

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 17, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, New York 14626



## 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.



"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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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.

*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

Jgs 2:11-19/  
Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/  
Mt 19:16-22

#### Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a/  
Ps 85:9, 11-14/  
Mt 19:23-30

#### Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15/  
Ps 21:2-7/  
Mt 20:1-16

#### Thursday

Jgs 11:29-39a/  
Ps 40:5, 7-10/  
Mt 22:1-14

#### Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/  
Ps 146:5-10/  
Mt 22:34-40

#### Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/  
Ps 128:1b-5/  
Mt 23:1-12

#### Sunday

Is 66:18-21/  
Ps 117:1, 2/  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/  
Lk 13:22-30

## Welcome!

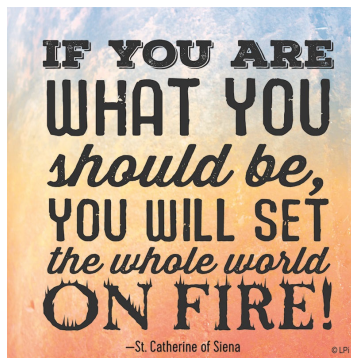
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, 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.

## You Make A Difference

A certain king was to visit a village under his rule, and the villagers each decided to contribute a jar of wine for the royal feast. All the wine was to be poured into a big barrel from which it could be served. One person thought to himself: With all the people in the village each pouring a jar of wine into the barrel, what difference would it make if I poured in a jar of water and saved my wine? A jar of water among so much wine would hardly make any difference. Unfortunately, this person was not the only one in the village who thought that way. When the king arrived and the barrel of wine was ready to be served, it was discovered to be full of water and very little wine. **Many other people in the village too had contributed water instead of wine, thinking that it did not matter, since other people's contributions would make up for their not contributing. It did matter. It does matter.**

A great number of people benefit from the services of our Catholic faith and tradition by virtue of their being baptized. Many come in to church for the various sacraments due them, like First Communion, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage, to name just a few. Some of these people live and work in situations that make it impossible for them to contribute financially, but it is important that they participate in the community for their faith to grow.

Church is not all about money; it is about the presence and participation of each one of us. It is unfortunate that many a time we have a full house of people for either a Funeral Mass or even sometimes Weddings where the people in attendance do not know the responses to the parts of the Eucharistic prayer that should be part of our every



day Christian Catholic life. No matter how often we call ourselves Catholics, by the grace of God, we need to go to Mass and participate in the church community that nourishes us. It makes us who we are, members of the family of God.

Remember, the Gospel of the 2nd Sunday of Easter? Remember, the Apostle Thomas and what happened to him? We see Thomas like so many of us was absent from "Sunday service" and so missed the blessing and presence of the resurrected Lord. So why do we stay away if we are able to participate at Mass? The Church needs our participation and needs us to contribute—please do.

Send in your bottle of wine, in this case our very SELF. Do not go with the idea that someone is doing so on our behalf. Our presence and participation make a difference. No matter how many times we can come to Church in any given month, IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Many of us are already good witnesses. We're trying to grow in virtue, raise our families, and be of service to others. Others can see that, too. But they need to know who is behind it all. Jesus is standing with us, his hand on our shoulder like an advocate, praying not only for us but with us! Jesus takes to himself all of our confusion, our pain, our needs, and transforms them. Miraculously, Jesus even dissipates some of them. He makes a difference in our lives to hope

and participate in Church. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Blessings and peace to all,  
Father Peter



*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."*

— Edmund Burke

## Masses for the Week—August 18—24

### **MONDAY, August 18** *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Mary Richards*

by Jim & Cindi Grotke

### **TUESDAY, August 19** *St John Eudes*

8:15 AM + *Catherine Kingscote*

by Jim & Delia Keane

### **WEDNESDAY, August 20** *St Bernard*

8:15 AM + *Carol Spagnola*

by Marcia Parsons

### **THURSDAY, August 21** *St Pius X, Pope*

### **FRIDAY, Aug 22** *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15 AM + *Helen Vieira*

by Mr & Mrs Alan Vieira

### **SATURDAY, August 23** *St Rose of Lima*

10:00 AM *Memorial Mass + Mickey Corsi*

by St John's Women's Guild

4:00 PM *Living Members of St John's*

### **SUNDAY, August 24** *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Stephen Gallese*

by Nikki MacDonald

10:00 AM + *Joseph Kulik*

by Frank & Lorrie DiBisceglie

### Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

## This Week's Schedule

### **Sunday, August 17**

4:00 –7:00 PM KofC Chicken BBQ in Parking Lot

### **Monday, August 18**

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

### **Tuesday, August 19**

6:00 PM O.C.I.A Information Night in Parish Center

### **Thursday, August 21**

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Let the LITTLE CHILDREN come to me  
and do not hinder them, for the  
KINGDOM OF GOD  
belongs to SUCH AS THESE.  
♥ LUKE 18:16

**It's that time of  
year again.**

**Faith Formation for  
2025-2026 school year**

ALL Registration forms

can be found in the back of church or at the office.

**All registration forms should be completed by THIS  
Friday, August 22. For additional information you  
can contact Cris Simone.**

For those who did not attend one of the summer sessions,  
please register Home Schooling for all children in grades  
K thru 7th.

### **Sacraments for 2025-2026 school year**

If you have a child entering the 2nd grade who has not  
yet made their First Penance and First Communion,  
please register them to start the preparation.

If you have a child entering the 8th grade, they can be  
registered for the 2 year Confirmation program.

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

Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23
All Missionaries	William Leone	Steven Lewis	Barnard Maloney	Christopher Linsler	John Loncle	Joseph Martuscello



### **Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue**

**THIS Sunday, August 17  
from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM**

The time has come, Sunday,  
August 17th, for the Knights of

Columbus Council 3892 **Annual Chicken Barbecue at  
St. John's!**

If you did not pre-order, you can still get a meal by coming  
through the drive-thru in the parking lot by the Parish  
Center from 4:00 'til 7:00 PM. Don't miss out; come  
early.

The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken
- Baked beans
- Macaroni salad
- Corn bread

**THANK YOU for your support!**



# Memorial



### **A Good and Faithful Servant of God**

With the recent passing of Mickey  
Corsi who was a member of  
St. John's Women's Guild, the  
ministry of St. John's Women's Guild  
is sponsoring a Memorial Mass in  
Mickey's memory on **Saturday,  
August 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM** here in

church. All are invited to this Mass and afterward the  
Women's Guild will host a gathering in the Parish Center  
to which all are invited.





### Back to School Collection Sunday, August 17 through Sunday, August 31

It's that time of year again when many begin their preparation for their children returning to school and we know part of this preparation is gathering school supplies. This can be a challenge for many families, especially those with multiple children and in light of the higher cost for everything. We all want our children to be well-equipped with the supplies necessary so they can start off on the right foot as they begin a new school year; so we turn to you, our parishioners, who have so generously supported this collection in the past. The supplies we collect will be distributed to Mrs. Rhonda Neal, Principal of Nazareth Elementary School, for the benefit of the children of Nazareth Elementary.

You will find the collection bins for the supplies in the narthex of church by the center doors and the two far end doors between Sunday, August 17 and August 31. We thank you in advance for the support of this annual project.



### If You Are in the Hospital, it is Good for Us to Know

Whether you go into the hospital for a planned stay or if you go in

under unexpected circumstances, it will be good for Fr. Peter and Tod Simone, our Pastoral Minister, to be aware so they can minister to those in need. How will they know of our parishioners in the hospital? Rochester Regional Hospital (Unity & Rochester General), and Strong Memorial Hospital provide Tod with names of our parishioners who are in the hospital, however, we're finding times when we are not notified.

We are told that in order for a patient in the hospital to be listed as a parishioner of St. John's, Greece, NY, that **you, the person being admitted**, needs to inform the hospital personnel **at the time you are being admitted**. We're told, due to HIPPA, a family member or friend is **not** able to request this on your behalf unless circumstances are such that you cannot verbally do so yourself. It is important for Father Peter and Tod to be aware so they can minister to you in your time of need. We will be grateful for your help with this.

### St. Rose of Lima | August 23

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

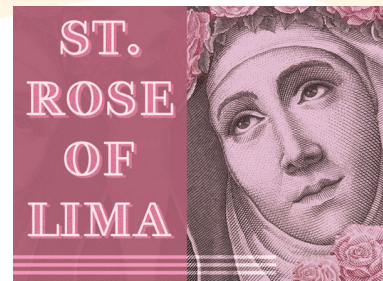
Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night

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in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of

thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.





**AUGUST 22**

## The Queenship of Mary

*This feast day recognizes Mary as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth" and celebrates her special role in salvation.*

*"So long as she is in mind,  
you are safe from deception."*

St Bernard



## Set the Earth on Fire

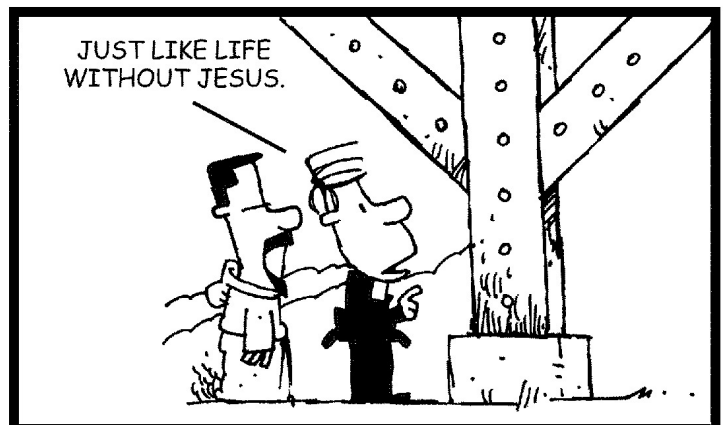
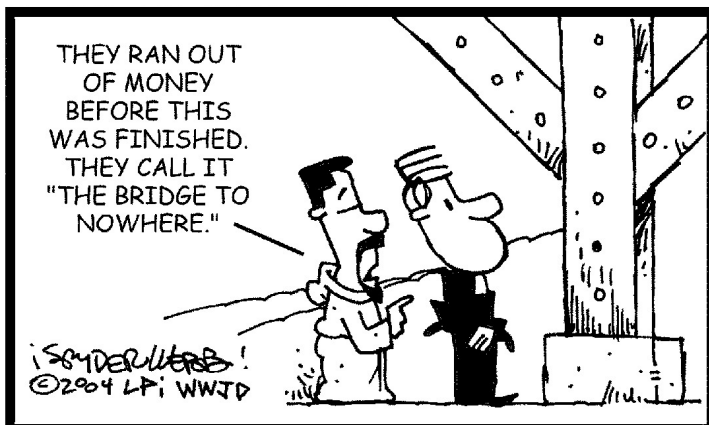
My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for

our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

### What truly sets us on fire?

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Luke 12, *"I have come to set the earth on fire."* Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





• 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“I HAVE COME  
TO SET THE  
EARTH ON FIRE!”**



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

✠ Tabernacle I Irene Eisenberg

✠ Tabernacle II Elizabeth Wiley

✠ Marian I Eleanor Zanni

✠ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

### BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>August 9/10</b> Week 6	ATTENDANCE.....	432
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,914.15
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	3,623.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	11,537.15
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	1,587.15

### 2nd Collection

#### Annual Parish Mission Appeal Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya

SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,421.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	5.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	5,426.00

### Fiscal Year 2025-26 as August 10, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	59,700.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	70,211.44
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	10,511.44

*As we are underway in our new Fiscal Year, I am encouraged by the early financial report and I am deeply appreciative for the generosity your sacrificial giving offers for the well-being of our parish.*

*Fr Peter*

### 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! 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.



## DIGITAL LIBRARY

### A Digital Library for your Spiritual Nourishment

Do you want to explore sacred texts, theological reflections, and inspirational writings wherever you are—through apps, websites, podcasts, radio, daily emails, or YouTube? Do you want help to live a life more attuned to God's will and presence? Whether you're seeking guidance in prayer, understanding of the Bible, or insight from spiritual leaders, the Digital Library created by the 7-Parish Evangelization Team provides a vast and diverse collection for your spiritual journey.



You can access this resource on the ROC Catholics Northwest website:  
<https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>



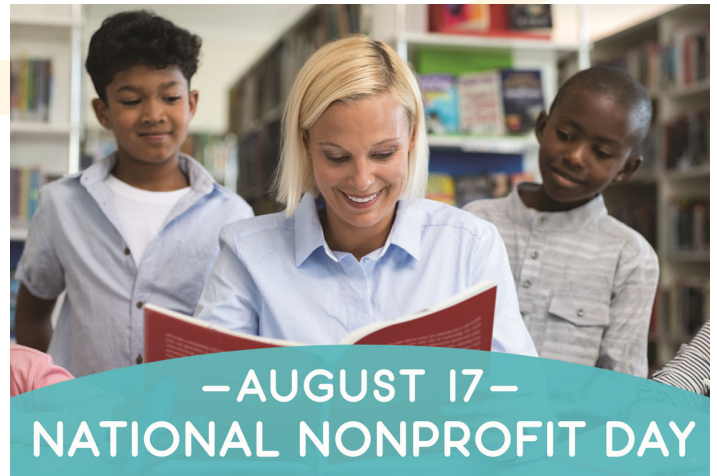
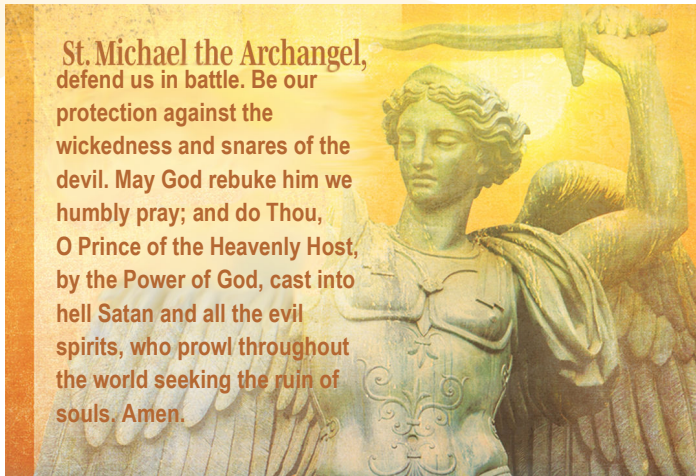
Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a meal at **St Pius X Parish Center** 3010 Chili Ave. on **Saturday, September 13, 2025**; the program begins at 9:30 AM and runs until noon.

Our speaker is **Monique Mousot** from the Bronx, NY. Monique was freed from crippling illness, anxiety, resentment, and rage from her upbringing after she met a community of Prayer Group women who told her about Jesus. Monique will share her experiences of how living a new life and learning how to say 'yes' to Jesus led to unexpected miracles.

**Reservations \$25; Student \$20;**

**\*Registration Deadline: Saturday, September 6.**

To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. Register also via PayPal at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org). Janet Pontarelli at 585-451-1918, for more info, or send an email to: [RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com](mailto:RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com).



### Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August 2025

#### HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 17, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
August 31, 2025	Ron LaForce

#### THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

August 17, 2025	Tom Grieco
August 24, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
August 31, 2025	NO Communion Service

#### ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 17, 2025	Terry & Pam Hearne
August 24, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabsin
August 31, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert