

St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 20, 2025

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.

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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

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

Ex 14:5-18/
Ex 15:1bc-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Sg 3:1-4b
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/
Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/
Dn 3:52-56/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

2 Cor 4:7-15/
Ps 126:1bc-6/
Mt 20:20-28

Saturday

Ex 24:3-8/
Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

Gn 18:20-32/
Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/
Col 2:12-14/
Lk 11:1-13

We Believe that Faith is a Gift

As Catholics, we believe that faith is a gift that we receive at Baptism and it grows within us as we **live, learn, worship, and celebrate** with our Christian family—**THE CHURCH**. Faith is a powerful gift and Jesus in the Sacred Scriptures speaks about it very often. Faith the size of a mustard seed would be sufficient to uproot a sycamore tree and cast it into the sea Luke 17:6. Because of her faith, the woman who suffered twelve years from hemorrhages was healed simply by touching the tassel of the cloak Jesus was wearing Matthew 9:22. Sight was restored to some who were blind, because of their faith Matthew 9:29, and the faith of the men who lowered their friend through the roof brought healing and forgiveness to their paralyzed companion Mark 2:5.

We cannot take the gift for granted. It was in his own hometown of Nazareth that Jesus was distressed by the lack of faith found in his people Mark 6:6. We may profess our faith each week in



the CREED but we must guard against just reciting words. Jesus criticized those who performed acts of prayer, fasting, or charity in order to appear holy; our actions should flow from the faith we profess right from the time of our Baptism. When we act out our faith, we grow in faith. This weekend, as your Pastor, I am calling on all to act out in faith

as we pray and reflect on the power and presence of God in our lives.

God continually draws us to himself and has written in our hearts a deep desire for communication with him. Faith is our response to this desire expressed in our religious practices and values we hold in life. It is in our faith relationship with God that **In him we live and move and have our being** Acts 17:28. **Faith is a gift from God—a response from us to God.** I am thankful to God



for your faith and generosity to our Beloved Saint John's.

Peace and love to all,
Father Peter

Preparing for Mass

How do you prepare for Mass? Coming to celebrate Mass and receive Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist should be something we look forward to with great anticipation and reverence—after all, as Catholics, we know this to be the **GREATEST GIFT** of all. We hear this, we read this, but do we really believe in this, cherish this, and show respect for Jesus present to us Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity?

Let's take some quiet time this summer to reflect on the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. Simply ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and gift you with a deeper understanding of Jesus in the Eucharist, allowing you to grow in your faith. After getting started with this, don't let it end there; keep your prayers going. A good way to continue this is preparing yourself for Mass each week and for some, each day as daily Mass attendees. Preparing for Mass can and should begin at home during the week leading up to weekend Mass culminating when you arrive early for Mass. We all recognize the busyness of daily life, running here and there, doing this and that, fulfilling this commitment and that commitment, but when it comes time to preparing ourselves for Mass, how much time do we



dedicate to this? If we are to be honest with ourselves, probably not much time, if any at all, and why so?—after all, we are about to receive the **GREATEST GIFT** of all.

Let each of us commit ourselves to arriving for Mass at **least** 15 minutes before Mass begins to dedicate this time to God, and to God alone.

We know how good it is to see our friends and family when we arrive at church each week and it's easy to use this time for friendly conversation. The intention of doing this is good but let us remember there is a time and place for everything. When we come for Mass, once we enter God's house of worship (Nave and Sanctuary), He is our priority, thus the One we devote our time to with prayerful preparation before the Blessed Sacrament as we will soon draw near to receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. We respectfully ask that quiet socialization take place in the narthex/vestibule with the inside doors closed to maintain a quiet, prayerful atmosphere in the church Nave (the part of the church where the congregation sits).

Let's see how our Faith in Action, by the power of the Holy Spirit, allows us to grow in our understanding, love and respect for the Eucharist.

Masses for the Week—July 21—27

MONDAY, July 21 *St Lawrence of Brindisi*
8:15 AM + Connie Mroczek (101st Birthday)
 by Daughter, Emily & Grandson, Mark

TUESDAY, July 22 *St Mary Magdalene*
8:15 AM + James E. McCann
 by Family

WEDNESDAY, July 23 *St Bridget*
8:15 AM + Rosemary Raisbeck
 by Tom & Jean

THURSDAY, July 24 *St Sharbel Makhluf*

FRIDAY, July 25 *St James, Apostle*
8:15 AM (living) *Special Intention for Marilyn*
 by Jim & Cindi Grotke

SATURDAY, July 26 *Sts Joachim & Anne*
4:00 PM *Living Members of St John's*

SUNDAY, July 27 *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM + James Battaglia & Julie Winkler
 by Grace Battaglia & Family
10:00 AM + Don Frank
 by Gene & Diane Englert

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 21
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, July 24
4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room



Be Aware of Scams

Unfortunately we live in a world that has its fair share of those who wish to take advantage of people and here at St. John's, we are not exempt from these unscrupulous people. We strongly encourage you to be very mindful of text messages and/or e-mails that claim to be from Fr. Peter. Many of you have been recipients of these scam notifications and many of you have contacted the office and/or Fr. Peter to see if it is legitimate. **THEY ARE NOT!** Fr. Peter does not randomly send e-mails and/or text messages to parishioners asking for help.

If at any time you are uncertain/skeptical of a communication you receive, **DO NOT** respond to it and **DO NOT** click on any link it asks you to connect with until you have determined it is indeed legitimate. Again, most times they are not. If you receive an e-mail claiming to be from Fr. Peter, please check the e-mail address it is coming from and that will be your best defense. If you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office to check on it further. Nowadays these e-mails and text scams look very official when, in fact, they are not, so please take time to look them over carefully. If you are unsure, please call us and/or check with a family member and/or trusted friend to guide you.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
Paul Gitau	William Graf	Joseph Hart	John Hayes	Deceased Priests	James Hewes	Frederick Helfrich

New OFFICE Hours

We're Here to Assist You

With the recent change in hours of our Parish Secretary, the Parish Office now observes the following hours:

Monday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am – Noon
Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

In an effort to minimize inconvenience, if there is something you know about ahead of time that you need assistance with (i.e. Mass Card, etc.), we suggest you call the Parish Office (585-225-8980) during office hours so we can do our best to meet your need with the least inconvenience for you. Thank you and God bless.





Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens. ©LPi

Let the LITTLE CHILDREN come to me
and do not hinder them, for the
KINGDOM OF GOD
belongs to SUCH AS THESE.
♥ LUKE 18:16

**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.

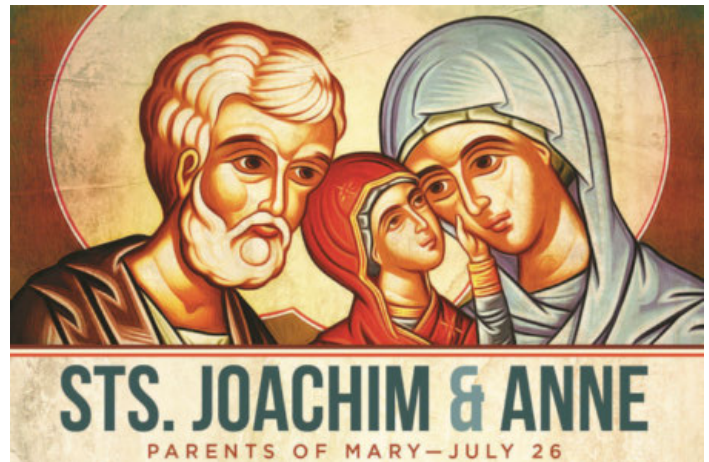
Sacraments for 2025-2026 school year

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.

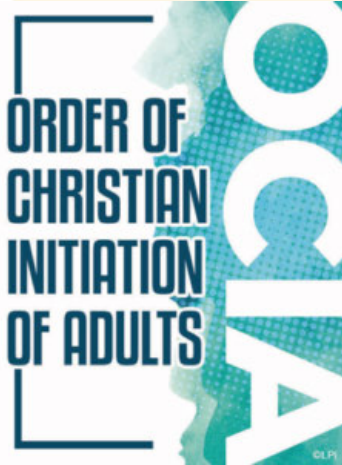


Saints Joachim and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels. What we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD.

There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.

Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that, Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.



Please Join Us for Our Parish Information Night for OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Coming this Fall, 2025, St. John's will offer our parish OCIA Program led by Rick and Kathy Paoletti, supported by our pastor, Fr. Peter. What is OCIA you may ask? OCIA is a spiritual journey in which one discerns his/her desire to become a baptized and fully initiated member of the

Catholic Church. OCIA is also a process for those who are already baptized Christians who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thirdly, OCIA is an opportunity for Catholics who are already fully initiated (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church who desire a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings.

By taking part in the OCIA program, one is not obligated to fulfill what the program's intended purpose is, however, it is our prayerful desire this will come to fruition. Therefore, we encourage you to come and gather more information and have your questions answered at our parish

Information Night for OCIA taking place in our Parish Center on **Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM.**

For planning purposes, please register on or before Wednesday, August 13 by calling the Parish Office at 585-225-8980 or via e-mail to: gstjohnt@dor.org. We look forward to hearing from you, your family members, or friends! God bless.

OCIA Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith and for the Catholic Church.

We pray for those You are calling to Yourself.

May all in our community open their hearts to the fullness of Your love.

Encourage others to seek a greater understanding of You through us. Allow our parish to be a welcoming spiritual home and a light to all.

O blessed Apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire us with the ardor of your zeal that we may pray and work for the conversion of our brothers and sisters redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.

Eternal God, please send to us, according to Your divine will, souls whom You have called, and pour out your Holy Spirit to work through us to set all our hearts afire for Your Kingdom.

We ask this through Your Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Shirley Hayden-Pinaire *Mother of Anne Fagioli*
George Duford *Husband of Patricia Duford*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

✚ **Tabernacle I** Safe & healthy delivery of twins

✚ **Tabernacle II** Special Intention for Kristen

✚ **Marian I** Rose Marie Skrypeck

✚ **Marian II** Rose Marie Skrypeck

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



July 12/13 Week 2	ATTENDANCE.....	393
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	11,371.35
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,022.38
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	13,393.63
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	3,443.63

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as July 13, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	19,900.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	29,602.83
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	9,702.83

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.



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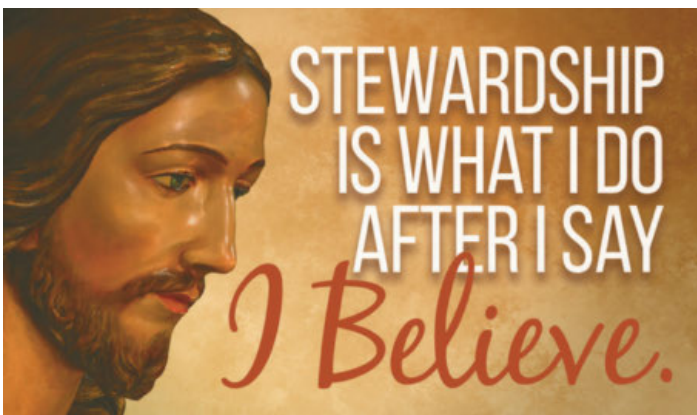
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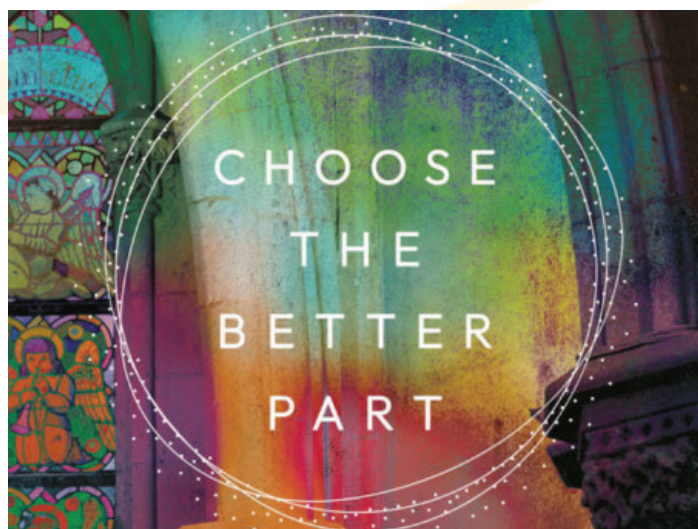
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