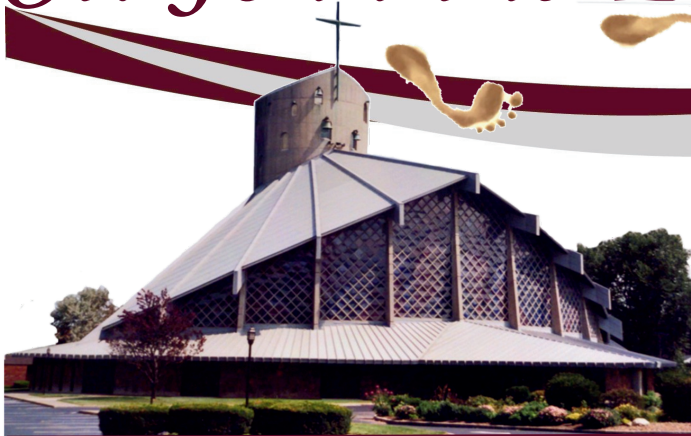


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August 9, 2026

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In the Footsteps of St John

A journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure who is the patron of our parish church, St John the Evangelist.



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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

Confession By Appointment Only.

Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980

Baptism 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 StJohnPrayLine@gmail.com

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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.

God Can Do Wonders in Our Lives Because We Believe

Faith is a simple word, yet it contains a powerhouse of potential for our happiness and even our survival as people. Faith cannot be scientifically measured or quantified; yet we know it exists. Countless people throughout time have witnessed to the importance of faith in their lives. Some have taken their faith to the limits of martyrdom because of what they believed. For most of us, our faith sustains us in the daily routine of life. For others, faith is the driving force that carries us through our most difficult times. St Paul wrote: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9. The creed we recite every Sunday at Mass is our statement of faith. So, we can trust that salvation is ours as we "confess" this creed and place our faith and trust in the truths that this creed announces.

St Augustine said God created us without our help, but he will not save us without our help. While Jesus' death and resurrection have brought about redemption, we will have a role to play in letting that redemption penetrate our hearts and minds.

Jesus tells us we cannot serve two masters. If we try to serve two masters, we will either hate the



one and love the other, or we will be devoted to the one and despise the other. Matthew 6:24. Placing this teaching within the context of our lives, most of us probably have several masters we are trying to serve. These include trying to serve the Lord while seeking to grow wealthy or seeking to serve the Lord

while trying to gain the love and approval of others. The way to help ensure that our lives and hearts are truly focused on serving the Master, the Lord our God who promotes our greatest good, is through prayer and reflection. That is right—good old-fashioned prayer and reflection. This means that we need to clear away the clutter and perhaps shut off our cell phone, television, and computers so we can make time to pray each and every day.

It can be easy to forget that we depend on God's mercy for every breath we take. Every good attribute we have is a gift from His generous hand. It can be easy to think that Jesus "owes" us a favor because of our faithfulness, but in reality, we owe Him for everything we are and everything we have. He is our Savior, not our business partner; He is our Lord, not our nextdoor neighbor. Connected to the Lord Jesus in faith, we really can move mountains!

May we pray to serve our God and God alone, and not rely solely on material things that do not endure forever.



Peace and love to all,
Father Peter

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday

2 Cor 9:6-10/
Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/
Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday

Ez 2:8-3:4/
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/
Ps 113:1-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12/
Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/
Is 12:2-4bcd, 5-6/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10-12, 16/
1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56

Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7/
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28

Masses for the Week—Aug 10 - 16

MONDAY, August 10 *St Lawrence*

8:15 AM + *Pasquale Papalia*
by Giulia Panella

TUESDAY, August 11 *St Clare*

8:15 AM + *Joseph Coccitto*
by Maria Leonardis & Family

WED, August 12 *St Jane Frances de Chantal*

8:15 AM + *JoAnne Callahan*
by Husband, Dave & Family

THURS, August 13 *Sts Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus*

FRIDAY, August 14 *St Maximilian Kolbe*

8:15 AM *50th Wedding Anniversary*
Leonard & Mary LeBeau

6:00 PM + *Todd Weinmann*
by Roger Brooks

SAT, AUGUST 15 *Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15 AM *Living and Deceased Members*
of St John's Parish

4:00 PM + *Betty Gaffney*
by Family

SUNDAY, AUG 16 *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Sue Grieco*
by Tom

10:00 AM + *Ernest Nardone*
by Daughter

Wills/Bequests/Memorials -

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 9

School Supply Drive in Narthex Concludes

Monday, August 10

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, August 13

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room

Sunday, August 16

4:00-7:00 PM K of C Chicken BBQ in Church Lot



THIS Saturday, August 15, 2026, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Mass times will be:

Vigil Mass THIS Friday, August 14 at 6:00 PM

Holy Day Mass THIS Saturday, Aug 15 at 8:15 AM

There will be a holy day collection so please contribute using your church envelope, a loose cash donation or by way of electronic giving.

NOTE: *If you do not have an Assumption envelope, please place your contribution in a regular envelope with your name and address on the outside.*

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15
Stephen Kraus	Robert Kreckel	Gerard Krieg	Scott Kubinski	William Laird	Steven Lape	Deceased Priests

CPR Course Being Offered

THIS Saturday, August 15th the Ridge Road Fire District will be offering a CPR class to interested Parishioners.

This will include training on an A.E.D, as well as CPR for adults and infants. The event which will be held at the main fire station on Mitchell Rd will begin at 9:00 AM and last approximately 2 hours. If you need to be certified or recertified for your employer, the fee will be \$25.00; otherwise, there is no charge.

If interested, contact Nick Sassano at 978-9208 or Tod Simone at 261-0972.

Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue



NEXT Sunday August 16

from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

in the parking lot of

St. John the Evangelist Church

This will be a drive-thru event. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal. **To place your order call or text Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve.**

The last day to pre-order is Saturday August 15. People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM on the day of the barbecue.

The cost is \$14, and the meal includes:

Half a Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn Bread

Come and get a great meal for a great price!

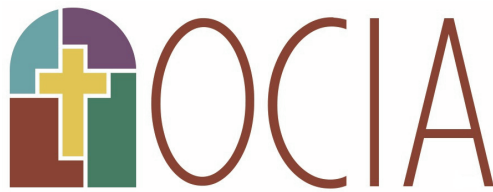


A Special Celebration While I was Home in Ghana



I wish to share these photos on the special occasion of the priesthood ordination of a young man by the name of Rev. Prince Edward Anane; he was 1 of 7 men who were ordained in the Catholic

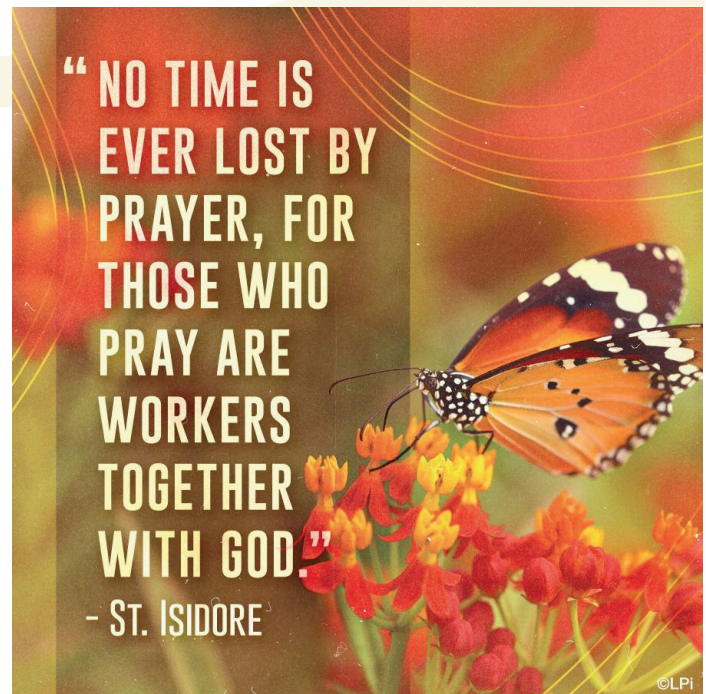
Diocese of Obuasi. I have supported this young man throughout his years in the seminary and by God's grace he has now been ordained to the holy priesthood—to God be the glory! It was my privilege and joy to be present for this special occasion. Fr. Anane holds a Master's Degree in Theology and a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology. Please pray for Fr. Anane, all priests, and an increase in priesthood vocations. God bless,
Fr. Peter



Parish O.C.I.A. Information Night Outlining our Upcoming Program

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:00 PM in the Parish Center

If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in learning more about becoming Catholic, we encourage you and invite you to join us for our Parish O.C.I.A. Info Night. At this Info Night you will hear about the program and have opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The O.C.I.A. program itself is scheduled to begin this Fall and registration forms will be available at the Info Night gathering. If someone is interested but unable to attend Info Night, please contact the Program Coordinator, Rick Paoletti, at (585)489-9555 or by e-mail at rickpaoletti@juno.com OR you can contact the Parish Office (585)225-8980 or gstjohnnt@dor.org



Prayer for the Return of Non-practicing Catholics

As sad as it is, many of us know someone who has strayed from the practice of the Catholic faith; many times those within our family. Through the power of prayer and God's love and mercy we have hope for those who are lost. It is suggested that this prayer be prayed often for those you love and even for those you don't even know. This prayer should be accompanied by sacrificial and private acts of fasting and almsgiving in their name.

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (name) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

*Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered Yourself to the Father for the salvation of all.
Amen.*



Thank You for Making the Mabuhay Festival a Success!

On behalf of the St. John the Evangelist Filipino Fellowship Ministry, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, performed, prepared food, and supported our Mabuhay Festival.

Your generosity, dedication, and joyful spirit helped make this celebration of Faith, Family, and Filipino Heritage a truly memorable and successful event. Every smile shared, every dish prepared, every hand that helped set up and clean up, and every moment of fellowship reflected the strength and warmth of our Filipino community.

To all our volunteers, thank you for generously giving your time, energy, and talents. Your selfless service behind the scenes made everything possible, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment. An immensely humbling experience to serve together.

To everyone who joined us, thank you for celebrating with us and for making our parish community stronger through your presence and support. It was very heartwarming. To our pastor, Fr. Peter, we are profoundly grateful for your support, inspiration and encouragement. Your spiritual reminder of God's promise: Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

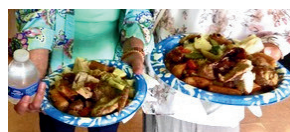
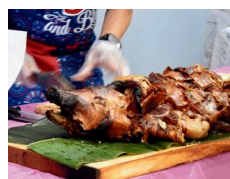
May God bless each of you abundantly for your kindness and generosity. We look forward to celebrating together again next year with even greater joy and fellowship.



Maraming salamat po, and Mabuhay!

Thank you and Long Live!

Faith, Peace, and Love,
Filipino Fellowship Ministry





Jean Raisbeck Wife of Tom Raisbeck



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Donald Leege**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Marie Zingarella**
- ✠ Marian I **Fallen Away Catholics**
- ✠ Marian II **Our Pastor, Father Peter**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 1/2

Week 5	ATTENDANCE.....	392
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,411.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,134.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,545.00
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	1,503.00)

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of August 2, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	522,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	50,240.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	46,916.76
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	3,323.24)

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.



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. 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.

From the ROC Catholics Northwest Vocations Committee:

An interview with lay ecclesial minister, Tod Simone (Pastoral Minister at St. John the Evangelist)

What do you do?

My duties focus on preparing funerals, along with visitation of the sick and homebound. I prepare the liturgy committee agenda and participate in Holy Day Masses. However, with a small staff, I pitch in where needed.

What is your advice to others thinking about a similar path?

The profound sadness that goes with planning a funeral is offset by the knowledge that you are doing your part to guide a family through the worst period of their lives. We also balance that with the joy of Baptism or First Communion. The advice I was given when I first started was: *Treat every person who comes to you in need as if it was Jesus Christ himself.* That has stuck with me to this day. That is advice I would pass along to someone considering this type of career. You can find Tod's full interview on the ROC Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](http://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>



Next Public Rosary

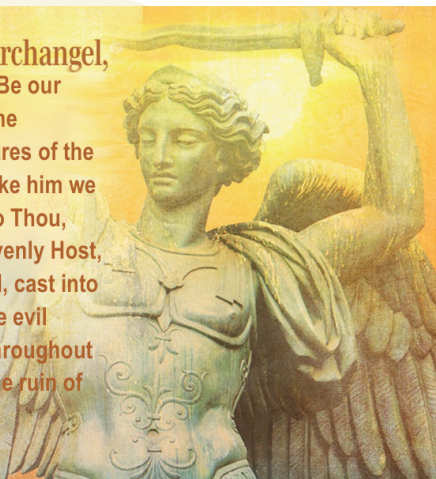
Join us THIS Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 PM at the Southeast corner of Latta Road/Long Pond Road for the Public Rosary. We hope to see you there!



Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the Civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coor:

Deborah A. Housel, 585-328-7177, x1555; Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, x1555 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

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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connecting with this joint website listed here. Check in with it often for various offerings at the parishes listed.

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 August 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME

August 9	Ron La Force
August 16	Cristyn and Tod Simone
August 23	Mary Ann and Steve Donato
August 30	TBD

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

August 9, 2026	Barb & Bob Gotham
August 16, 2026	Tom Grieco
August 23, 2026	Barb & Bob Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE

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