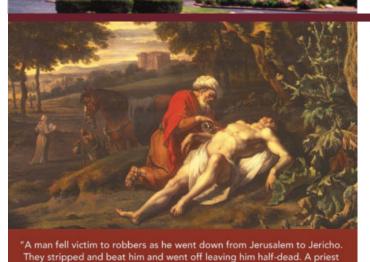
St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 13, 2025

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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.



happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed

by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

A Life-Changing Event......6

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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
Ex 1:8-14, 22/ Ps 124:1b-3, 4-8/ Mt 10:34—11:1	Ex 2:1-15a/ Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/ Mt 11:20-24	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/ Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/ Mt 11:25-27	Ex 3:13-20/ Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/ Mt 11:28-30	Ex 11:10—12:14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/ Mt 12:1-8	Ex 12:37-42/ Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15/ Mt 12:14-21	Gn 18:1-10a/ Ps 15:2-5/ Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42		

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.

What is Usual and Unusual?

A quotation of our Bishop Salvatore Matano in his early familiarization of our diocese said: "I attended a regional meeting of priests. Seated around

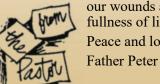
the table were priests enriching our presbyterate from Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Vietnam, Springfield in Massachusetts and me, a transplant from Vermont/Rhode Island. Who was missing? A priest from the Diocese of Rochester! And yet when I visit parishes, so often the people ask me to send them a priest or plead that their priest will remain in the parish. The question I then ask is this: When was the last time this parish sent a young man to study for the priesthood?"

What Bishop Matano is saying here is that the Diocese of Rochester does not have enough home-grown vocations to fill the slots for our pastoral needs. So let us all be reminded that the "UNUSUAL" number of Diocesan priests in the past is not the "USUAL" in our present time. We, therefore, have to maximize our energy to

give/do the best in our current circumstances. It means that as your Pastor I encourage all parishioners and fellow

Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester to pray and encourage vocations to the priesthood. Furthermore, we must support them in their ministry. All of us need to be active participants in the life of the church. We are all needed by our Mother Church to be witnesses to our baptismal call.

What lessons does Jesus provide us? He shows us that doing the Father's work may not be easy, comfortable or without obstacles. He shows us that the important thing is doing the work. He calls us to be dedicated, to be confident, to be high-minded but to also be realistic. We are to have our head in the clouds and our feet on the ground, as an old saying goes. We are to keep always before us the building up of the Kingdom of God. Our faith can lead us to the realization that Jesus is always here, willing to heal



our wounds and constantly unfolding the fullness of life before our eyes.

Peace and love to all,

What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue

semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Masses for the Week—July 14—20

MONDAY, July 14 St Kateri Tekakwitha

8:15 AM + *Thomas Burke* by Mother Kathryn

TUESDAY, July 15 St Bonaventure

8:15 AM + Jeanette Colangelo by Jean & Tom

WEDNESDAY, July 16 Our Lady of Mt Carmel

8:15 AM + Peter Cicoria

by Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry

THURSDAY, July 17 Weekday

FRIDAY, July 18 St Camillus de Lellis

8:15 AM + Barbara Ryerse

by The Pizzi Family

SATURDAY, July 19 Weekday

4:00 PM + *Richard May*

by Paul & Nancy Westlake

SUNDAY, July 20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Jeanne Beattie

by Sister, Maureen

10:00 AM + Deceased Members of St John's

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19
All	Lance	Daniel	John		Jeffrey	John
Deacons	Gonyo	Ruiz	Healy		Galens	Gathenya



This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 14

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center & Church

Thursday, July 17

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room



Happy Anniversary Fr. Peter – Celebrating You!

We take this opportunity to congratulate you, our Pastor, Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, as you celebrate the 41st Anniversary of your Priesthood Ordination this

week on July 15, 2025. It's hard to believe that it's been a year already since we celebrated your 40th anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a nice brunch celebration with family, brother priests, friends, and parishioners. Lots of good memories indeed. Well time moves on with new memories to be made. We're glad Bishop Matano reappointed you as Pastor of St. John's, Greece – you're closing in on Fr. D'Aurizio's tenure here! We are grateful for the many sacrifices you've made over these 41 years of priestly ministry; all for the greater glory of God.

Fr. Peter, we wish you a wonderful journey in the year ahead filled with renewed spirit, good health, happiness and peace!

Be assured of our prayers and support along the way. Peace and blessings from your flock here at St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY.



A Special Visitor Returns to St. John's

You may recall, you may have seen him around, but not all may know, Fr. Peter Nkansah is visiting here from Ghana—arriving a few weeks ago. Fr. Peter Nkansah is no stranger to St. John's nor to

the Diocese of Rochester for that matter. He has visited our Pastor, Fr. Peter, on various occasions and prior to returning to Ghana to serve his Bishop, Most Rev. John Afoakwah, in the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Fr. Peter Nkansah served at various parishes throughout our diocese; most recently at St. Marianne Cope Parish in Henrietta.

The main purpose for Fr. Peter Nkansah's visit to the States is to do Mission Appeals in parishes in our diocese as well as in parishes in other dioceses throughout the region. While doing so, St. John's is his "home away from home" and he is a welcome presence among us! If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to say hello to Father and welcome him, once again, to our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church!



July 3, 2025

Dear Peter,

A LETTER OF GRATITUDE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

Kindly receive warm greetings from the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana

I acknowledge the receipt of your donation of Two Thousand UD Dollars (\$2,000) to support Bura Church project in Akrokerri Parish.

We really appreciate your generosity and we ask for God's special blessings on everyone who donated for this cause. Like Oliver Twist, we are praying for more support to finish the entire church project.

Thanks so much for your unflinching support to the cause of the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi.

With heart full of gratitude, I remain,

Your sincerely,

Most Rev John Yaw Afoakwah, Catholic Bishop of Obuasi



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION









It's that time of year again.

Faith Formation for 2025-2026 school year

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

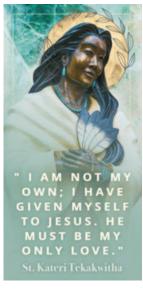
Sacraments for 2025-2026 school year

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.

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

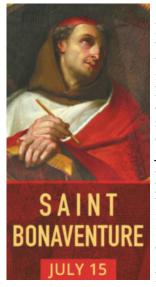
All registration forms should be completed by Friday, August 22. For additional information you can contact Cris Simone.



St Kateri Tekakwitha

THIS Monday, July 14th, we celebrate the feast of the "Lily of the Mohawks." St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be canonized. Orphaned by a smallpox outbreak, Kateri survived with severe scarring and impaired eyesight. Despite tragedy, she was a devout girl at a young age, often building crosses from sticks in the woods. When she was 18, she began secret instruction in the Catholic faith with French missionaries. Her commitment to Christianity and vow of virginity was misunderstood and ridiculed by

her fellow villagers. She escaped to a nearby mission, where she attended daily Mass, taught the children, and cared for the sick and the elderly. Sometimes the greatest misunderstandings can come from those closest to us. Like St. Kateri, God invites us to be faithful to our commitments of faith and to always respond in love.



Feast of St. Bonaventure

Do you ever get stuck with the tough jobs? It's well known that the Franciscan Order was incredibly influential throughout history. But one of the most challenging times for a new movement is surviving the death of the founder. Bonaventure ioined the Franciscan Order almost two decades after the passing of St. Francis. Initially, the young man's theological insights earned him a prime faculty position at the University of Paris. More than his academic skill, however, he was known for his deep devotion to Christ. He

was elected the General Minister of the Franciscan Order, right in the thick of controversies. Some friars had conflicting views of how to interpret St. Francis' poverty as the order grew. Others started a new heresy, saying that the Franciscan Order began a new era of the Holy Spirit, replacing the era of Jesus and the authority of the Church. St. Bonaventure weathered these crises with grace, restructuring the order when necessary and offering a more organized perspective on the insights of St. Francis.



Mass Book Opening

Scheduling Masses for September—December, 2025

It's that time again when we will open the Mass Book for scheduling Masses during the months of September through December, 2025. This will take place by telephone beginning THIS Wednesday, July 16, 2025, from 9:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM. This is not the only day you can call; it is the first day you can call. There will be no in-person scheduling on July 16. Subsequent to July 16 you can call or stop into the Parish Office when the secretary (Marcia) is working (Monday, 9:00 AM 'til 3:00 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM 'til 2:00 PM and Thursday, 9:00 AM 'til Noon). We encourage those with unscheduled Masses (from Mass Cards) to please call and schedule them. If we do not hear, then we will schedule the Mass and you will see it in the bulletin.



O.C.I.A – Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about becoming Catholic?

Here at St. John's we are happy to offer our O.C.I.A. Program that will begin this Fall.

- Are you someone or do you know someone considering Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- OR someone who is baptized in another faith but desires to become Catholic through the reception of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation,
- OR someone who is already baptized Catholic but desires to be fully initiated through the reception of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation,
- OR someone who would like to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church?

If any of this pertains to you or someone you know, we encourage you to consider taking part in our upcoming offering of O.C.I.A. this Fall.

In next weekend's bulletin there will be more details about an information night here at St John's. This will allow you opportunity to learn more about the program and ask any questions you may have. Please think about this, please pray about this –you won't be disappointed!

Church Envelopes Please notify us, if necessary

Thank you to all of you who contribute to St. John's and have responded to our Increased Giving Campaign. While more people are opting to contribute electronically online, they are no longer using their traditional envelopes. If you or someone you know is still receiving church envelopes in the mail and are no longer using them due to switching to electronic giving, we kindly ask that you contact the

Parish Office so we can discontinue them and thus save on envelope printing and mailing costs. If you are no longer using the envelopes because of another reason, we ask that you also contact us.

The Parish Office number is: 585-225-8980 or sstyle="general-right: 5







What Happens when a Loved One Dies, Burial or Cremation?

When a loved one dies, one of the first decisions is whether the deceased will be buried or cremated. The Church's tradition prefers burial over cremation. However, cremation is allowed, so long as this option is not chosen to express anything contrary to the hope in the resurrection of the body. More and more families are opting for cremation today with hopes to decrease funeral expenses.

In either case, a place of burial needs to be chosen. Bodies are to be disposed of in a fitting and dignified way, consonant with the human dignity that should be afforded everyone, as we are made in the image of God.

Cremains must be buried-not placed in the home, spread on land or at sea, etc. This need not be only in a cemetery grave, but perhaps a parish columbarium-or niches, akin to mausoleums.

In cases of burial, choices regarding attire should recall the respect to be shown toward the body. Consideration should be given to display some Christian symbols in or near the casket at the time of the wake or to be buried with the deceased, such as a crucifix, rosary, or Bible.

The Church advises that where possible, friends and family be included in the funeral arrangements. If a Funeral Mass is chosen, the Funeral Home will contact the Parish to set a date. 125



Betty Gaffney Wife of Jack Gaffney Sr. Patricia Pullman, SSJ James West Father of Christopher West



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Joseph and Edith DiLorenzo
- Tabernacle II In Honor of Fr. Peter's
 41st Ordination Anniversary
- TMarian I Special Intention for Kristen
- TMarian II Safe & healthy delivery of twins

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ATTENDANCE

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June 28/29 Week 53 ATTENDANG	CE435
BUDGETED Sunday Offering\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering\$	5,972.60
ONLINE Giving\$	1,624.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering\$	7,596.60
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING(\$	1,724.40)
2nd Collection	
Peter's Pence\$	1,288.00
ONLINE Giving\$	60.00
Peter's Pence\$	1,348.00
Fiscal Year 2024-25 as June 29, 202	25
YEARLY BUDGET\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$4	194,000.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$4	84,615.86
SHORTAGE TO DATE(\$	9,397.14)
July 5/6 Week 1 ATTENDANC	E439
BUDGETED Sunday Offering\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering\$	13,751.20
ONLINE Giving\$	2,458.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering\$	16,209.20
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING\$	6,259.20
2nd Collection	
European Relief\$	806.00
ONLINE Giving\$	10.00
European Churches\$	816.00
Figure Very 2025 26 on July 6 2025	

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as July 6, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$	9,950.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$	16,209.20
OVERAGE TO DATE\$	6,259.20

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.



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.



Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the Civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coor:

Deborah A. Housel, 585-328-7177, x1555; Toll-free: 1-800-388 -7177, x1555 or by e-mail to victimassitance@dor.org





Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 20, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

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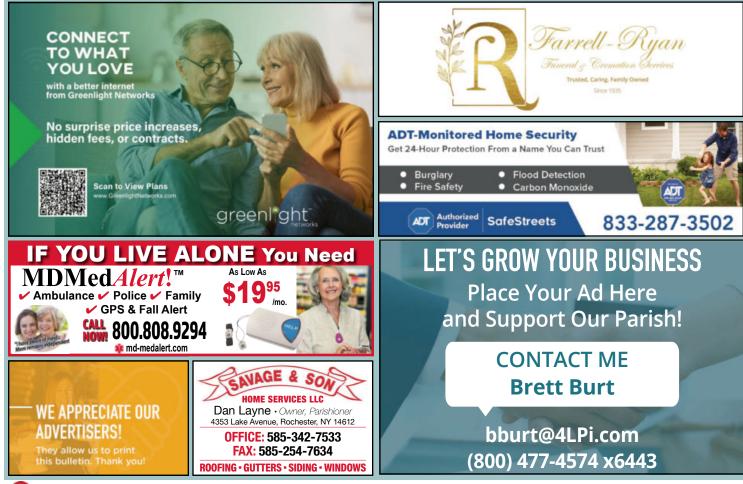
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July, 20, 2025 Tom Grieco

July 27, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

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