

June 29, 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.



"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

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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.* 

**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 18:16-33/ Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11/ Mt 8:18-22	Gn 19:15-29/ Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/ Acts 13:22-26/	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/ Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/ Mt 8:28-34	Eph 2:19-22/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Jn 20:24-29	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/ Ps 106:1b-5/ Mt 9:9-13	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/ Ps 135:1b-6/ Mt 9:14-17	Is 66:10-14c/ Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/ Gal 6:14-18/ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

### 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 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.

# We Have Been Called and Sent Like Saints Peter and Paul

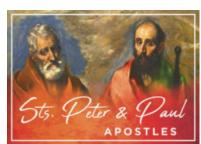
The Greek word for "church" is ekklesia, which has roots that mean "those who have been called." We, the Church, have been summoned to Christ, called to this place, invited into this special relationship with

Saints Peter and Paul, whose solemnity we celebrate this weekend. We remember their courageous response to Christ's call and the mighty ways God worked in and through these Apostles. This Feast Day marks the martyrdom of the two apostles in Rome.

These two Apostles, Peter, the rock, as leader of the apostles, and Paul the great missionary, were sent to evangelize the Gentiles. They both had a mission from Jesus to proclaim the Good News to the end of the world. He gave Peter (and his successors) the key to the kingdom – a sign of authority (papacy) to interpret and spread the Gospel and welcome people into the Christian family of faith we call Church; from the Apostles, to the bishops, to us. We are all called by virtue of our baptism and confirmation to become witnesses to the Church. In our baptism, through Jesus' prayer for us, we are consecrated in the truth and as God the Father sends Jesus, so Jesus sends us – to reveal to the world the love of God.

Paul had a revelation of truth through his encounter with Jesus, which in turn compelled him to testify to what had been revealed. He did so, traveling, teaching, preaching and establishing Churches throughout Asia Minor and Europe.

This weekend, the Church asks for your donation to Peter's Pence. Your offer will be a tangible support as the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV,



the first American Pope, takes steps in his Petrine ministry. Let us help him proclaim the Gospel to the world and extend a hand to our brothers and sisters in need. "Imitating God means entering into communion with others and building bridges of communion between different people. As difficult

as it may be, we still need to build bridges." We as Americans need to do all that we can to support the first American Pope in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This weekend many priests and deacons take on their new assignments in parishes entrusted to them by the Bishop, Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, and we wish our retired priests Godspeed. To you, my beloved parishioners, as my pastorate continues, I am very grateful to you all, especially for the wonderful response to our Increased Giving Campaign to sustain our parish so that we can grow and march together into the future.

Finally, it shall be recalled that on June 25, 2024, as I marked the first day of my five year pastorate extension by Bishop Matano, I requested through prayer and grace that all of us become actively involved in doing something to uplift our parish in the proclamation of the Good News and the everyday celebration of the Eucharist. I will like to see more people involved in singing, as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers, or any other area you might be called. In all senses, I need you to be involved in something. Please let me know if you

can, we would love to have you share in our ministry here.
God bless us all.

Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor

### Masses for the Week—June 30—July 6

MON, June 30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church 8:15 AM + Mae Sassano by Family

**TUESDAY, July 1** St Junipero Serra **8:15** AM + **Deacon Bob** by Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 2** Weekday 8:15 **AM** + *Thomas D'Ambrosio* by Family

THURSDAY, July 3 St Thomas, Apostle

FIRST FRIDAY, July 4 Weekday 8:15 AM + Daniel Donoghue by Granddaughter 10:00 AM Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, July 5

Sts Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal

8:15 AM Fr Peter's Intention

4:00 PM + Deceased Members of St John's

SUNDAY, July 6 Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:00 AM + Joanne Quinn by The Wahl Family 10:00 AM + Thomas D'Ambros

10:00 AM + Thomas D'Ambrosio by Mom & Dad

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

# Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	
Thomas Erdle	Hoan Dinh	Richard Farrell	Aaron Kelly	Jame Fennessy	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano	



### Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

THIS Sunday June 29 from 4:00 PM until gone in Our Mother of Sorrows Church Parking Lot – 5000 Mt. Read Blvd.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue. This will be drive-thru only.

People who pre-ordered are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM on the day of the barbecue.

The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken
- Baked beans
- Macaroni salad
- Corn bread

Come and get a great meal for a great price!

### This Week's Schedule

### Monday, June 30

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

### Thursday, July 3

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

### First Friday, July 4 Independence Day

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

10:00 AM Benediction in Church

**Parish Office CLOSED** 

### First Saturday, July 5

**8:15 AM** First Saturday Mass followed by the Rosary & Devotion in Church



### **Happy 4th of July!**

Parish Office will be CLOSED this Friday, July 4. Office will reopen on Monday, July 7.

### **Prayer for Our Country**

Good and gracious Father,

You created the human race as one human family, yet formed a special people for Your own.

God of Abraham the Patriarch, God of King David, watch over our nation!

May our government leaders be blessed with wisdom, counsel, and prudent discernment in creating just laws for our land.

May all service men and women be protected as they defend our freedom and way of life.

May all citizens work together for the common good and the protection of the least among us.

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is in Your coming kingdom that we place our trust. Give us the grace here and now to love as you love and to serve as you served.

Holy Spirit, inspire us to transform our communities on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.



### **Mass Book Opening**

Scheduling Masses for 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 (Mondays, 9:00 AM 'til 3:00 PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 AM 'til 2:00 PM and Thursdays, from 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 them and they will appear in the bulletin.



# 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.



June 9, 2025

St John the Evangelist Church

We are very thankful for the donation from you of \$1,000. If you have followed national news you are aware that we are entering a period of time when immigration will become greatly reduced in America. Many New Americans are alarmed that changes may block their path to citizenship and that, in the worst case, they could be deported. Whether these fears are real or perceived is yet to be determined, yet they are still in the hearts of refugees and asylum seekers.

Our small team is dedicated to providing housing, case management support and the best legal guidance that we can. Your support enables us to continue our mission. On behalf of the people we serve, a heartfelt thank you.

Best wishes,

Mike Coniff, CEO, Mary's Place Refugee Outreach



Dear Father Peter.

On behave of our seminarians, thank you for the donation of \$2.000 from your parish Lenten Giving Program. Be assured of many prayers and much gratitude toward all.

Father Paul Tomasso Vicar General and Director of Seminarians

### **Catholic Etiquette**

The Importance of Dressing for God, Not the Culture

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 the sea." John 21:7



### **Dear Music Ministry and Parish Family,**

Catechism insists that part of why we sing during Mass is to be the voice of God and to express our faith and obedience.

I try to listen to you each week and it is wonderful to hear you. Makes me smile and God is smiling with me. There is no reason for us to be afraid to show how much we love Him back. You will be amazed by how we always encounter Jesus when we pray and sing.

Summer is here! Many parish choirs take a break during summer. Here at St. John, cantors begin to lead the congregation and sometimes, if some of our choir members are around, they just come up in the choir loft and sing with us. Wouldn't it be a great idea if we start a

and meaningful experience for you.

"Summer Choir"? Why not! This could be a fun This is an opportunity for parishioners to experience singing in a choir. We meet half an hour before liturgy begins

and warm up/rehearse familiar hymns. Just show up and we'll hand you a hymnal. This could be a fun and meaningful experience for you. Come join us at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Share your time, grow in faith, meet new friends, and be a part of our choir family even if it's only for a short time.

An example of a familiar hymn: "Open My Eyes" by Jessie Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see Your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear Your voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

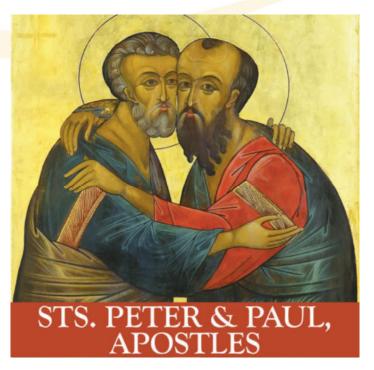
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like You. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within You. Deep in Your heart, oh love. I live within You. Rest now in me.

Be safe and stay blessed,

Consuelo

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



June 29, 2025

### Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles Matthew 16:13-19

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded

Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between

those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

Father John Muir



James McCann Father of Patrick McCann Robert Buda Son of Elizabeth Buda



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Our Nation
- Tabernacle II Fallen Away Catholics
- **<sup>†</sup>**Marian I **Deacon Bob**
- TMarian II Thomas Burke

### BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>June 21/22</b> Week 52	ATTENDANO	CE415
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	8,513.82
ONLINE Giving	\$	3,255.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering	\$	11,768.82
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFF	ERING\$	2,447.82

### Fiscal Year 2024-25 as June 22, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$	484,692.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$	477,019.26
SHORTAGE TO DATE(\$	7,672.74)

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.





# **2nd Collection** NEXT Weekend, July 5/6

Decades ago, the bishops of the United States established a

program to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and help it rebuild after decades of communist oppression. The program is funded by an annual collection taken up in dioceses across the United States. That response continues today, even as the rebuilding Church faces the new challenges of war and the mass migration of refugees.

God is entrusting to you the task ... of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.

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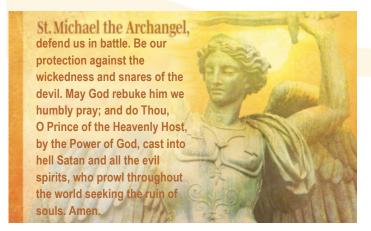
You may be aware of ROC Catholics Northwest, but for those who may not be familiar with this website, we

encourage you to become familiar with it and utilize it whenever the need arises or anytime in between! **www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org**.

ROC Catholics Northwest is a collaborative effort of the Catholic parishes of Greece, Hilton, and Charlotte. This family of churches includes St. John the Evangelist, St. Charles Borromeo, Our Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross, St. Lawrence, St. Mark, and St. Leo the Great. This site serves as a hub for essential information about each parish and its faith-centered, vibrant ministries. The focus is dedicated to providing a warm welcome and useful information to both parishioners and newcomers. Whether you seek details about Mass and Confession schedules, directions to one of our churches, events in which you may want to participate, or our Catholic schools, this website is the place to start.

A newer addition to this website is a Digital Library which is a list of teachings, reflections, and practical tools designed to enrich your knowledge and connection to Catholic traditions and beliefs.

We suggest you take some time to check out this website and see how you will benefit from what it has to offer! Many have found it very helpful.





### Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June/July 2025

### HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 22, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato July 6, 2025 Ron LaForce

July 20, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

#### THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

June 22, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

July 6, 2025 Tom Grieco

July 13, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

July, 20, 2025 Tom Grieco

July 27, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

#### ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 29, 2025

July 6, 2025

July 13, 2025

July 20, 2025

July 27, 2025

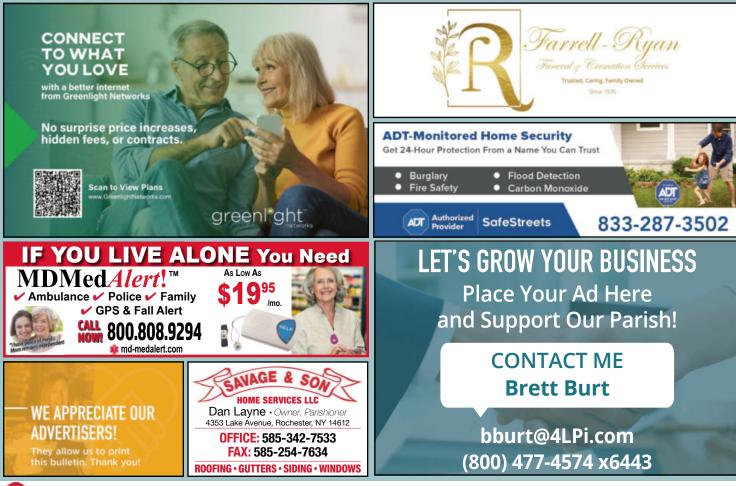
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