

St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 1, 2026



"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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

Mal 3:1-4/
Ps 24:7- 10/
Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/
Ps 86:1-6/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/
Ps 32:1-2, 5- 7/
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/
1 Chr 29:10-11ab, 11d-12bcd/
Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Sir 47:2-11/
Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51/
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13/
Ps 119:9-14/
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 58:7-10/
Ps 112:4-9/
1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16

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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.

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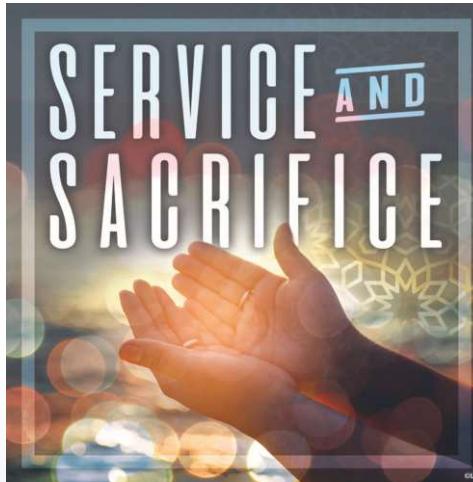
Welcome!

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.

We All Yearn for That which Will Sustain Us

Years ago, in record numbers, people tuned in to watch the television show *Survivor*. For weeks they were fascinated with each episode. It was centered on a group of people sent to a remote island to do unimaginable things in order to be declared the ultimate survivor. The human spirit was tested to the ultimate limit. With each passing day the participants, along with millions of viewers, weighed the pros and cons of who might be voted off the island. All the effort of the human spirit was at work to be declared the survivor.

We all yearn for that which will sustain us; that which will feed and nourish us; that which will help us to survive. The EUCHARIST, the bread from heaven, must become our daily bread. Prayer, nourishment for our souls, must be a part



*What are we willing to do,
what are we willing to
sacrifice with our faith intact?*

As the saying goes, "Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way."



of our daily lives. Acts of charity, almsgiving, and tithing are ways of sharing God's love with others and helps to keep us on the path to eternal life. The daily challenge we face is in how we survive the trappings of this life so that we may enjoy the rewards of eternal life. What are we willing to do?, what are we willing to sacrifice with our faith intact?

The various aspects of Mass affect our journey of celebrating the rhythms of our life in the Lord. Jesus promised that anyone who comes to him and believes shall never be hungry or thirsty.

Peace and may God bless us all.
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses for the Week—February 2—8

MONDAY, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*
 8:15 AM + *Mae Sassano*
 by Family

TUESDAY, February 3 *Sts Blaise & Angar*
 8:15 AM + *Ken Ayotte*
 by Janet Carsone & Family

WEDNESDAY, February 4 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM *Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners*

THURSDAY, February 5 *St Agatha*

FIRST FRIDAY, February 6 *St Paul Miki*
 8:15 AM + *Infirm Priests of Diocese of Rochester*
 10:00 AM *Benediction*

FIRST SATURDAY, February 7 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intentions*
 4:00 PM + *Deceased Members of St. John's Parish*

SUNDAY, February 8 *5th Sunday of Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Cosmo & Annette Coccitto*
 by Sister, Maria & Family
 10:00 AM + *Shirley Hayden-Pinaire*
 by Carol Napierala

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7
Pope Leo XIV	Stephen Kraus	Robert Kreckel	Gerard Krieg	Lance Gonyo	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



Time to Bring in Your Old Palms

We are collecting old palms up until Sunday, February 15, 2026, so if you have any palms at home that are ready to be discarded, you will want to bring them to church so they can be properly disposed of; they will be burned to use as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Please place your **loose** palms (**no rubber bands, bags, etc.**) into one of the baskets in the Narthex located by the center doors or each of the far end doors.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 1
 9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room

Monday, February 2 *World Day for Consecrated Life*
 9:00 AM Bible Study Today

Thursday, February 5
 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

First Friday, February 6
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration until 10:00 AM concluding with Benediction in Church

First Saturday, February 7
 8:15 AM Mass followed by the Rosary and Prayers
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, February 8 *World Marriage Day*
 NO OCIA Today
 11:00 AM 2nd Year Confirmation Class in Parish Center

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Bereavement Group Meetings Update

Please note the changes in our 3rd Wednesday 10:30 AM-12:00 PM meetings

We will need to postpone our February and March Bereavement Meetings due to Ash Wednesday and our Parish Lenten Retreat. This will allow us to participate in our Parish Lenten Retreat Book Review.

Please refer to page 4 for further information. I invite all to attend the retreat in lieu of our bereavement meeting.

Bereavement Group Gathering Resumes after Easter

April 15 Draw comfort by doing for others. Here is something to think about during Lent...Let's get active in doing for others. Let's get busy in a ministry we can participate in. This will provide us with a meaningful and positive activity in our Christian lives!

May 20 Taking care of yourself. Health Check! What are you doing to stay healthy? Let's circle back to the January session and see how we are doing.

Peace, Deacon Lon Smith

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February 3

St. Blaise is a constant reminder to us of God's care and concern for us in our weakness.



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Parish Lenten Retreat



St. John the Evangelist LENTEN RETREAT

Topic: *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* - by Matthew Kelly. During the 5 weeks of Lent, all are encouraged to read this book and grow in your faith. Those who wish to participate, are invited to attend our small group round table discussions.

Where: St. John the Evangelist PARISH CENTER

When: WEDNESDAYS during Lent
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: FREE! Thanks to one of our most generous anonymous benefactors. Thank You!

Sign Up and Books available in Narthex from January 31 until they are gone.

God has been using *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* to transform ordinary people into saints for a long time. It's time to discover why the timeless genius of Catholicism is still relevant in the modern world.

In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, Matthew Kelly demonstrates the timeless genius of Catholicism by illustrating the practical and spiritual ways these ancient spiritual habits continue to enrich our daily lives today.

You can read the book on your own, but why not join our small group discussions facilitated by: Melissa Kabasin, Carolyn Kerhaert, Jill Finan and Patty Hoag, and Dan Kabasin.

Retreat Topics: *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* by Matthew Kelley.

February 25 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM Confession

March 4 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM Fasting

March 11 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM Daily Prayer and The Rosary

March 18 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM The Mass

March 25 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM The Bible and Spiritual Readings

The Sword and the Family

The inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord." ©LPI



World Day for Consecrated Life is a worldwide celebration held on February 2 that coincides with the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus.

On this day, the Catholic Church celebrates the contributions of religious sisters, brothers, and priests—people who "consecrate their life to Jesus."



What Stays the Same

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.

Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn't finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.

Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called anaphora. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It's a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you're basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience's brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.

Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It's the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.

Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world.

And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven." ©LPI



Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is a program for married couples who feel disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage.

- ◆ Some don't want to air dirty laundry at counseling.
- ◆ Some are counseling but going nowhere.
- ◆ Sometimes life-changing events occur (car accident, illness, addictions) and most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it.

This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

Our next program starts Feb 20th, please call **585-293-1552** with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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Rita Roides *Mother of Julie Lipari*



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 of Millie & Bob Schenkel

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January 17/18 Week 29

	ATTENDANCE..385
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 8,188.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,890.55
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 11,078.60
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 1,128.60

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as January 18, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 288,550.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 297,363.59
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 8,813.59

Please know of my sincere gratitude for those who are fulfilling their increased giving pledge to sustain the needs of the church. I humbly ask you to continue with your sacrificial giving and for those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. This QR Code is a convenient option. God bless, Fr. Peter



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COUPLES Special Valentines Dinner "Holy and Beloved" Friday, February 13, 5:00 PM - Sunday, February 15, Noon with Fr. Jim Dahlinger, SJ; Deb & Keith Northridge and Jodie Scordo

Both a description of who we are and a call to become who God created us to be, "Holy and Beloved" is a retreat to inspire our desire for continued growth in holiness.

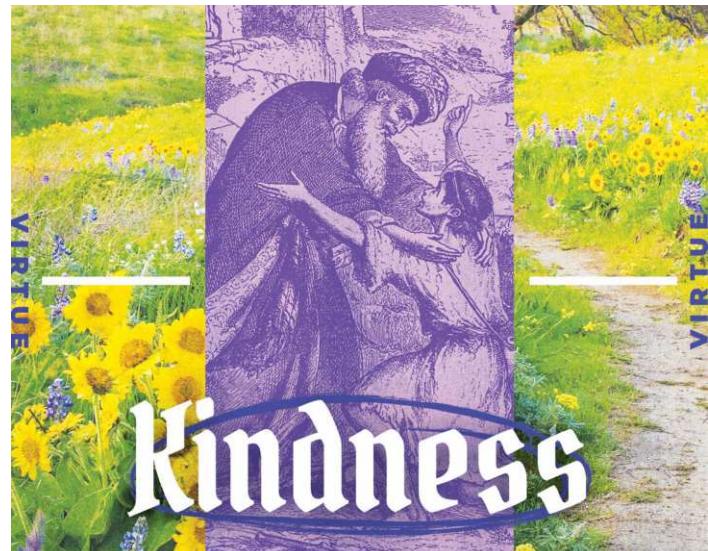
Following the examples of holy men and women, we seek to clothe ourselves in those qualities that embody a life of virtue.

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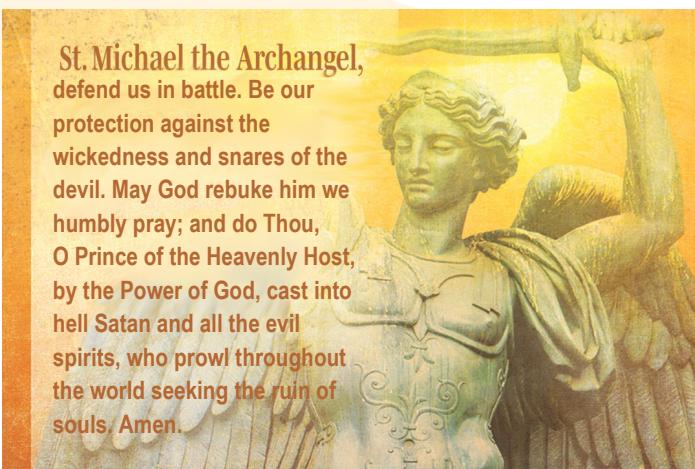


Virtues, Explained!

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve CCC 214, and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son CCC 257.

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit Galatians 5:22 and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us. ©LPI



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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 parishes.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 1, 2026 Steve & Mary Ann Donato
February 15, 2026 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 1, 2026 Tom Greico
February 8, 2026 Bob & Barb Gotham
February 15, 2026 Tom Greico |
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ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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