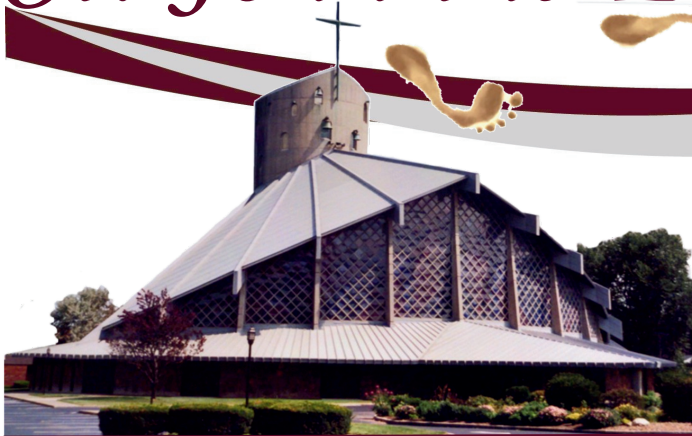


St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 30, 2026

2400 West Ridge Road
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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.



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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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 (585) 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 (585) 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.

Carrying the Cross and Reaching Out

Sometimes in Scriptures we come across certain passages that are as relevant and practical in our lives today as they were thousands of years ago when they were first written, like 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15. These passages sometimes remind us that as faithful Christians it is our responsibility to reach out to our not-so-faithful sisters and brothers and bring them back to the fold.

A young lady, Gretchen, strayed from the church as a teenager. After nearly ten years of experimenting with atheism, spiritism, and new age, she found herself back to the Catholic Church by the grace of God. Relating her story to me, Gretchen said what hurt her the most in all her nearly ten years of spiritual exile, was that nobody missed her. Nobody phoned or visited to find out what was wrong. "I got the impression that the church does not want me," she said. Of course the Church wants her, but the question today is what are we doing to help the many men



and women in her situation find their way back into full communion with the Church?

Today invites us to review our "I don't care" attitude toward fallen and lax members of the Church, reminding us that yes, it should be our business as baptized disciples of Jesus to reach out to them.

We have been blessed by the sacrifices of others and it is our turn to give back. In the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians that I mentioned earlier, Paul writes not to boast or to shame the Corinthians, but to call on them to humbly acknowledge these blessings that God has brought them through others. St Paul's example and words of challenge to the people of Corinth are extended to us. We need to grow our St John's Church family. As Catholics, we are encouraged to follow the examples of the Apostles and other holy men and women by embracing the life of Christ as our own, including a firm resolve to sacrifice in order that others may receive the gift of faith and salvation.



Peace and love to all,
Father Peter

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5/
Ps 119:97-102/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16/
Ps 145:8-14/
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9/
Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23/
Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5/
Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15/
Ps 145:17-21/
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Masses for the Week—Aug 31 - Sept 6**MONDAY, August 31** *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Ernest Nardone*
by Daughter

TUES, Sept 1 *World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation*

8:15 AM + *Mary Ras*
by Friend

WEDNESDAY, September 2 *Weekday*

8:15 AM *Living Special Intention for Linda Steinmetz*
by Dave Callahan

THURS, September 3 *St Gregory the Great, Pope***FIRST FRIDAY, September 4** *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Donna Livingston*
by Marcia Parsons

10:00 AM *Benediction*

FIRST SATURDAY, Sept 5 *St Teresa of Calcutta*

8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intention*

4:00 PM + *Deceased Members of St John's Parish*

SUNDAY, Sept 6 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Marilyn VanWeire*
by Catherine DeConinck

10:00 AM *(Living) Special Intention
for Assunta Zegarelli*
by Eileen

Wills/Bequests/Memorials -

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule**Monday, August 31**

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, September 3

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room

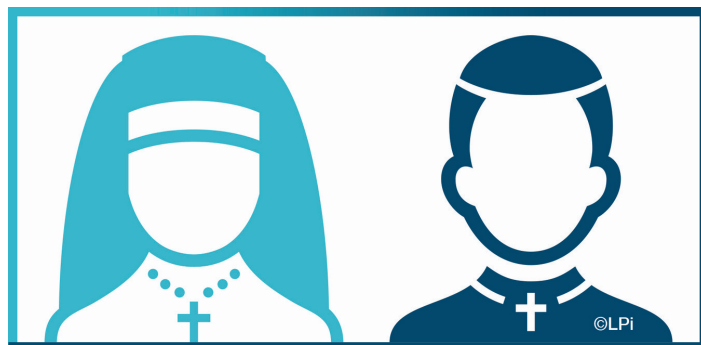
First Friday, September 4

Adoration until 10:00 AM
concluding with Benediction in Church

First Saturday, September 5

8:15 AM Mass in Church

10:00 - Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

**Prayer for Vocations**

Dear God,

Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call!

Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations.

Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the
steps that will bring us ever closer to You.

Amen.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5
Roy Kiggins	All Deacons	Kevin McKenna	Daniel McMullin	Michael Merritt	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop John Bonnici

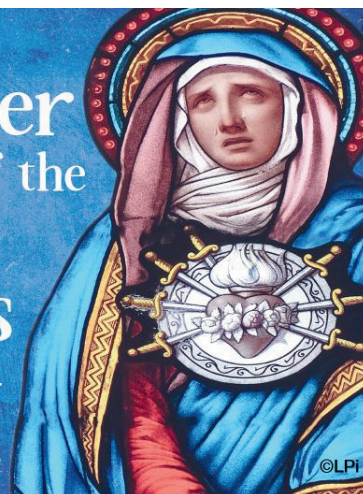
**Coming Soon, Save the Date!**

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.

September
Month of the
Seven
Sorrows
of Mary





To Carry the Cross

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

"This way. Follow me." This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

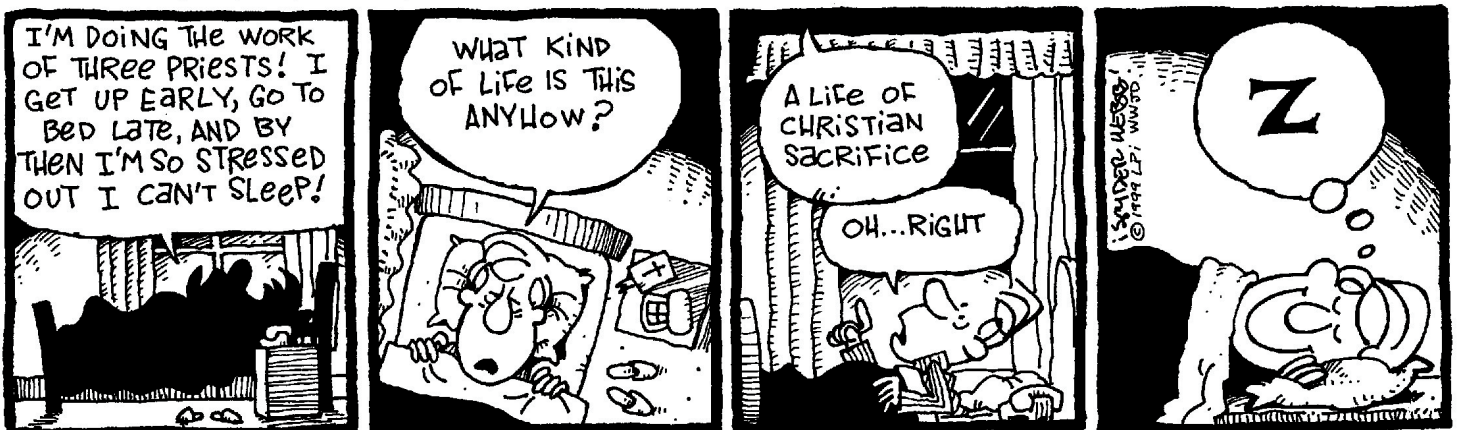
When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

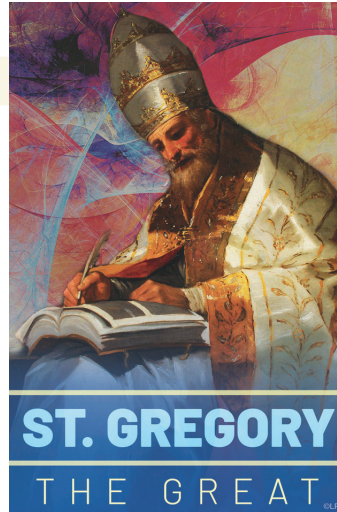
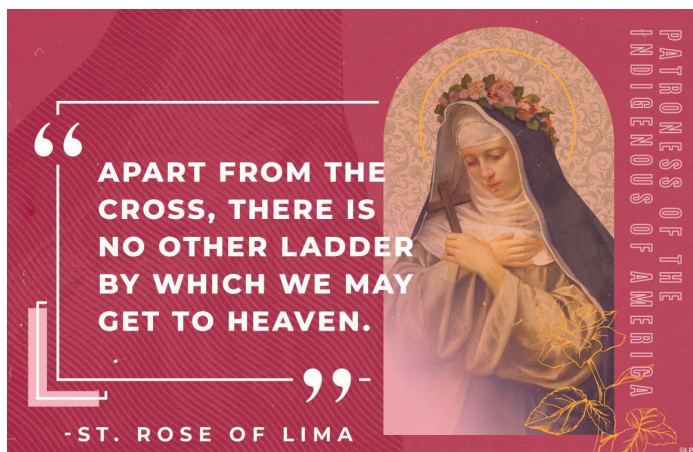
Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross,

and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

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St. Gregory the Great September 3

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.

St. Gregory the Great, pray for us!

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From the ROC Catholics Northwest Vocations Committee:

An interview with lay ecclesial minister, Lee Ventrella (Parish Minister for Homebound and Hospital Visitation at St. Charles Borromeo)



What brought you to this ministry? I have volunteered in the Church since my early teens when I helped a nun clean the sacristy and also washed and ironed purificators. Later on, I taught in the religious ed program and helped with my family at the coffee hour after Sunday Mass. While on a business trip, I became very ill and almost died. In the hospital, volunteers brought me Holy Communion, and a local priest anointed me. I was overwhelmed with love and the presence of Our Lord. When I recovered, I started serving in this ministry as a way to "give back." When the Coordinator at St. Charles retired, Fr. John Firpo asked me to take her place. I responded that I had to think about it, and I prayed. I was retired and this was a "job," much more than volunteering. I know that the Holy Spirit took over and gave me the nudge that I needed to tell Father John that I would lead this Ministry.



To read Lee's full interview and learn more about the ministry to the homebound and hospital visitation at St. Charles, visit the ROC

Catholics Northwest website: [ROCCATHOLICS NORTHWEST](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>



Duane Czajka *Father of Jeffrey Czajka*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Bishop Bonnici**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **The Infirm Clergy of the Diocese**
- ✚ Marian I **Catherine Lacek**
- ✚ Marian II **Those Listed at the Marian Shrine**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 22/23

Week 8	ATTENDANCE.....	448
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,444.28
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	3,369.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,813.28
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	1,234.72)

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of August 23, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	522,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	80,384.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	75,026.88
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	5,357.12)

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.



Retreats



"Holy & Beloved"

Come away for a weekend of reflection, inspiration, and renewal as we discover the lives of holy men and

women who have gone before us. Through their stories, struggles, and virtues, our presenters will invite us to recognize qualities we can cultivate in our own lives and deepen our desire to grow in holiness.

Men's Retreats:

September 18-20 and October 16-18

Women's Retreats

October 2-4 and October 30-November 1

Men & Women Semi Silent Retreat:

November 13-15

"Fill Your Soul Days"

One- day retreats exploring a variety of topics, led by experienced presenters who are passionate about their subject and eager to share their knowledge and insights.

September 22

Fill Your Soul with Contemplative Prayer

With Laura Pasquare, Ph. D.

October 13

Living in the Father's Love with Peace, Joy, and Purpose

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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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Stay in touch with the 7 parishes of ROC Catholics Northwest – *St. Charles Borromeo, St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great, Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. John the Evangelist-Greece, and St. Mark* – by

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/September 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME

August 30	TBD
September 13	Mary Ann & Steve Donato
September 27	TBD

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 6	Tom Grieco
September 13	Barb & Bob Gotham
September 20	Tom Grieco
September 27	Barb & Bob Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE

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

THE VILLAGE AT TOWNGATE

September 13	Kathy Christodaro
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