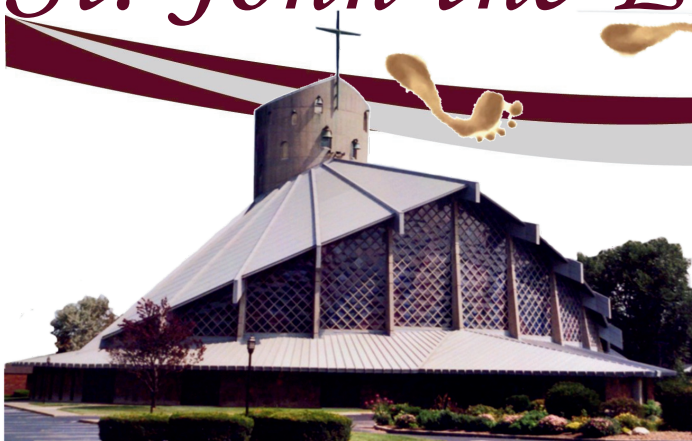


St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 23, 2026

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.



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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.

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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.

12 Rules to Live By

Remember: Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.

Remember: Everyone needs to be prayed for and loved, especially when they do not deserve it.

Remember: You can't change the past but you can ruin the present by worrying over the past and not embracing the future.

Remember: Love and you shall be loved and give back freely what you have received from God through the kindness of other people.

Remember: God always gives His best to those who leave the choice to Him.

Remember: All people smile in the same language.



Remember: The real measure of a person's wealth is what one has invested in eternity.

Remember: Laughter is God's sunshine, so laugh a lot.

Remember: Everything has beauty but not everyone sees it.

Remember: Thank God for what you have; trust God for what you need.

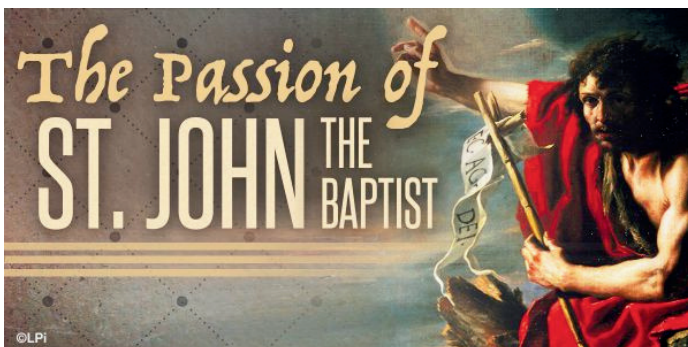
Remember: Happy memories never wear out. Re-live them as often as you want.

Remember: A hug is a great gift. One size fits all. It can be given for any occasion and it is easy to exchange.



Peace and blessings to all,

Father Peter



THIS Saturday, August 29

The Church honors the anniversary of the martyrdom of St John the Baptist. Today's Gospel relates the circumstances of his execution. Herodias took advantage of an unexpected opportunity to obtain through her daughter Salome, the beheading of the saint.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14/
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/
Ps 96:10-13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9/
Ps 145:2-7/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31/
Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9/
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27

Masses for the Week—Aug 24 - 30**MONDAY, August 24** *St Bartholomew, Apostle*8:15 AM + *Timothy O'Connor*

by Paul & Nancy Westlake

2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity***TUESDAY, August 25** *Sts Louis & Joseph Calasanz*8:15 AM + *Gail Pallucconi*

by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 26 *Weekday*8:15 AM + *Mary Lou Swetz*

by John & Carol Leary

THURSDAY, August 27 *St Monica***FRIDAY, August 28** *St Augustine*8:15 AM + *Dr Robert McDonald*

by John & Carol Leary

SAT, AUGUST 29 *The Passion of St John the Baptist*4:00 PM + *Nicola Mercone*

by Andrea Mercone

SUN, AUGUST 30 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM + *Jim Lomoglio*

by Family

10:00 AM *Living Members of St John's Parish***Wills/Bequests/Memorials -****Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish****This Week's Schedule****Monday, August 24**

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 PM OCIA Information Night in Parish Center

Thursday, August 27

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room

**Coming Soon, Save the Date!**

Before long we will be resuming our monthly Coffee Hours. Our first one of the new season will be Sunday,

September 20 following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. Our host will be members of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Mark your calendar so you can plan to join us.

Do You Know Jesus Personally?

Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, "You don't know them." If my children don't share with me anything about their friend or classmate, I can only assume he or she has no great impact on my sons' or daughter's daily lives.

Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally? If someone asked you about him what would you say?



My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our

lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, "Who is Jesus?" But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about him with others, they may as well assume that he has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can't help but know about the great friend we have in him.

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Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
Bernard Maloney	Joseph Martuscello	Joseph Marcoux	William McGrath	Joseph Maurici	Michael Mayer	Joseph McCaffrey

**For Deacon Elmer**

As you celebrate your special day this Thursday, August 27, know that we wish you a very happy day, however you choose to celebrate, and be assured of our prayers being offered for happiness, good health, and peace in the year ahead. Happy Birthday!

*Fr Peter, Deacon Lon, Parish Staff,
and Parishioners of our beloved St John's.*



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Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture



The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— *Father John Muir*

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Only Peter Has the Answer

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"What do you think of the Pope?"

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, "What do you think of him?" I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: "What do you think of him, and why?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

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"We must be a Church that walks together, that seeks peace, charity and draws near to those who suffer."

POPE LEO XIV

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God, Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen. ©LPi

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Process for Submitting Bulletin Articles**

We offer the following reminder to parish staff and ministry leaders: Bulletin articles are to be submitted to the Parish Office at least (2) weeks prior to the date you want it to appear in the bulletin. Your article should be sent via e-mail to gstjohnt@dor.org in a Word Document attachment using Times New Roman size 10 font. Please include the contact person's name and phone number/ e-mail address in the article so if there are questions about the event, etc., people know who to contact. If you do not have a computer, we ask that you reach out to someone in your ministry or family to assist you. You will need to specify in your e-mail each of the bulletin date(s) in which you would like the article to appear. With the Pastor's approval, and space permitting, we will process your request.

These instructions are in place to allow the necessary time for bulletin staff to plan, create, proofread, and submit each bulletin within the timeframe set by the bulletin publisher. Please keep in mind that holiday bulletins have earlier deadlines with the publisher, so please plan accordingly. For any questions, please call Marcia at the Parish office at 225-8980. We suggest you keep a copy of this for future reference. Thank you.





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
 ✝ Tabernacle I **Vocations to the Priesthood**
 ✝ Tabernacle II **Vocations to the Diaconate**
 ✝ Marian I **Deacon Bob**
 ✝ Marian II **Thomas Burke**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 14/15 Assumption Masses

ATTENDANCE.....	93
Holy Day Offering.....	\$ 830.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 115.00
TOTAL Holy Day Offering.....	\$ 945.00

August 15/16

Week 7	ATTENDANCE.....	441
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,757.55
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,349.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,106.45
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	2,941.45)

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of August 16, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	522,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	70,336.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	66,213.60
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	4,122.40)

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.

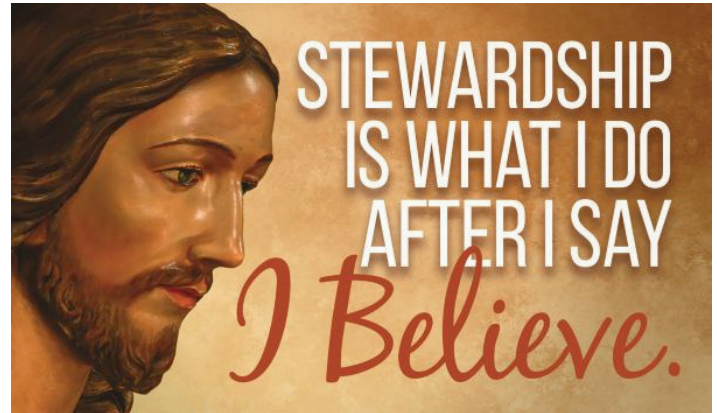


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The Challenge of Stewardship

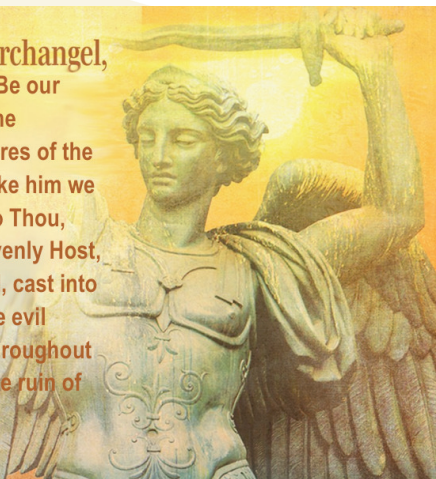
Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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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 August/Early September 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME

August 23	Mary Ann and Steve Donato
August 30	TBD
September 6	Cristyn & Tod Simone
September 13	Mary Ann & Steve Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

August 23	Barb & Bob Gotham
September 6	Tom Grieco
September 13	Barb & Bob Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE

August 23	Carolyn Kerhaert
August 30	Chris Hoefler
September 6	Terry & Pam Hearne
September 13	Dan & Melissa Kabasin

THE VILLAGE AT TOWNGATE

September 13	Kathy Christodaro
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