

St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 5, 2026

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.

INDEPENDENCE

250th Anniversary **DAY** July 4, 1776 - July 4, 2026
IN GOD WE TRUST



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/
Ps 145:2-9/
Mt 9:18-26
23/

Tuesday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/
Ps 115:3-10/
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/
Ps 105:2-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/
Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Hos 14:2-10/
Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Is 6:1-8/
Ps 93:1-2, 5/
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Is 55:10-11/
Ps 65:10-14/
Rom 8:18-

Welcome!

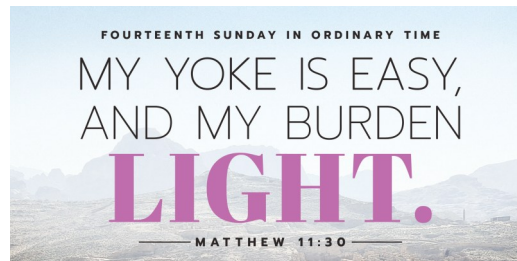
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass,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

Blessing for Our Country

Dear God,

Bless this land that we love,
a land You created, in love.

We are at our best
when we're close to You.

Please inspire, guide, and govern
our leaders
and our vision,

that our greatness may be founded in
and defined in You.

Amen.

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Another Successful Food Drive

Thanks to the generosity of many, the delivery from our most recent

Food Drive resulted in 599 lbs. of donated items to benefit the clients assisted by the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. As your Pastor, I am very grateful for your ongoing generosity. May God reward you abundantly.

A special thank you to Pam and Gary Kern, Nick Verdino, Rick Stein and Joe Waters for organizing and tackling this delivery. Many hands make lighter work!

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Masses for the Week—July 6—12

MONDAY, July 6 *St Marie Goretti*

8:15 AM + *Dolores Jweid*

by John & Carolyn Kerhaert

TUESDAY, July 7 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Betty Gaffney*

by Family

WEDNESDAY, July 8 *Weekday*

8:15 AM *(Living) Special Intention*

for First Lieutenant Billy Shields

by Jim & Cindi Grotke

THURSDAY, July 9 *St Augustine Zhao Rong*

FRIDAY, July 10 *Weekday*

8:15 AM *(Living) Special Intention*

for Steven Richards

by Jim & Cindi Grotke

SATURDAY, July 11 *St Benedict*

4:00 PM + *Mickey Corsi*

by Barbara Kelly

SUNDAY, July 12 *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:00 AM *42nd Anniversary of Fr Peter's Ordination*

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 6

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, July 9

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Blessing for Rest

O God, As You rested after the creation of the world, remind us to take a sacred pause, too.

Surround and support us with Your love, help us to practice holy rest

— a practice that renews and recreates.

Amen. ©LPi

We Welcome Visiting Priests While Fr. Peter is Away

During Fr. Peter's time away we are blessed to receive Fr. Bob Schrader to celebrate the Masses this holiday weekend as well as the 8:15 weekday morning Masses. For those who may not know of Fr. Schrader, he is a retired priest of our diocese currently residing at Our Mother of Sorrows.

The weekend of **July 11/12**, we welcome **Fr. Michael Bausch**, a retired priest, for the 4 PM Mass and **Fr. Dan Condon**, Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester, for the 8 and 10 AM Masses on Sunday.

The weekend of **July 18/19**, we welcome **Fr. Bill Spilly**, a retired priest, for the 4 PM Mass and **Fr. Dan Condon**, once again, for the 8 and 10 AM Masses on Sunday.

We are grateful to Fr. Schrader, Fr. Bausch and Fr. Spilly – retired priests of our diocese – who are able and willing to help as often as they can to assist their brother priests when the need arises. Although not retired, the same holds true for Fr. Condon who avails himself when he can. Let us keep Fr. Peter, Fr. Condon, Fr. Schrader, Fr. Bausch, Fr. Spilly and all the active and retired priests of our diocese along with Bishop Bonnici in our daily prayers. May God bless them with peace and perseverance in their priestly ministry and we ask our Blessed Mother to watch over and protect them.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

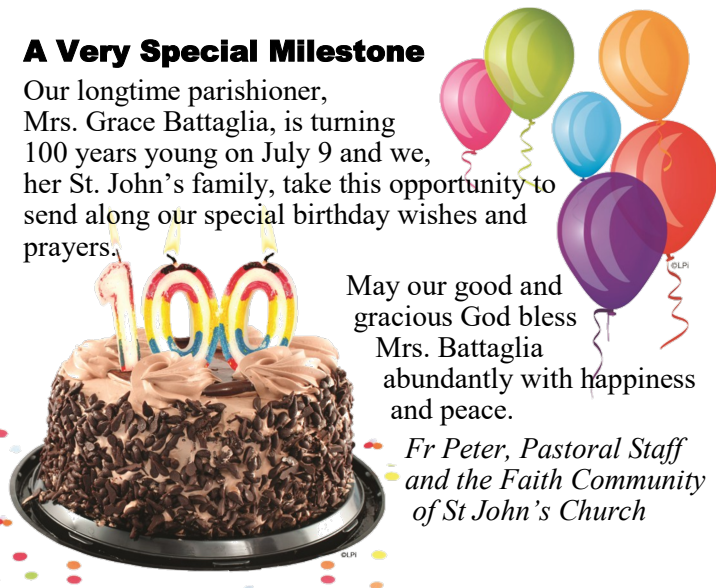
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
Pope Leo XVI	Thomas Erdle	Richard Farrell	James Fennessy	John Firpo	Raymond Fleming	Jesus Flores-Rivera

A Very Special Milestone

Our longtime parishioner, Mrs. Grace Battaglia, is turning 100 years young on July 9 and we, her St. John's family, take this opportunity to send along our special birthday wishes and prayers.

May our good and gracious God bless Mrs. Battaglia abundantly with happiness and peace.

Fr Peter, Pastoral Staff and the Faith Community of St John's Church



Confession

Saturday, July 11,
2:45 to 3:30 PM:

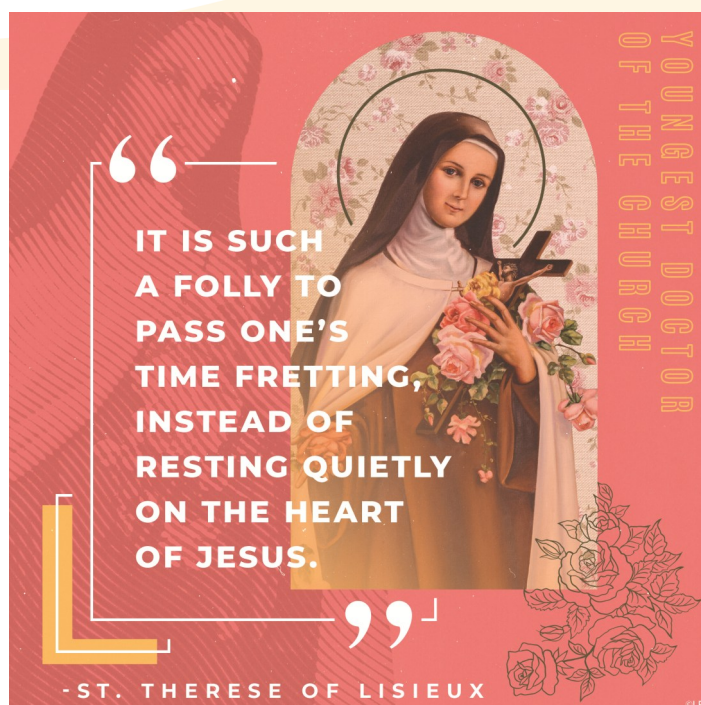
Fr. Michael Bausch

Saturday, July 18,
2:45 to 3:30 PM:

Fr. Bill Spilly

MASS **INTENTIONS**

Our Mass Book will open via *telephone* beginning **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**, for those who will like to schedule Masses during the months of September through December, 2026. Please call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 on July 22 between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM. After July 22 you can call during regular office hours. We are not accepting scheduling requests before July 22. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that are currently in place.



Words of Gratitude and Words of Welcome

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to **Bob Gotham** for the many years he has served our parish as Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson. Bob is stepping down having served our parish in this capacity with dedication and commitment along with a great spirit in offering his best in supporting me, as Pastor, as well as the parishioners. Bob will continue with his dedicated volunteer work on a team which cares for the campus grounds and he will maintain a role he and his wife, Barb, share in ministering to the folks at The Village at Unity, by way of Communion Services and as Extraordinary



Ministers of Holy Communion here at St John's.

I'd like to welcome our incoming Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson, **Nick Verdino**. Nick and his wife, Eileen, have

been longstanding parishioners here at St. John's. I have found Nick to be diligent in his care and concern for the various aspects of parish life. He currently serves as a member of our Parish Finance Council, he is a Parish Trustee and he serves as an Usher at our 4 PM Mass. He's active in our Annual Parish Day of Caring and tending to our summer garden needs as well as being a dedicated weekly volunteer at our annual Lenten Fish Fry along with other areas in which help is needed. As you can see, Nick's credentials are top notch and I am most grateful to Nick for accepting this role as we get set to start up in September, 2026. —Fr Peter

The Role of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

In the Catholic Church, a Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative, representative body of the faithful that advises the parish priest. Its primary purpose is to assess the community's needs, foster pastoral planning, and help set the spiritual and apostolic direction of the parish. The responsibilities and functions of a Parish Pastoral Council include:

- **Advising the Pastor:** The Council acts as a "think tank" and sounding board, offering strategic insight and recommendations regarding evangelization, worship, and the overall care of souls.
- **Pastoral Planning:** Council members work together with the priest to develop long-term pastoral plans, define the parish's mission statement, and establish practical goals.
- **Evaluating Programs:** The PPC reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of existing ministries and community outreach efforts to ensure they are serving the needs of the faithful.

How it Operates

- **Leadership:** The parish priest (or pastor) presides over the Council and holds the ultimate decision-making authority.
- **Consultative Role:** The Council has a consultative vote. This means they advise and recommend, but the priest is ultimately responsible for implementing the strategies.
- **Membership:** Councils are typically made up of a mix of *ex officio* members (such as deacons or pastoral associates) and parishioners who are either elected by the community or appointed by the pastor.



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Mission Appeal Coming Up Weekend of July 25/26, 2026

Each year parishes throughout the Diocese of Rochester hold their Mission Appeal Weekend and here at St. John's we will do so the weekend of July 25/26.

This year St. John's has been assigned the *Catholic Diocese of Obuasi in Ghana*. Coincidentally the international theme coincides with our Filipino Festival on July 26. Many of us are familiar with Obuasi Diocese in Ghana (Fr. Peter's home country) based on visits from Bishop John Afoakwah and many priests from that diocese who have visited us at St. John's over the past years and have assisted Fr. Peter during times when he returned home for respite.

The information below provides some preliminary information and more will be shared when Fr. Peter Nkansah speaks to us on this Mission Appeal Weekend. We look forward to receiving Fr. Nkansah and our generous support is encouraged and will be of great benefit.

NOTE: If your donation for this Mission Appeal will be made by check, please be sure to make it payable to St. John's Church and on the memo line please write: Mission Appeal 2026.

Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana

The Catholic Diocese of Obuasi is comparatively young Diocese in Ghana, West Africa. It was created on March 3, 1995. It is a predominantly rural Diocese with poor road network and mainly peasant farmers who live from hand to mouth. It has a growing Catholic population of about 121,466 being 8.2% of the area population (2018) Local priests - 105; Religious priests - 6; Religious brothers - 8; Catechists - 800; Parishes - 45; Major Seminarians 50; Females Religious Groups 8 with 31 Sisters (Nuns). Every parish church has a mission church attached to it. On the average every church has about 10 mission churches. Total mission churches is about 450.

Challenges Facing the Diocese:

1. Formation and training of 50 major seminarians costs \$1,500 for each seminarian annually
2. Training of catechists cost about \$500 each and we have a little more than 800 catechists
3. Training of Sunday School Teachers and Missionary Animators cost about \$5,000
4. Drilling of Wells for village churches costs \$5,000 for a well
5. Roofing of poor and needy Village churches cost a minimum of \$10,000 per church (rafters, roofing sheets and skilled labor costs); Some of our mission churches have Masses in classrooms.



Come One, Come All!

As you can see from the flyer above, St. John's is hosting a Mabuhay (mah-BOO-hi) Festival. What is this, you ask? Come and find out (but it has to do with *Welcome*.)

We are blessed at St. John's to have a growing number of Filipino families thus the Filipino Ministry is being introduced with co-chairs, Consuelo DeLosSantos, our Director of Liturgical Music, and Flor Acupanda. This newly formed ministry, together with Fr. Peter, thought it would be nice to hold this festival for us to meet our new parishioners, get acquainted with their Filipino heritage, enjoy their delicious food, and welcome them to our parish. We are ALL invited and together, let's join in the fun—something for all ages! No need to bring anything; come as a guest of the Filipino Ministry of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY.

14th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves." Matthew 11:29



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

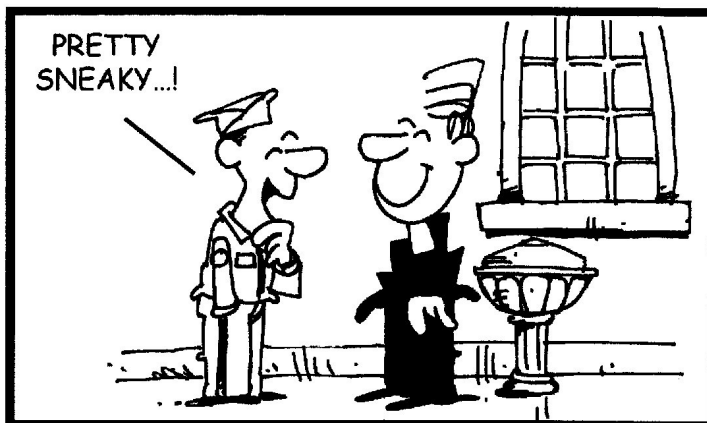
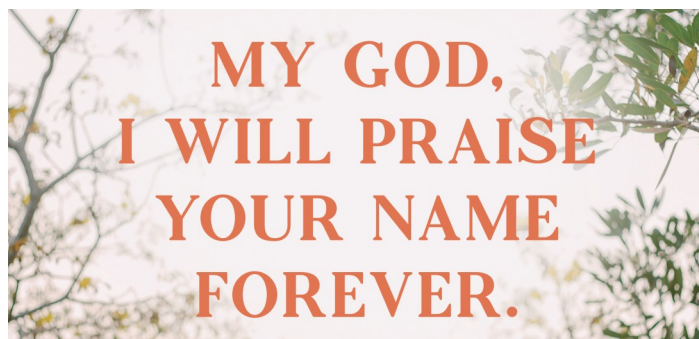
- ✚ Tabernacle I Theodore Siepka
- ✚ Tabernacle II The United States of America
- ✚ Marian I Theodore Siepka
- ✚ Marian II In Thanksgiving

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline for Independence Day, our June 27/28 Collections and Mass attendance will be noted in Next Weekend's bulletin.

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



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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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.



ROC Catholics Northwest

ROCCatholicsNorthwest.org



Stay in touch with the 7 parishes of ROC Catholics Northwest – *St. Charles Borromeo, St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great, Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. John the Evangelist-Greece, and St. Mark* – by connecting with this joint website listed here. Check in with it often for various offerings at the parishes listed.

Please note: This does not replace the individual parish websites; it's another resource to find out what's going on throughout our 7 parishes.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June/July 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 5, 2026 Ron LaForce
July 19, 2026 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

July 5, 2026 Tom Grieco
July 12, 2026 Bob & Barb Gotham
July 19, 2026 Tom Grieco
July 26, 2026 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 5, 2026 Chris Hoefler
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July 19, 2026 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
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THE VILLAGE AT TOWNGATE

July 12, 2026 Kathy Christodaro

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