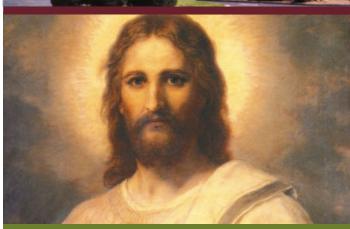
St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 27, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road Rochester, New York 14626

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.



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b. 7a. 8

Who Will Replace The From the Desk of Father	nem Peter2
Mission Appeal Com Catholic Diocese of Naku	ing Up
O.C.I.A Upcoming Information N	ight4
Dear Music Ministry NEW Mass Setting	and Parish Family
Don't Grieve Alone Your Input will Shape Ou	r Grief Journey5
Grand Opening Con	ning This Fall

Get Your Shopping Pass......5

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.

PRAYER LINE Jill Finan StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com

Pastor: Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu - 225–8980 Deacons:

Elmer Smith - 230-3074 Lon Smith - 489-7255

Director, Music Ministry: Dawn Chmiel - 225-8980

Director, Liturgical Music:Consuelo De Los Santos

225-8980

www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org

Pastoral Minister:

Tod Simone– 225-8980 **Faith Formation Coordinator:**Cristyn Simone - 261-0831

Secretary:

Marcia Parsons - 225-8980

Business Office:

Joe Spurrier - 225-8980 Finance Director:

Christopher Frontale

225-8980

Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Bob Gotham 227-4638

Visit www.StJohnGreece.org Follow us on StJohnGreece
Find us on St John the Evangelist Church of Greece

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/ Ps 106:19-23/ Mt 13:31-35	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/ Ps 103:6-13/ Jn 11:19-27	Ex 34:29-35/ Ps 99:5-7, 9/ Mt 13:44-46	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/ Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/ Mt 13:47-53	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/ Mt 13:54-58		Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/ Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/ Lk 12:13-21

<u>Welcome!</u>

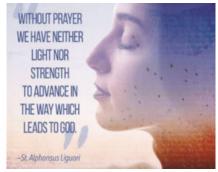
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, 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.

Who Will Replace Them

I have celebrated so many pains in funerals as your Pastor. Sometimes I have felt the word "death" has been whispered through tears that never seem to end. It rises in our hearts as we sit with news of a loss; it grasps us by the throats as we weep at the graveside of one who died so soon or unexpectedly.

For us, people of faith, the word "death" strikes us at the very understanding of God, the mystery of it all. We ask "why?" It is important that we use great care in our thinking as we face these great mysteries. We all face the reality of life, birth, and death that comes our way. Then we grow in it through the challenges and struggles of human life. There is indeed a tragic element to human life and no one escapes suffering.

Yet sometimes when we experience a tragedy or loss and the pain seems almost unbearable, we yearn for those days that merely annoyed us, when it seemed that we were simply burning on the bottom of the pan. Some situations can come upon us with all the force of an unexpected and violent storm. These storms can be so powerful that we panic and forget who Jesus is. Even when he is right there with us, we may not recognize him because we are so caught up in everything around us. During this day, take some time to think about your own situation. Are we in any way in exile from God, estranged from our faith or from those who love us? Are we tormented by anxiety, fear, anger, doubt or sadness? If so, God



Is eager to restore us to joy and remove the things that torment us. How can we keep this from happening? One way is to get used to turning to Jesus frequently in prayer during the day even when everything is going fine. As we learn how to find Jesus in our everyday lives, we will know, almost by our trust and faith, to

look for him when difficulties arise. There are times in life when people must be encouraged to do what is best for them including challenging them and bringing them up in the Catholic Faith. A young child is told to eat his vegetables. A youth is told to engage in his studies. A sick person is encouraged to take his medicine. An angry person who has been wronged is asked to forgive. These words are spoken so as to move us to do what will make our lives better. They must be spoken boldly, sometimes even harshly, but always backed with love and concern. My question is: Who Will Replace Us in Our Church? We all need to be proactive, young and old alike, to go forth enthusiastically knowing that God is always concerned about us. It is imperative for us to listen, to accept, receive, and

Faster)

be strengthened by the spiritual nourishment that God gives us.

Blessings to all, Father Peter

I take this opportunity to encourage those who are coping with grief or loss, to attend the luncheon Deacon Lon will be hosting—see page 5.

Knock and the Door will be Opened to You. Luke 11:9

Masses for the Week—July 28-August 3

MONDAY, July 28 Weekday

8:15 AM + Kelly Leitten

by Fr Peter & Staff

2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

TUESDAY, July 29 Sts Mary, Martha, & Lazarus

8:15 AM + Bonnie Ward

by John & Carolyn Kerhaert

WEDNESDAY, July 30 St Peter Chrysologus

8:15 AM + Joseph Sciortino

by Jim & Donna Sauers

THURSDAY, July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola

FIRST FRIDAY, August 1 St Alphonsus Liguori

8:15 AM + Zachary Kirisits

by Eileen Zegarelli, Pat & Angelo Natale

10:00 AM Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, August 2

Sts Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard

8:15 AM Fr Peter's Intention

4:00 PM + Mary Burnett

by The Minch Family

SUNDAY, August 3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM + Eleanor Zanni

by Husband, Anthony & Family

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2
Peter Helfrich	Daniel Holland	James Jaeger			Vocations & Seminarians	Salvatore
						Matano



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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 28

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, July 31

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

First Friday, August 1

Following 8:15 AM Mass Adoration until 10:00 AM

in Church

10:00 AM Benediction in Church

First Saturday, August 2

8:15 AM First Saturday Mass

followed by the Rosary & Devotion in Church

Annual Mission Appeal Weekend August 9/10

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NAKURU

Soon it will be time for our annual Mission Appeal Weekend here at St. John's and we look forward to welcoming Fr. Augustine Kipkemei from the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru in Kenya, East Africa. To provide a little background, the following information was shared with Fr. Peter by Rev. Evans Kulei, Director, Catholic Diocese of Nakuru.

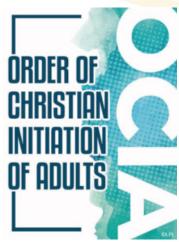
Catholic Diocese of Nakuru is in Kenya-East Africa. The diocese is composed of two counties; Nakuru and Baringo. They experience perennial droughts causing starvation and insecurity caused by banditry. Some sections experienced terrible flash floods last year which brought loss of lives, both human and animals, loss of property and of course, displacement of the people.

The Diocese of Nakuru's primary goal is the propagation of the faith. We cannot ignore social challenges as we do that. Some of the projects are:

- 1. Providing food for the starving community, as well as providing water for drinking and for other domestic use.
- 2. Help the displaced people with the basics and also seeing that they are finally settled.

We wish to share our mission experience with your parishioners of St John the Evangelist, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, in order to nourish them spiritually, to make them aware of our achievements and the challenges we experience in doing our mission work. We also seek their financial support, so that we can do what I have enlisted above.





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.

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

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.



Dear Music Ministry and Parish Family,

We have a new Mass Setting! The Mass setting encompasses the musical treatment of these fixed texts, such as the Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy), Gloria (Glory to God), Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), Memorial Acclamation, the

Great Amen and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). It is suitable to teach during Ordinary Time.

The new Mass setting is the "Mass of the Resurrection" written by Randall DeBruyn, found in our Journeysongs hymnal #216. This past Sunday at our 10:00 AM Mass, I announced that we will be learning a new Mass setting and started with the "Holy, Holy" #219. This will be a focused gradual approach, prioritizing clarity and engagement so that our faithful will be comfortable learning each part of the Mass setting. I ask for your patience in the next few weeks.

Why teach a new Mass setting? Reasons: To enhance congregational participation, to reflect updated translations of the liturgy, and to provide musical variety. Introducing new settings can revitalize the worship experience and deepen the faithful's understanding and appreciation of the Mass.

I hope the new setting will encourage active participation in the liturgy. Sometimes, monotony needs to be broken. The freshness of a new melody can inject a sense of excitement into the worship experience. Reflecting on the Liturgical Year, seasonal Mass settings will be introduced, aligning the music with themes and character of the liturgical seasons, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. A good example is the "Christmas Gloria".



A Special Greeting: Happy 41st Anniversary, Father Peter! (Official date was July 15)

We celebrate you, we thank you, and we love you. As our spiritual leader and father, we learn how tough you can be but

at the same time you have a big heart; compassionate and loving to the people you serve. Remember that we are your family and we support all your efforts in building a stronger faith community.

We truly are grateful for the love and faithfulness you have shown our family here at our Beloved St. John. Thank you for supporting our Music Ministry and it is an honor serving with you.

Congratulations, Father Peter! We wish for you to have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. God Bless you! Blessings and Peace,

Consuelo

For more information about joining our music ministry, please contact Consuelo De Los Santos, Director of Liturgical Music <u>consuelo.delossantos@dor.org</u> or 585-225-8980.

Coping with Grief & Loss Next Steps here at St. John the Evangelist



LUNCHEON: in Parish Center Wednesday, August 13 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

PURPOSE: Talk about Grief and Loss and how we can support each other in our parish.

REGISTRATION: Sign-up in the back of the church so we can get a count.

Your input will shape the future of our Journey Through Grief.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic there was a very active SJE program, known as the "Circle of Hope" meeting to support each other through socialization. During this time, Rose DiBella led a very effective program. I have spoken with Rose and with Fr. Peter and we would like to see something like this get back to the energy level it once had. Recently at SJE, we have held two sessions lasting about 5-6 weeks in our parish and have had 4-6 people at each session to share in their experience with grief. This is a great start, and I know this ministry has much promise as I reflect on the needs of the parish.

Grief can feel very isolating. We really need to stay connected with loved ones and lean on our support network. That can include a mental health professional who can help you process your grief, or a support group can be cathartic

Reaching acceptance is an important part of coping with grief and loss in a healthy way. Acceptance doesn't always mean happiness—for some, it can mean seeing tragedy as an opportunity to create meaning in their lives or find a renewed sense of purpose. Acceptance can also help us honor and celebrate who or what we've lost, and help us find a new path forward.

The next steps I would like to have us take together is to build a greater support network. So, let's get together and discuss what you want to see in your parish for your health and well-being.

Thank you, Deacon Lon



Prayer for Hope

for people experiencing loss.

Expressing our feelings with

people who are supportive of us

Lord, Restore my hope! Where I fear the future, write a new script in my heart. Where I doubt Your goodness, fill me anew. Give me steadfast hope for a beautiful tomorrow.

Amen, OLPi

Welcoming a New Neighbor to our **Greece Community** (in our own front yard!) Grand Opening Charity Day to Benefit St. John's!

By now, most have seen the sign or have seen some advertisement about the family-owned department store, Boscov's, coming this Fall to The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. This is an exciting time to have a new department store come to our area, especially a department store that has a Candy Department and so much more!

It seems a fair amount of people have heard of Boscov's but for those who have not, they are a family owned business dating back to 1914. The company is now led by Jim Boscov as chairman and he continues the legacy of his uncle Albert and founder Solomon Boscov. The company continues to focus on customer service, creative promotions, and community engagement. You can find out more about this department store by visiting their website www.boscovs.com Speaking of community engagement, this leads us to share with you a recent luncheon Jim Boscov hosted for various non -profit organizations throughout the community, including St. John's, to outline their upcoming *Grand Opening Charity* Day – Shop for a Cause. Boscov's has provided us with Shopping Passes to help our church raise money. With your \$5 donation you receive a Shopping Pass that gets you exclusive, early access to the new Boscov's store where you'll

be the first to shop, get their discounted grand-opening prices, a free gift, register to win prizes, free refreshments and entertainment. Please note that 100% of your \$5 donation remains here at St. John's; Boscov's does not receive any portion of it. When Boscov's says they are engaged in their store's community, this is one example and we are happy to be on the receiving end.

Boscov's *Grand Opening Charity Day* event will take place on Thursday, October 30 from 10 AM – 10 PM (2 days prior to their Grand Opening to the Public on November 1). They are located at the site at the Mall previously occupied by Burlington. We have been told that **each person** wishing to enter the store on this day will require one of the **Shopping Passes** so please plan accordingly and know you can receive the passes here through St. John's – your \$5 donation affords you one Shopping Pass and yes, your donation remains here at our beloved St. John's. Get them for family and friends too!

The Shopping Passes are available now with each \$5 donation (payable by cash or check to St. John's Church with "Pass" written in the memo section). You can do so THIS weekend, July 26/27 at the Coffee Hour in the Parish Center **prior to the** 4 pm Mass on Saturday (July 26) or at the Coffee Hours following the 8 AM & 10 AM Masses (July 27). Donation/ Shopping Passes are also available at the Parish Office during office hours. They may be available after Mass on other weekends – please stay tuned to the pulpit announcements. For any questions, please call the Parish Office at 585-225-8980.



Richard LaForce *Brother of Ron LaForce* Phyllis Lader Richards *Sister-in-law of Nancy Lader*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Al & Kay Keane
- Tabernacle II John Keane
- **[†]**Marian I **Lorraine Leege**
- Marian II Deceased Members of St. Mary's Class of 1961

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



July 19/20 Week 3	ATTENDANC	E387
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	5,473.65
ONLINE Giving	\$	2,998.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering	\$	8,471.65
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OF	FERING(\$	1,478.35)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as July 20, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$	29,850.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$	38,074.48
OVERAGE TO DATE\$	8,224.48

As we are underway in our new Fiscal Year, I am encouraged by the early financial report and I am deeply appreciative for the generosity your sacrificial giving offers for the well-being of our parish.

Fr Peter

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.









Be Aware of Scams

We strongly encourage you to be very mindful of text messages and/or e-mails that

claim to be from Fr. Peter. 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.





Senior Home Communion Service Ministers July/August 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 3, 2025 Ron LaForce

August 17, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

Ron LaForce August 31, 2025

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

July 27, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham August 3, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

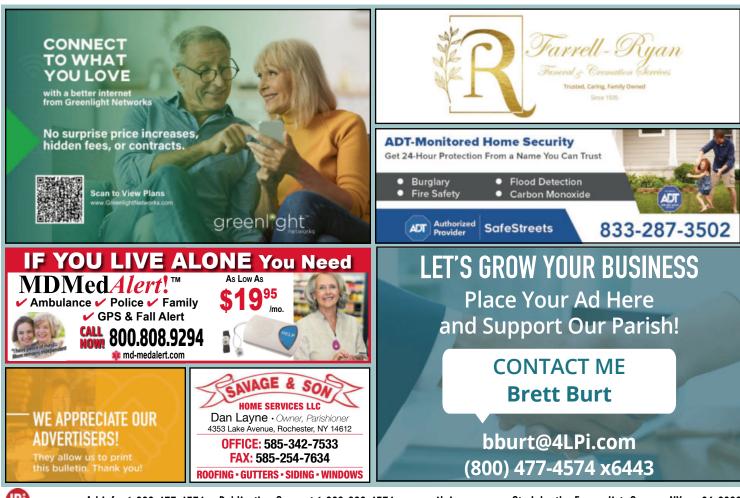
August 10, 2025 Tom Grieco Tom Grieco August 17, 2025

August 24, 2025

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 27, 2025 Terry & Pam Hearne August 3, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert August 10, 2025 Chris Hoefler August 17, 2025 Terry & Pam Hearne August 24, 2025 Dan & Melissa Kabsin Carolyn Kerhaert August 31, 2025

Bob & Barb Gotham | August 31, 2025 NO Communion Service at the Village at Unity



Genesee Glass & Mirror

90 Bennington Drive • Rochester, NY 14616

(585) 621-3580 www.WeFixGlass.com

Commercial • Residential • Shower Enclosures In Shop Cut Glass for: Tabletops, Bath Mirrors, and Picture Frame We also repair: Bug Screens and Fogged Thermo-Glass



Insulation Solutions.

585-626-0629 • www.coler.com

Call Now for our Recommendations



Senior Living Apartments with No Entrance Fees!

1550 Portland Ave Irondequoit, NY

Call 585.697.6606 for information

TOM MaGUIRE, INC. Mike Reichert

COMPLETE TREE SERVICE FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES WINTER RATES

> Ph: 225-9244 · 865-0336 54 Island Cottage Road Rochester, NY 14612



Call Today to Schedule Your: · Lawn Care Program · Mosquito Control Program · Aeration & Over-Seeding

(585) 723-5815 - trimlinelandscape.com 225 Ballantyne Rd, Rochester, NY 14623



" * * * * * " EXPERT SERVICE GATTI G **PLUMBING** (585) 426-5068

GATTIPLUMBING.COM

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust



1225 Long Pond Road • Rochester, NY

585-227-4626

joe@ajtaxinc.com • www.ajtaxinc.com

Place Your Ad Here and **Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator

REAL ESTATE AUCTION CO., INC.

Flood Detection Fire Safety Carbon Monoxide

SafeStreets

833-287-3502



ToptoBottomRochester.com

· Chimney Liners

Basement Walls

· Water Proofed

Doors, Etc.

Ask yourself, is your repairman too expensive, unreliable, unpredictable?

#I IN REPAIRS

- Roofing
- Chimney
- Gutters
- Masonry Siding

Clip & Save • Clip & Save • Clip & Save • Clip & Save • Clip & Save

Carpentry

Since 1988

TOP TO BOTTOM

Expert Evaluation • Fully Insured Free Estimates • Guaranteed Senior Discount

Your Safest Choice



Call 764-8204





\$10 EGG COMBO BREAKFAST!

Egg, Potato, Toast & Coffee - Mon-Thurs (Except Holidays)
Must Present Coupon in Person (limit 1 coupon per party) 2171 West Henrietta Rd., Brighton, NY SUNNYSFAMILYDINER.COM

Biżosteks AUCTION SERVICE, INC.

We do Auctions anywhere in NY! Bernard J. Brzostek, CAI Licensed Real Estate Broker and Certified Auctioneer Real Estate, Estates, Businesses & more! No Commission charged to Sellers on Real Estate Auctions! www.askbernie.com

<u> Call:</u> Bernie's SELL # (315) 447-5177

SAFE, SECURE, AFFORDABLE SELF STORAGE. BOTH CLIMATE CONTROLLED AND STANDARD UNITS AVAILABLE. 4675 WEST RIDGE ROAD, SPENCERPORT, NY 14559 585-349-3899 WWW.GREECERIDGEMINISTORAGE.COM



Christopher B. DiPonzio Joseph D. DiPonzio

219 SPENCERPRT RD. PH. 429-6700

Anthony J. DelleFave, Attorney General Legal Services

ADelleFave@lacykatzen.com 585-225-2470

Greece: 1101-C English Road Rochester: 600 Bausch & Lomb Place





Delivering "Pre-Loved" Vehicles & Smiles!
Family Owned - Over 30 Years and 3 Generations
We Give Top Dollar for Your Vehicle

We Don't Forget You After the Sale, We Service We Sell We Offer Extended Warranties, for that Extra Peace of Mind on Your Purchase
(585) 349-2440 - summitviewauto.com
4645 W Ridge Rd, Spencerport, NY 14559





(585) 329-7669 sigrecoconstruction.com

THE VILLAGE

Independent Living Assisted Living | Memory Care

1471 Long Pond Road | Rochester, NY 14626 585-540-1426 | TheVillageAtUnity.com



(C LEISURE CARE

