St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 6, 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.



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

This Devotion is a Spiritual Obligation......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 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Gn 28:10-22a/	Gn 32:23-33/	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/	Dt 30:10-14/
Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/	Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/	Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/	Ps 105:16-21/	Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/	Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/	Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37/
Mt 9:18-26	Mt 9:32-38	Mt 10:1-7	Mt 10:7-15	Mt 10:16-23	Mt 10:24-33	Col 1:15-20/
						Lk 10:25-37

"The Law of the Garbage Truck"

Over the years, I have come to know that Christian spiritual tradition teaches that silence opens us to God's Word and is necessary to a mature prayer life in Christ. To achieve greater intimacy with God—openness to

listening to what God is saying —it may not always be the way we want it, but we must move into a silent place where only God can reach us, use us, and mold us. Sometimes it comes in a fire, whisper, or wind.

The events of my life have taught me that as humans, we are constantly searching for a better life. For some it may be the better job or social status. During this constant search of what is presumed to be that better something, it is easy to miss the beauty in the story of our own lives. The ultimate happiness of what we may seek in other places may possibly be found right before our eyes. As the great African Saint Augustine of Hippo said, "Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote a book with ink. Instead He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?" Maybe the story of one of the pages of my own life will help explain what St. Augustine is saying.

One day I hopped into a taxi-cab and we took off for the airport on my way home to Ghana. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost caused an accident and sent us to the hospital before I could catch the plane to see my family!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck." He explained to me that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, full of disappointment and rage.



As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't pick up their garbage and spread it to other people in your life, whether at work, at home, or to people that

you don't even know on the streets.

Always remember that good people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake in the morning with regrets, so...Love the people who treat you right and don't dwell on the ones who don't. Let us look at today's gospel more closely and ask ourselves, what does it mean for our lives? "The kingdom of God is at hand for us." How do we respond to Jesus' call to be His Disciples? This invitation today challenges us all. The Eucharistic banquet, which in today's world receives so few positive responses after so many invitations are issued, might be seen in our time as referring to the meal we celebrate each time we come to Mass. The menu, so to speak, is simple and miraculous. The Lord chooses this setting to nourish our minds and hearts with His Word, and our bodies and souls with His Flesh and Blood. There is a standing invitation, week after week, for this meal, which is held for our spiritual benefit.

this meal, which is held for our spiritual benefit. Yet, fewer people seem to accept this invitation, and many make excuses. We are too busy, or we are too tired today. Others show up, but perhaps arrive late or leave early. Jesus continues to invite us to celebrate God's love through the banquet of the Eucharist. Let us respond with love, humility, and gratitude. Let us come to the table of salvation and respond with our own invitation that He come more fully into our hearts.

One of the major milestones in gaining wisdom through the years is finally realizing that meaning is not something to be found in life, but is rather something we choose to give to our lives. Change in life is inevitable, but growth is optional. It is the path we choose that facilitates growth. I certainly will do it all over again, by the grace of God as I try

to do His will in my ministry.
Blessings and peace to all.
Father Peter

Masses for the Week—July 7—13

MONDAY, July 7 Weekday

8:15 AM (living) **Special Intention for John** by Jim & Cindi Grotke

TUESDAY, July 8 Weekday

8:15 AM + Richard May

by Paul & Nancy Westlake

WEDNESDAY, July 9 St Augutine Zhao Rong

8:15 AM + Alfreda Weise by Eileen

THURSDAY, July 10 Weekday

FRIDAY, July 11 St Benedict

8:15 AM + Joseph Ciufo

by Eileen Zegarelli

SATURDAY, July 12 Weekday

4:00 PM + Robert Grimmer

by Melissa and Dan Kabasin

SUNDAY, July 13 Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

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

10:00 AM + Fr Peter's 41st Ordination Anniversary

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12
Pope Leo XIV	John Furpo	Raymond Fleming		John Forni	Michael Fowler	Ronald Gaesser



America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. on the following dates/times:

NEXT Sunday, July 13 at Noon

Wed, August 13 at 6:00 PM Saturday, September 13 at Noon. Monday, October 13 at 6:00 PM.

NOTE: Please use the various parking lots in the vicinity so as not to diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 7

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, July 10

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room



Pictured L to R: Nick Verdino, Rick Stein, Gary Kern, Joe Waters, Pam Tofany-Kern, and Bob Gotham.

The Lord Calls Us to Feed the Hungry

Thank you for supporting the St. John's Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf. Thanks to your generosity, St. John's Parishioners delivered 551 lbs. of food and household items to the Greece Food Shelf on June 16, 2025. The generosity of our parishioners is amazing! Many thanks to Fr. Peter who supported the food drive, the wonderful parishioners who donated the food, the volunteers who helped fill the boxes, and to those who helped transport the boxes to the Greece Food Shelf. These food items help put food on the table for hundreds of families in the Greece Community. Pam Tofany-Kern



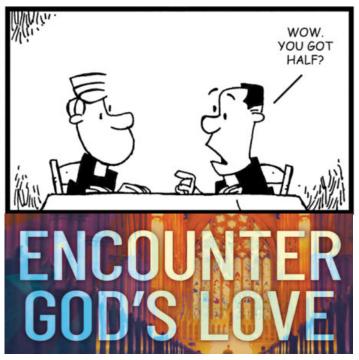
Mass Book Opening

Scheduling Masses for INTENTIONS 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 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.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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 sstjohnt@dor.org. Thank you so much!







Passing on the Faith

Ways to teach your children/grandchildren to pray – time well spent!

- Talk about the day's highs and lows, then use them to launch a short, spontaneous prayer.
- Keep a small picture of Jesus, Mary, or the angels where your child/grandchild can see it from bed.
- Read a Bible story.
- Sing a kid-friendly religious song.
- Write names of family and friends on small slips of paper. Have each child pick a slip out of a hat and pray a special intention for that person. Don't forget our priests and deacons!
- Read the story of a saint and use it to pray for the saint's intercession.
- Keep a list of prayer intentions and use them to guide bedtime prayers.
- Recite traditional Catholic prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Prayer to St. Michael. If you recite one or more of these prayers slowly every night, most children old enough to talk will eventually join in.

We encourage everyone to pass on the faith in some way, shape, or form. Let's do our part for the Glory of God and the salvation the souls.



Catholic Etiquette

The Importance of Dressing for God, Not the Culture (repeated from last week)

Every now and then it's good to remind ourselves of some important matters surrounding Catholic etiquette. This is an especially good time after fielding various comments, questions, and concerns from parishioners pertaining to our mode of dress at Mass. Other topics will be addressed as well (in the next bulletin) and no matter the topic, we ask that each of us respectfully and prayerfully reflect and act upon them as they pertain to us individually. We are not here to chastise and condemn but to remind us and guide us along the right path so we grow in holiness and offer all due reverence to our Triune God – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. At the same time, we ask parents to guide their children.

Dress modestly and appropriately before the Lord. Yes, when one comes to Mass he/she is always in the presence of the Lord. Dressing immodestly can be an issue year-round but moreso in the summer months when the days are warm and sometimes hot. We can probably all agree our society has changed with regard to its attitude on proper attire. While the Catholic Church does not have dogmatic teaching on modest dress, it exhorts us to use common sense. Christ himself has invited us to partake in the sacred banquet of the Eucharist. When it comes to being in the presence of the Lord, reverence should be paramount. Clothing should not be a needless distraction for our brothers and sisters in Christ at Mass; please dress appropriately.

"So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into

Good Catholic Things to Know

In addition to dressing modestly and appropriately before the Lord as was outlined in last weekend's bulletin and (repeated again this weekend), we offer these additional reminders:

- Arrive to Mass on time.
- Make the Sign of the Cross with holy water upon entering the Church.
- Men and boys, kindly remove hats or caps before the Lord
- Genuflect facing the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle before entering your pew or altar. If unable to genuflect, a heartfelt bow is acceptable.
- Please turn off (or to vibrate) all cell phones prior to entering the Church.
- Please be "prayerfully silent." Refrain from unnecessary talking as it distracts others who are intently praying and reflecting.
- Join in singing and sing your praises to the Lord. Give Him thanks.
- Except for a medical need, no food or drink in church.
- Remove gum, candy, food, etc., prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Catholics, receive Holy Communion with reverence. You may receive on the tongue or in your hand. If you choose to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, please be sure your hands are clean and your right hand is under your left hand. Please do a reverent bow before receiving Holy Communion. Consume immediately.
- Please exit the church after the final song and after the celebrant has completed the recessional procession.
- Please be sure to take all your belongings and leave the pew and missal ready for the next person at Mass.

Thank you and God bless you on your journey of faith.

The Tradition of Genuflection

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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Due to early bulletin deadline for the 4th of July, financials will appear in the July 13 bulletin.

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Couples Retreat

Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope with Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM

Friday, August 22 through Sunday, August 24 Retreat Highlights

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The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood

which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

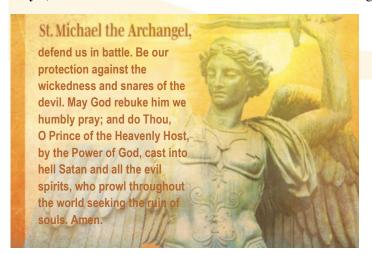
Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society—one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first: veneration, it is secondly: invocation, and it is thirdly: imitation. "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

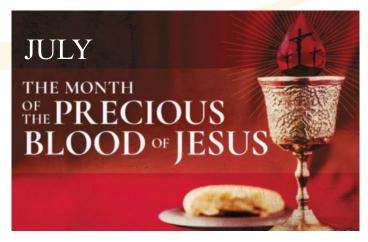
To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

Excerpted from *The Precious Blood of Christ*, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

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