when to cherish the old, and when to make room for the new. Very similar to the wisdom Solomon asked for!

**ESCAPE THE HEAT:** For the next few weeks, while Fr. Ring is here with us, he will be hearing confessions—not 16 hrs./day as St. John Vianney did, but he will be available following Friday morning Mass and Saturday afternoons from 3:00 PM until 3:45 PM.



## Masses for the Week—July 31—Aug 6

**MONDAY, July 31** *St Ignatius of Loyola*

8:15 AM + *Frank Masters*

by Kay Headley and Herb Speares

**TUESDAY, August 1** *St Alphonsus Liguori*

8:15 AM + *Special Intention of Katie & Jake*

by Family

**WED, Aug 2** *Sts Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard*

8:15 AM + *Rose Marie Morabito*

by Mary Speer

**THURSDAY, August 3** *Weekday*

**FIRST FRIDAY, August 4** *St John Vianney*

8:15 AM + *Joseph Tedesco, Sr*

by Family

10:00 AM *Benediction*

**FIRST SATURDAY, August 5**

*Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major*

8:15 AM *Fr Ring's Intentions*

4:00 PM + *Deceased Members of the Vorrasi Family*

by Family

**SUNDAY, August 6** *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *The People of St. John the Evangelist*

10:00 AM + *Bruce Katz*

by Wife, Marianne

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—**

**Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

## This Week's Schedule

**Monday, July 31**

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

**First Friday, August 4**

8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration  
with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

**First Saturday, August 5**

8:15 AM Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation &  
Devotional Prayer



### Please Join Us for Our Parish Information Night for RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Thank you to those who have already signed up for the RCIA Information Night and for those who haven't, it's not too late to do so. Please refer to the following for more information.

Coming this Fall, 2023, St. John's will offer our parish RCIA Program led by Rick Paoletti and supported by our pastor, Fr. Peter. What is RCIA you may ask? RCIA is a process in which one discerns his/her desire to become a baptized and fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. RCIA is also a process for those who are already baptized Christians who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thirdly, RCIA is an opportunity for Catholics who are already fully initiated (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church who desire a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings.

By taking part in the RCIA program, one is not obligated to fulfill what the program's intended purpose is, however, it is our prayerful desire this will come to fruition. Therefore, we encourage you to come and gather more information and have your questions answered at our parish **Information Night for RCIA** taking place in our Parish Center on **Wednesday evening, August 23, at 6:00 PM.**

**Pre-registration is required on or before Wednesday, August 16 by calling the Parish Office at 585-225-8980 or via e-mail to: [gstjohnnt@dor.org](mailto:gstjohnnt@dor.org).**

We look forward to hearing from you, your family members, or friends! God bless.



## WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

**Sunday, July 30** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered:

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.****Second Reading** Rom 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

**Alleluia** Cf. Mt 11:25**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.****Gospel** Mt 13:24-30

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

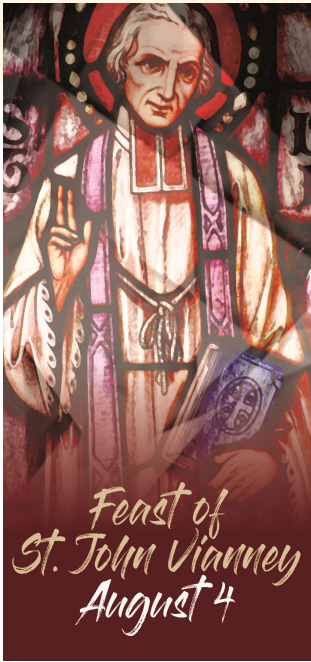
"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."







**On August 4,  
the Church  
Celebrates  
the Feast Day  
of St. John Vianney,  
Patron of Priests**

John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest.

Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his

mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people.

Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, "La Providence," and cared for the poor.

His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims traveled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional.

Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, St. John Vianney remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unflinching humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s.

John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. Over 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese, who already viewed his life as a model of priestly holiness.

The Holy Curé of Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. Over 450,000 pilgrims travel to Ars every year in remembrance of his holy life.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests. The Pope wrote a Letter to Clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.

As we celebrate St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, let us please take time each day to pray for all our priests using the following prayer or one you may already have.



**A Prayer for Priests**

By John Cardinal O'Connor

*O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests,  
take to your heart your sons who are close to you  
because of their priestly ordination and because of the  
power which they have received to carry on the work of  
Christ in a world which needs them so much.  
Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength,  
and especially help them to live  
and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.*

*Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests.  
You have given them to us for OUR needs.  
We pray for them in THEIR needs.*

*We know that You have made them priests  
in the likeness of your own priesthood.  
You have consecrated them, set them aside,  
anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit,  
appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister,  
to console, to forgive, and to feed us  
with Your Body and Blood.*

*Yet we know, too, that they are one with us  
and share our human weaknesses.*

*We know too that they are tempted to sin  
and discouragement as are we,  
needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and  
forgiven, as do we.*

*Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us,  
so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer  
with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with  
us, share our beings, our lives, our faith.*

*We ask that You give them this day the gift  
You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus:  
Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their  
souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face  
to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.*

*We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother  
of all priests, for Your priests and for ours.*

*Amen.*



**Louis J. Polizzi, III** *Husband of Laurel Polizzi*  
**Sr. Arlene Semesky, RSM**  
**Sr. Joanne Decker, RSM**



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I A Special Intention for Emma Knapp
- ✚ Tabernacle II A Special Intention for Emma Knapp
- ✚ Marian I A Special Intention for Emma Knapp
- ✚ Marian II A Special Intention for Emma Knapp

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline, the Mass attendance and contributions for July 22/23 will be posted in our August 5/6 bulletin.

*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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



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

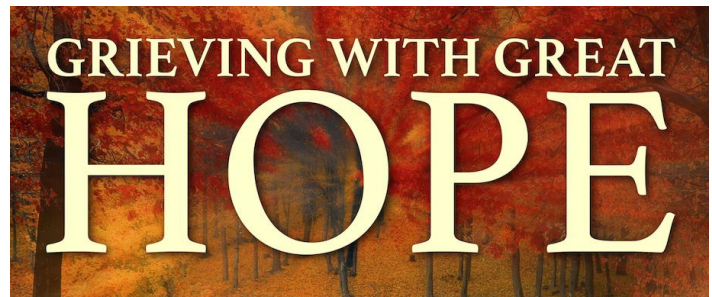


## Our Spiritual Library —Library Card Not Needed!

Just a reminder, we have a well-stocked Spiritual Library for everyone's use. This library of spiritual books is located in the church narthex at the center doors. We know many of us enter and exit our church through the end doors, therefore, may not take an opportunity to see what's available at another area of the narthex. For this reason, we want you to be aware of this library and please feel free to take a book or two (or more) home with you or give to someone you think might be interested in, or benefit from, the material. We are hopeful people who visit us for funerals and weddings might see something they would be interested to read. Maybe you know of a homebound person who might like one of the books. Don't forget the Prayer Shawls on the table near by!

***Kick back and read a good book.*** With this particular library, you are welcome to return the material, pass it on to someone, or keep it. We encourage you to take an opportunity to read something from this library especially during these summer months when people tend to kick back and read a good book! We are in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival so how about a book on The Eucharist? No matter the book, it's an opportunity to broaden our knowledge of the Catholic faith, allowing us opportunity to share it with others.

*Note: For pastoral reasons, we respectfully ask that you do not leave any books or materials on the book rack that did not originate from this library. Thank you.*



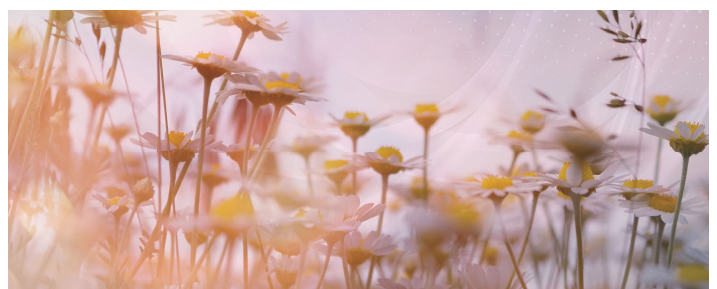
## Grieving with Great HOPE

**Session begins on Saturday, August 5 at 1:00 PM.**

St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Rd. in Gates

*Grieving with Great HOPE* is a six-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend - you are encouraged to attend. The program is free and all are welcome to attend.

**Please contact St. Theodore's parish office at 429-6811 for more information and/or to register.**

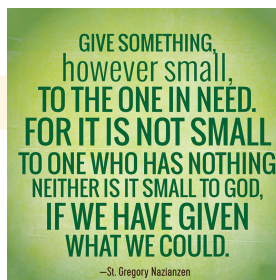


*Please join in praying together at the end of each Mass  
the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel*

### **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.**



### **Generosity Abounds!**

A very special **Thank You** to all those who responded so generously to the request from our friends at the Greece Clothing Closet for new socks and underwear for men, women, and children they assist in our community. At the start, the donation bins were overflowing, were emptied and then overflowing once again! This is a great testimony to the kindness and generosity that abounds here at our beloved St. John's when the call goes out to help our brothers and sisters in need. May our good and gracious God reward you for your kindness.

## **Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July/August 2023**

### **HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

August 6, 2023	Ron LaForce
August 20, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

### **THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

August 6, 2023	Tom Grieco
August 13, 2023	Tom Grieco
August 20, 2023	Tom Grieco
August 27, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham

### **ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 30, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
August 6, 2023	Chris Hoefler
August 13, 2023	Terry & Pam Hearne
August 20, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
August 27, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert