

St. John the Evangelist Greece

April 26, 2026

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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.



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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

Acts 11:1-18/
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26/
Ps 87:1b-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a/
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25/
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33/
Ps 2:6-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52/
Ps 98:1-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

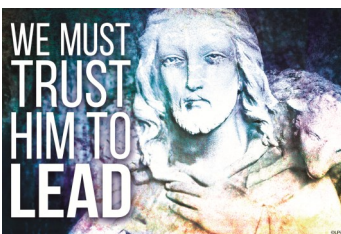
Welcome!

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.

It is I, the Shepherd

Can you imagine being caught in the path of volcanic ash in some far away country in Italy's Mount Etna? The sky is dark and threatening, the winds of dust are blowing and you want to get home or to your destination. How frightening it can be to feel completely helpless and fearful of circumstances beyond our control! Would anything seem normal? In this kind of situation we might not know how to keep our composure and instead become frantic and even start to panic. We could blow our difficulties out of proportion. We could surrender and allow anguish and depression to overwhelm us. However, there is another choice: **CONTEMPLATE**. Ask for guidance and strength. Rather than throwing our hands up in despair, **LIFT** them in **PRAYER**. Jesus the sheep-gatekeeper will answer. He will provide **COURAGE, PATIENCE, and SUPPORT**. Jesus helps us see the hidden secrets within our traumas and the promised blessings yet to come. Ask yourself, what lesson am I learning from this? Even if it is a difficult lesson, consider what it has taught you and how much you have grown.

This is what is happening during the Easter Season; we, like the Apostles have seen the resurrected Christ, struggle to grasp his presence in our lives. Like the Apostles who did not trust



what they were seeing, we fail to trust in the midst of a storm that shakes our faith because we are afraid to believe that Jesus our Good Shepherd could get us to the shore safely.

Many times we react in a way that may seem to show that we have been saved by the Christ-Light at Easter, then life's terrible experiences have the triple whammy effect of pain, worry, and self-doubt. They can leave us feeling desolate and wondering if we will ever see the Christ-Light. We sometimes feel that Jesus is far away and that we are in a dark space without any light to guide us, but with faith, we know that Jesus the Good Shepherd is always present and will help us in times of trouble. He is always with us even if we are not aware of his presence.

How often do we rely on Jesus and put our trust in him? Some of us only **CALL** on Jesus when a situation is so dire that we finally give up all other remedies and ask him to lead us out of the darkness. Those who call on Jesus only as a last resort miss out on so much. When we recognize that he is always present in our lives, we can be more peaceful and often more fulfilled. Let us live now glorifying God



in all we do so that one day we may inherit eternal life. *With peace and love to all,*
Father Peter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



The 63rd Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations

To fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."

Mt 9:38.

THIS Sunday, April 26, 2026, which is Good Shepherd Sunday. Pope Leo XIV's message for the day, entitled "The Interior Discovery of God's Gift," encourages believers to view vocation as an internal discovery of God's gift, emphasizing beauty, trust, and focuses on vocation as a dynamic process of maturing in God's love. The day encourages prayers for young people to hear and respond to God's call to priesthood, religious life, and other vocations.

Masses for the Week—April 27—May 3

MONDAY, April 27 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Yolanda Petruzzi*
 by Maria Mercone
 2:30 PM + *Mass at Village at Unity*

TUESDAY, April 28
Sts Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort
 8:15 AM + *Rosemarie Marcello*
 by Jim & Dina DiPasquale

WEDNESDAY, April 29 *St Catherine of Siena*
 8:15 AM + *Nicola Mercone*
 by Maddalena McDaniels & Family

THURSDAY, April 30 *St Pius V, Pope*
FIRST FRIDAY, May 1 *St Joseph the Worker*
 8:15 AM + *Pat Anselm*
 by Circle of Friends
 10:00 AM *Benediction*

FIRST SATURDAY, May 2 *St Athanasius*
 8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intention*
 4:00 PM + *The Deceased Parishioners of St John's*

SUNDAY, May 3 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM + *Wayne G. Bowser*
 by Doug & Paula Miller
 10:00 AM + *Lino Gobo*
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 27
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

Thursday, April 30
 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

First Friday, May 1
 Mass followed by Adoration until 10:00 AM
 concluding with Benediction in Church

First Saturday, May 2
 8:15 AM Mass followed by the Rosary and Prayers
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center
 Before/After 4:00 PM Mass C&B Ticket Sales in Church
 After 4:00 PM Mass St John the Evangelist Anniversary
 Display in Parish Center

Sunday, May 3
 Before/After Masses C&B Ticket Sales in Church
 After Masses St John the Evangelist Anniversary
 Display in Parish Center

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2
All Missionaries	Mitchell Zygadlo	Anthony Amato	Ronald Antinarelli	Theodore Auble	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop John Bonnici

C & B Ticket Sales

The Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be selling C&B tickets before and after each Mass **NEXT weekend, May 2/3.**

We encourage your ongoing support of this worthy cause in which the Knights provide support to various charitable organizations throughout the area. At the same time you are supporting the Knights' efforts, you also have a chance to win a prize yourself. Last year there was a winner from St. Charles so let's see if we can get a winner this year from St. John's!

On behalf of the Knights and Fr. Peter, **THANK YOU** for your support.



Honoring our Blessed Mother during the Month of May

NEXT Sunday, May 3 during the 10:00 AM Mass we will honor our Blessed Mother with our annual parish **May Crowning**. Parents and Grandparents -- **we are inviting all children to**

take part in this special occasion. Women from our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry together with the children will be in a procession from the back of church up to the statue of Mary where the crowning will take place. The more children the better! It is very helpful to know in advance the number of children taking part (so we can plan for flowers), so we kindly ask that you let us know if your children/grandchildren will join in this special occasion.

Please call or e-mail Marcia at the Parish office: 225-8980 or gstjohnt@dor.org





May Banquet

After a very LONG winter, we all need something warm and happy to look forward to!! Come celebrate Spring with the Women's Guild at The Brook House on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 5:30 PM.**

ALL women of the parish are welcome. The Brook House can accommodate 25 reservations for us. Each will order from the menu and receive an individual bill to pay.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 1. Please call Carolyn Kerhaert at 225-7425 to place your reservation. We hope you will join us for this special evening!

Day of Caring—2026

Our annual parish Day of Caring is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 with a rain date of Saturday, May 16. We will begin at 9:00 AM and finish with a Hot Dog Lunch around 12:30 PM.

There is a variety of things to do but it mainly involves raking. We need volunteers to complete assigned duties and be flexible in completing a list of tasks. Please bring with you: Work Boots, Work Gloves, a rake, clippers and a lot of energy! Please dress warm and please wear long pants for safety

If you are able to help out, please sign up using the sign-up sheet on the table at the center doors in the Narthex of Church. We hope you will join in!



CONFIRMATION

Saints in the Making—Help from Heaven

We are all called to be saints so the same holds true for **Jackie Scardino and Cristian Fiorillo**, the newly confirmed teens of our parish. As Catholics, the Candidates choose a heavenly role model whose life, virtues, or patronage resonates with them, acting as a "spiritual companion" and mentor. The saint is viewed as a protector who prays for the confirmand, assisting them in living out their faith.

Who did they choose as their saint?



Jackie chose **Saint Cecilia – the Patron Saint of Music & Musicians.** Jackie was drawn to St. Cecilia for their mutual love of singing/music. Cecilia was a virgin and one of the most famous Roman martyrs known for singing in her heart to God during her wedding and for her unwavering faith. May Jackie's love for music carry on and more importantly, through the intercession of

St. Cecilia, may Jackie's faith be unwavering throughout her life.



Cristian chose **Saint Michael the Archangel – the Patron Saint of Police Officers, Military Personnel and Paramedics.** Cristian was drawn to St. Michael for his strong courage and loyalty to God. St. Michael is regarded as the protector of God's chosen people (both Israel and the Church). We are all familiar with the St. Michael

Prayer that we pray after Mass asking for protection against the devil/evil. Through the intercession of St. Michael, protect Cristian from evil and help him grow in courage and strength for the faith always remaining loyal to God.

Words of Gratitude

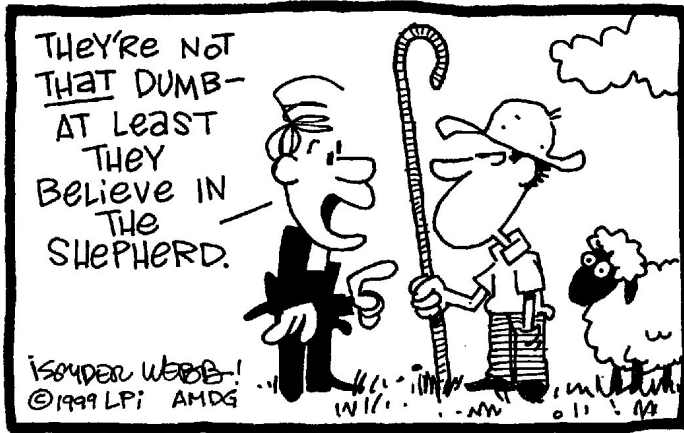
I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the **many people** here at St. John's who participated in **so many ways** as our parish journeyed through Lent, into the Sacred Triduum, culminating in the joy of Easter! **THANK YOU ALL** for your gifts of time, talent and treasure dedicated to the good of our parish and for the greater glory of God!

For those who were unable to take part in these seasonal preparations, please know how many details need to be tended to in a timely manner to bring everything together nicely and I, of course, am unable to do it alone; it takes many hands to make lighter work. If you weren't able to help this year, maybe next year you will be able to do so; please connect with me, my Pastoral Staff or a member of our Parish Pastoral Council.

I wish each of you God's peace and blessings throughout the remainder of this Easter season and beyond.

Fr. Peter

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,

Be the Good Shepherd in my life.

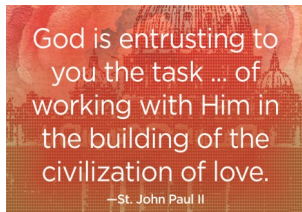
Help me to know your voice and to respond.

Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead.

Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.

Refresh my soul.

Amen. ©LPI



From the ROC Catholics Northwest Vocations Committee:

Do you know what Lay Ecclesial Ministers (LEM) are?

They are lay women and men who are designated by a pastoral

leader to serve the church in a particular area of ministry. They receive the needed training and work closely with bishops, priests, and deacons. We have lots of them serving in our 7 parishes—e.g., catechetical leaders, pastoral ministers, youth ministers, school principals, and directors of liturgy or music.

To highlight and encourage vocations to lay ecclesial ministry, the Vocations Ministry is interviewing some of our local LEMs. Every so often you'll see one of these interviews in bulletins and on the ROC Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](http://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>





Scott Kruppenbacher
Son of Scott & Joette Kruppenbacher
Barbara Masi *Mother of George Masi*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
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April 18/19 Week 42	ATTENDANCE.....	423
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	4,913.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	3,626.57
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,539.61
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	1,410.39)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as of April 19, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	417,900.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	430,293.01
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	12,393.01

As your Pastor, I wish to extend my gratitude for the ongoing support from all of you who have been faithfully contributing to the Sunday collection and other various collections throughout the year. Please know your generosity is a vital part of maintaining the mission of the Church. May our good and gracious God bless you abundantly. Fr. Peter

NOTE: For those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. Please contact the Parish Office if you need church envelopes or wish to donate through electronic on-line giving. Also, this QR code is a convenient option.

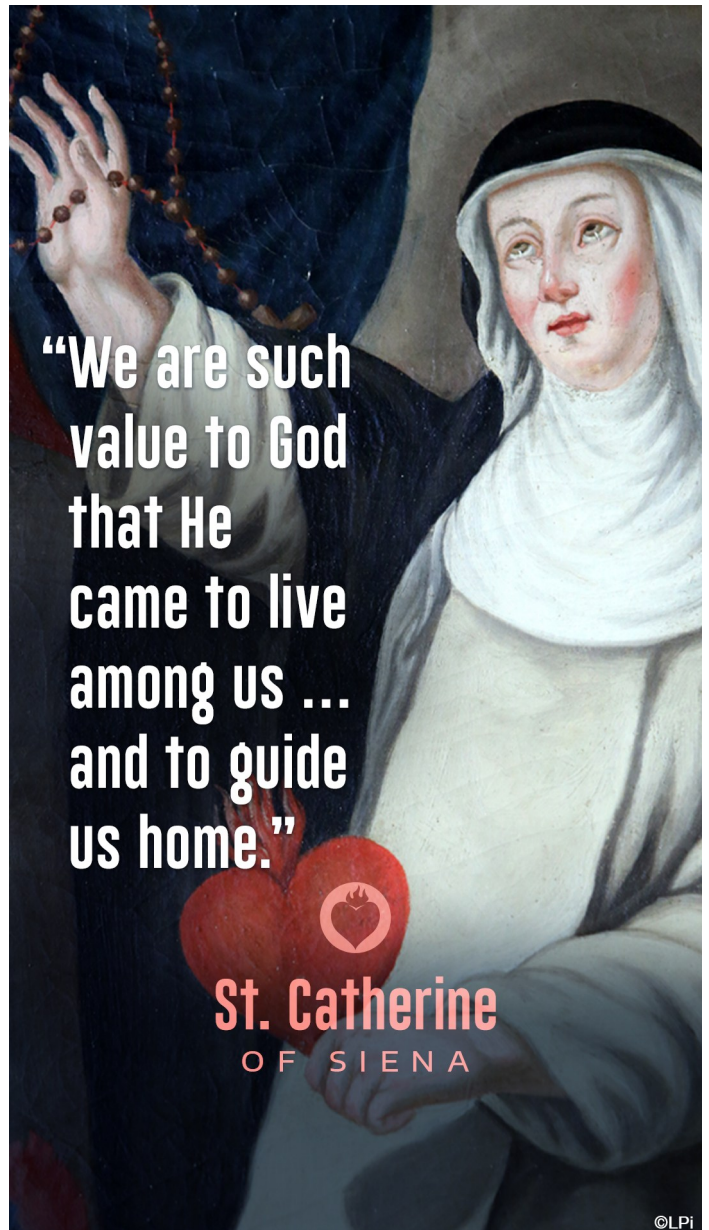


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You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. It is easy, safe and secure! Find the link to Online Giving on our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



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



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 throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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Please note: This does not replace the individual parish websites; it's another resource to find out what's going on throughout our 7 parishes.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers April/May 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 26, 2026 Steve & Mary Ann Donato
 May 10, 2026 Ron LaForce
 May 24, 2026 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

April 19, 2026 Tom Grieco
 April 26, 2026 Barb & Bob Gotham | May 3, 2026
 May 10, 2026 Barb & Bob Gotham | May 17, 2026

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 26, 2026 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
 May 3, 2026 Carolyn Kerhaert
 May 10, 2026 Chris Hoefler
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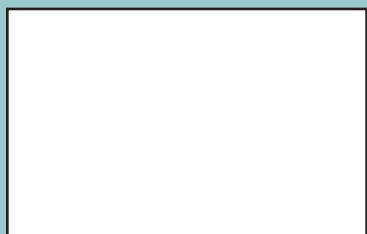
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