

St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 18, 2026

2400 West Ridge Road
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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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"Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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

1 Sm 15:16-23/
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13/
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21/
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

Is 8:23-9:3/
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23

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.

The Heart of Gratitude

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the boy's hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going for the boy. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who had changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

You see, both signs simply said the boy was blind. The first sign said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Moral of the story is: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively.



When a situation in life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1,000 more reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. These are among the many human reasons why we come to God in Church. In Church, the faithful find a spiritual

home filled with love, encouragement, and support. The Church is where we are called to experience the strong sacramental life that empowers us to go forth as witnesses of the Gospel.

By the virtue of our Baptism, each one is called to be a vibrant and active member of Christ's Body, the Church. No one is exempt. Everyone has something to give; no gift or talent is too small or insignificant. Let us pray that the worship and ministries of our faith community may always give glory to God and genuinely bring Christ's light and love to others in hope, spirituality, education, integrity, and love. Even more important is to know that you are the reason behind the growth and then you can enjoy your day with a heart of gratitude.



Peace and Love to all,
Father Peter



Martin Luther King Jr Day

Monday, January 19

Parish Office is CLOSED

The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 20 at 9:00 AM.

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,

Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.

Remind us of our identity in You:

loved, called, and equipped for mission.

Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.

Amen.

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Masses for the Week—January 19—25

MONDAY, January 19 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Ed Lennox*

by Gene & Diane Englert

TUESDAY, January 20 *Sts Fabien & Sebastian*

8:15 AM + *LaVerne Toni Becker*

by Fr Peter, You're Ghanaian Son

WEDNESDAY, January 21 *St Agnes*

8:15 AM + *Elvira, Vincenzo, and Salvatore Ragonese*

by Bruna

THURSDAY, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

FRIDAY, January 23 *Sts Lawrence & Marianne Cope*

8:15 AM + *Mickey Corsi*

by Bill & Barb Childs

SATURDAY, January 24 *St Francis deSales*

4:00 PM + *Connie Rucinski*

by Daughter, Sharon Rucinski

SUNDAY, January 25 *3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St. John's Parish*

10:00 AM + *Donald Frank*

by Wife & Family

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, Jan 18 Catholic School Week Begins

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room

Coffee Hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in Parish Center

Mon, January 19 Martin Luther King Jr Day

Parish Office CLOSED

NO Bible Study Today

Wednesday, January 21

10:30 AM Bereavement Group in Parish Center

Thursday, January 22

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Sunday, January 25

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room



Welcome

Bishop John S. Bonnici Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester

By now you are aware Pope Leo XIV has accepted Bishop Salvatore R. Matano's letter of resignation and has appointed Auxiliary Bishop John S. Bonnici of New

York City as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester to succeed The Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano.

For those who are unaware, when a bishop reaches age 75, the age of mandatory retirement in the Catholic Church, he is required by Church law to submit his letter of resignation to the Holy Father. Bishop Matano, now 79 years of age, has had his letter of resignation accepted by the Holy Father. The day has come in the dawning of this new year. On January 7, 2026, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, made his appointment of Bishop John S. Bonnici to lead the Diocese of Rochester as its 10th Bishop. We look forward to a new beginning as Bishop-Elect Bonnici will be installed on March 19, 2026, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, as Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.

We reminisce on the time Bishop Matano has led our diocese over the years through many good times, through trying times in our community, nation, and world, and through the unsettling and very difficult sexual abuse scandal. Through it all, Bishop Matano has encouraged us to keep the faith, love one another and remain close to God in prayer always. Now serving as the Apostolic Administrator of our diocese, let us continue to pray for Bishop Matano during the closing days of his active ministry. May our good and gracious God bless him with good health, happiness and peace.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24
John Hayes	John Healy	Frederick Helfrich	Peter Helfrich	All Missionaries	James Hewes	Daniel Holland

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly Bereavement Group Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**, in the Parish Center here at St. John's from 10:30 AM till Noon.

This month's Topic of Discussion on how to Cope with Grief will be: ***Setting realistic expectations for yourself.*** Let's get some positive goals identified for this New Year!

Additional information will be listed in an upcoming bulletin but for now, I hope you will be able to attend our January gathering.

Peace,

Deacon Lon Smith

Together We Bring Hope ...and Hope does not disappoint



2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Each of You Has Contributed to Our Success!

We have done it!! Again this year, we have met our parish CMA goal and even slightly surpassed it. I reached out for your support for the 2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal back in early Fall and you responded in generous and timely fashion and I want you to know of my **sincere** gratitude. I'm humbled by the support from each of you mentioned in the following list of CMA donors from our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY. I want you to know that I recognize the sacrifices made by each of your pledges and together, once again, we have made a difference! May God bless you and your families in this year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter

P.S. While we have reached our CMA goal on paper, we now have to be sure that all pledges are fulfilled so I remind everyone who is making payments on your pledge, to please continue to do so until it is fulfilled—we have until the end of May, 2026, to do so. Thank you once again.

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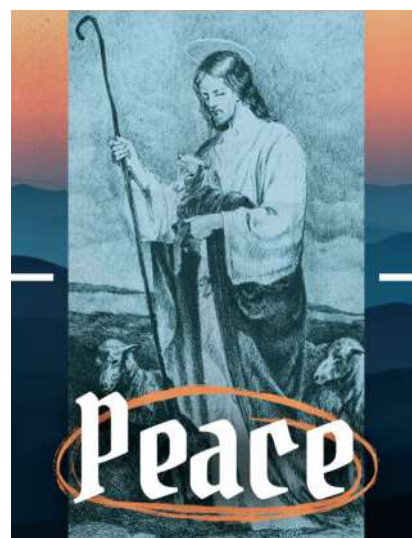
Virtues, Explained! Peace

Peace, Explained! Peace. There may be no other word in the English language, writes Msgr. Stuart Swetland in Catholic Answers, "more susceptible to sloganeering, and thus misunderstanding." But what is peace, in the context of Catholic virtue?

The peace of God, writes Paul in his Letter to the Philippians, "surpasses all understanding." Phil. 4:7 Peace is both a fruit of charity CCC 1829 and a fruit of the Spirit CCC 1832. Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of shalom, or wholeness, and it refers not just to an absence of violence (mandated by the fifth commandment) but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator. Peace is a spiritual effect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation CCC 1496.

Our search for interior peace in our hearts parallels the historic struggle of mankind to realize peace in the world by practicing justice. "When we hear the Gospel, dear brothers and sisters," said Pope Benedict, "we learn to build peace on the truth of a daily life inspired by the commandment of love."

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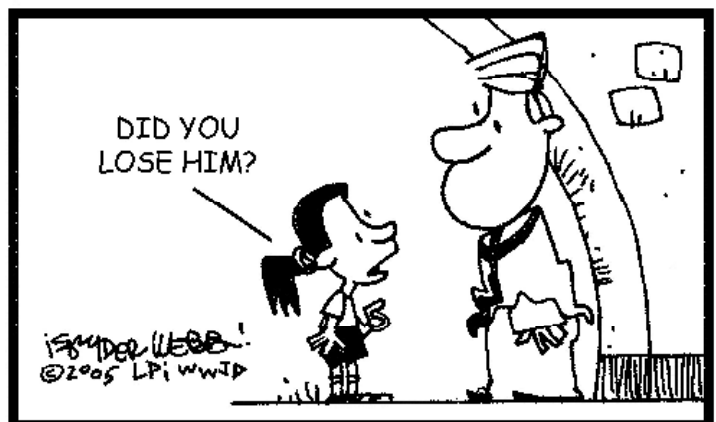
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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Mary Hilburger *Sister of Rev. Robert Bradler*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

✚ Tabernacle I **Eva Bridgeman**

✚ Tabernacle II **Anthony Barbato**

✚ Marian I **Intentions of Deacon David
& Anne Paluskiewicz**

✚ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Solemnity of Mary

ATTENDANCE: 152

Offering.....	\$ 1,616.00
ONLINE Offering.....	\$ 80.00
TOTAL Offering.....	\$ 1,696.00

January 3/4 Week 27

ATTENDANCE..385

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 6,425.43
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,836.93
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,262.36

SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....(\$ 1,687.64)

January 10/11 Week 28

ATTENDANCE..426

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 10,019.10
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,527.28
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 12,546.38

OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....\$ 2,596.38

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as January 11, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 278,600.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 286,284.99
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 7,684.99

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



Greece Ecumenical
Food Shelf &
Clothing Closet Inc.

January 2, 2026

Dear St John the Evangelist Church,

Thanks to your generosity, our Thanksgiving Program was once again a success. With your support, we provided 578 households with gift cards totaling \$25,750, helping families enjoy a special meal for the holiday. This was 133 more households than last year.

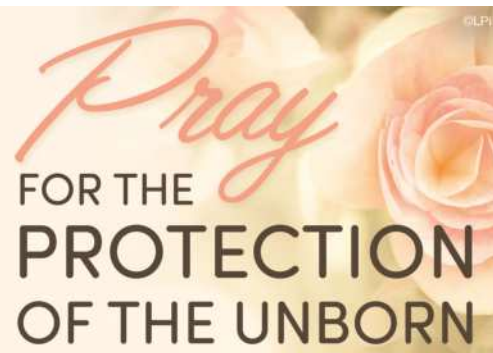
In addition to the 355 lbs. non-perishable food donation, we thank you for trusting us to distribute your donation of \$485.

We are fortunate to live in such a caring community. Your continued support strengthens our Food Shelf and its programs. We appreciate your commitment to helping neighbors in need.

With appreciation and warmest holiday wishes,

The Thanksgiving Committee

Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf & Clothing Closet, Inc.



A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

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.



"The time is always right
to do what is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Senior Home Communion Service Ministers January 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 18, 2026 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

January 18, 2026 Tom Grieco
January 25, 2026 Bob/Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 18, 2026 Carolyn Kerhaert
January 25, 2026 Chris Hoefler

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