

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 15, 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.



"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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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 Only.

Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

2 Cor 6:1-10/
Ps 98:1-2b, 3ab-4/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9/
Ps 146:2, 5-9a/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11/
Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11/
Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Cor 4:7-15/
Ps 34:2-7/
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Cor 12:1-10/
Ps 34:8-13/
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

Gn 14:18-20/
Ps 110:1-4/
1 Cor 11:23-26/
Lk 9:11b-17

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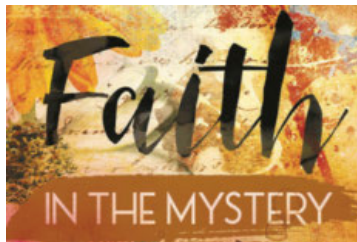
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, 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.

The Feast of the Blessed Trinity

Anytime I think about this Feast of the Blessed Trinity, what comes to my mind is the collaboration among the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. It also presents me with a mystery of my faith, the how, the why, and the challenges understanding the Trinity. Yet I see it is oftentimes good to stand before the mystery of life and ponder it as we contemplate the mystery of the Blessed Trinity and what it does to our own faith. Today we stand before the profound mystery of God: One God, Three Persons; a mystery that people have pondered since the beginning of time. It tells about the awesomeness of God. In our daily meditation it presents the excellent relationship that there exists in the unity of the one Godhead. When we listen to the Scriptures we hear them as the one God speaking to us. We see people do things in the name of God, like those doing community service at our parish. We are lifting up the name of God in our relationship to God through our neighbor.

I guess this encourages us all as Christians to try and help each other in building the Kingdom of God. Who is this God that we worship? What does divine revelation tell us through Sacred Scriptures, the wonder of creation, or the Holy Spirit speaking in the hearts of people? The sources of our faith tell us that God exists: "*I am who am*" Ex 3:14. God is eternal. God has always been. God will always be. They tell us that God is all-knowing. Wisdom and truth flow from God. "*God is love*" 1John 4:16. God is unity and community: a Trinity of Persons. This naturally flows from God's love. Out of his love flows great mercy.

To try and solve the unsolvable will only leave us frustrated and possibly unbelieving. The mystery of the Holy Trinity creates a dynamic relationship between God and us.



It encourages us to work together to foster the unity of our faith in caring for one another. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as to stand in awe before God, worship God, and know God better. It enables us to ponder the mystery of God so as

to know who God wants us to be, who God has made us to be. From Sacred Scripture we know that God permits our pain, suffering, and any form of human grief. In our prayers for the sick, just as in our prayers for ourselves, we must trust the will of the Triune God and trust, too, in the manner in which the Blessed Trinity may answer our prayers. Only then will we fully understand the power and possibility of prayer to God.

Both within our church and our community, we are called to be evangelizers who through our word and actions, give witness to our gracious God whose love "has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." We are called to share with others what we have personally come to know. Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. One way to do that is to celebrate the life of that Trinity in each believer and to respond with confidence to the call to proclaim God to all the world. We pray at this Eucharistic celebration that the Holy Spirit will teach each of us how to do that so that our beloved St. John's here in Greece will better mirror what we profess. In the words of St. Paul to the Romans 5:3-5, "not only that, but we boast of our afflictions, knowing that afflictions produce endurance, and endurance-proven character, proven character-hope, and hope doesn't disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." No matter how you feel, no matter what you are experiencing, you are wrapped up in that love of God Almighty. God Bless.

Father Peter



Masses for the Week—June 16—21

MONDAY, June 16 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Rita Stein*

by Husband, Sylvester & family

TUESDAY, June 17 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Anthony DePetres*

by Wife, Jean & family

WEDNESDAY, June 18 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Donna Kenyon*

by David & Donna Post

THURSDAY, June 19 *St Romuald*

FRIDAY, June 20 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Lucy Wiley*

by Nikki MacDonald

SATURDAY, June 21 *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

4:00 PM + *Nick Buda*

by Wife, Elizabeth

SUNDAY, June 22

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

10:00 AM + *Deceased Members of the St John's Choir*
by Judy Weiser

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 15 **Happy Father's Day**

Food Drive for Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf

Monday, June 16

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Wednesday, June 18

10:30 AM Bereavement Group in Parish Center

Thursday, June 19 **Juneteenth**

Parish Office **CLOSED**

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

5:30 PM 7-Parish Evangelization Team Mtg
in Parish Center

Saturday, June 21

11:00 AM Baptism Class in Parish Center



Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all

and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways—both big and small—they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.

— Rev. Chuck Currie



**Parish Office CLOSED for the
Juneteenth Freedom Day, THIS Thursday, June 19.
Office will reopen on Friday, June 20.**

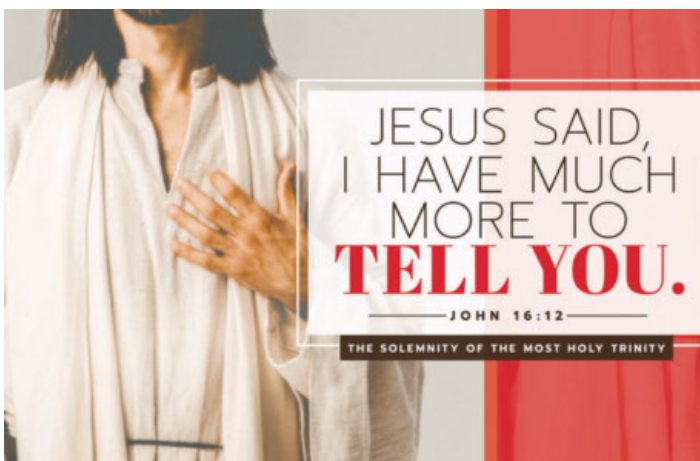




Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who calls us into communion with Him, a life of grace and mystery, reconciliation and unity. Amen.

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The Most Holy Trinity June 15, 2025 John 16:12-15

I am amazed at how my four siblings teach their many kids in age-appropriate ways. For example, now that my nephew Brandon is 24 years of age, they give him insights and freedoms that would have been positively confounding or even dangerous when he was a toddler. Imagine if they had taught him at age four how to drive a car, use a credit card online, or handle power tools. But eventually, they did, and he is a high functioning young man, I'm proud to say. They are good teachers.

...He never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature.

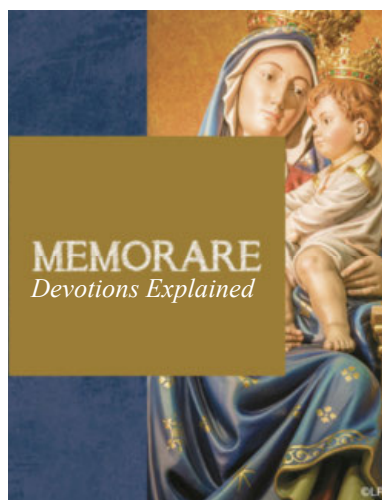
This week we learn that Jesus teaches us in a similar way. He says to his Apostles, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now" John 16:12.

How disappointing for them. But imagine at that moment, before his Resurrection and Ascension, if the Lord had started telling them about synods and sacraments, popes and parishes, martyrs and monasteries, rosaries and relics, catechisms and crucifixes? They would have been absolutely overwhelmed, confused, and discouraged. He tells them what they need to know, when it is time for them to know it.

So he does for us. Jesus has unceasingly taught the Church as she matures through the centuries, just as he teaches you and me through our lives in ways we can understand. Our task should be to learn what he is teaching us now, knowing that (although revelation per se is complete in him and his Apostles), he never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature. Be confident: he knows what you are ready to learn now.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

TRINITY SUNDAY



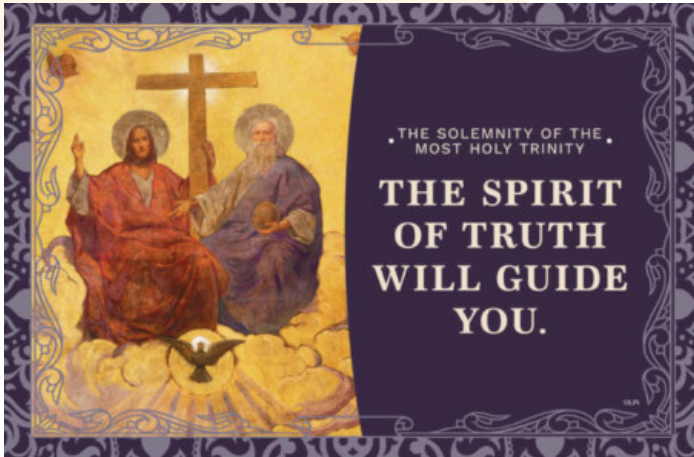
Memorare

The Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need. "I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother," reads one section of the prayer, which goes on to beseech "the Mother of the Word Incarnate" to receive these petitions with love and mercy.

St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis de Sales were two great devotees of this prayer.

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the text is derived from an older and longer prayer entitled "Ad sanctitatis tuae pedes, dulcissima Virgo Maria" ("at your holy feet, most sweet Virgin Mary"). The title "Memorare" is taken from the Latin word for "remember," which begins the prayer. The modern version appears in the 1846 Raccolta, a collection of indulgenced prayers.

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The Best Kind of Mystery

“Do you have a mystery for me to solve?”

If I’ve heard it once, I’ve heard it a hundred times. My daughter is obsessed with mysteries. It’s not enough for her to read about them in the pages of every Nancy Drew book she can get her hands on. She wants more than that. She wants a real-life mystery. A puzzle that resists being solved. A question that eludes an answer. Something that isn’t easy to wrap her head around.

And not surprisingly, she’s not satisfied with the “mysteries” I can offer her. The Mystery of Mom’s Missing Hair Tie (spoiler alert: it was in my purse). The Mystery of the Missing Lunch Ham (oops, Mom finished it).

Simple answers are so boring. “Will I ever have a real mystery?” she moans.

I get it. We’re all this way, really. We are drawn to the mysterious, to the inscrutable. It’s because we know that the answers to the really big questions are ones that can’t be explained in a neat and tidy way. We know that the reality of life and love and the human condition is something we can’t quite fit our heads around. We know that there is so much in this world, in this universe, that we can’t...understand. So, in a way, mysteries are the only things that really make sense to us.

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

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Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that’s never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

Don’t ask me to explain it. I could, but I don’t have the word space, and frankly, it might not even make sense then. It’s a mystery, you see. A real one. The best kind.

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What is World Refugee Day?

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of those forced to flee.

This year, World Refugee Day focuses on solidarity with refugees.

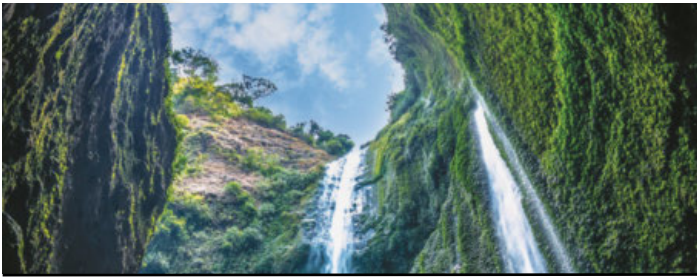
Solidarity means saying, clearly and courageously, that refugees are not alone and that we will not turn our backs.

THIS Friday, June 20 World Refugee Day, helps us remember our global family that has been displaced by crisis. Let us pray:

We pray that all refugees may find safe and loving communities and the opportunity to thrive.

And we pray that we may have the courage to stand and act in defense of human dignity for all.





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

† Tabernacle I **Deacon Bob**

† Tabernacle II **Thomas O. Burke**

† Marian I **Nick Buda**

† Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



June 7/8 Week 50	ATTENDANCE.....	418
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,360.40
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,618.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,978.40
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	657.40

2nd Collection

Catholic Communications.....	\$	608.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	10.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$	618.00

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as June 8, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	466,050.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	454,427.29
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	11,622.71)

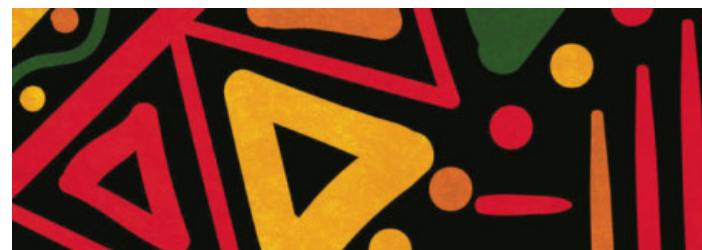
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

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



Parish Increased Giving Campaign

Recently in the mail you received the information about our Parish Increased Giving Campaign. While this is never an easy ask of you, it is a necessary one to sustain the viability of our parish; so we will be grateful for your prayerful consideration in your decision-making. We kindly ask that you complete the pledge card and return it to us on or before Monday, June 23, 2025. You can drop it into the collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Office (if we're closed, you can drop it through the mail slot in the front door) or you can mail it to us at 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626.

NOTE: If you did not receive the mailing for this campaign, we ask that you please contact the Parish Office at 225-8980.

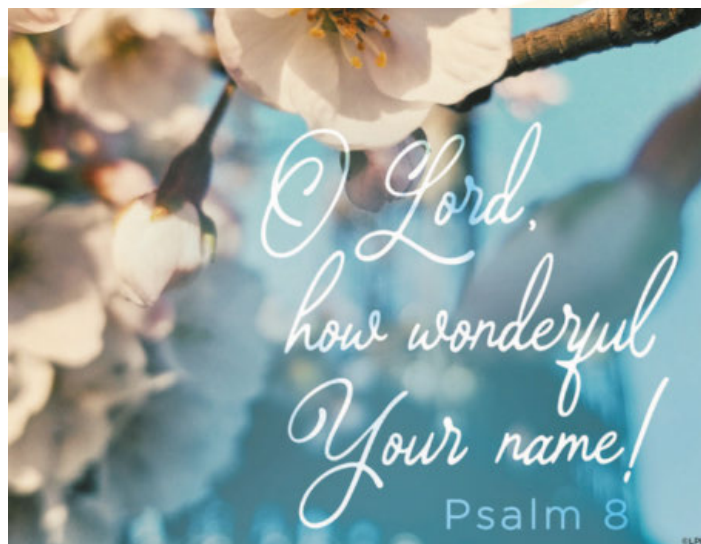
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protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil. May God rebuke him we
humbly pray; and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the Power of God, cast into
hell Satan and all the evil
spirits, who prowl throughout
the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen.



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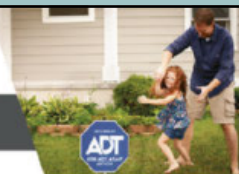


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
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