

St. John the Evangelist Greece

June 30, 2024

2400 West Ridge Road
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, we collaborate with the Pastor and Staff inviting the people of St. John the Evangelist Church to joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, faithfully teach Catholic tradition, and fervently form Catholic spirituality, so that together we may go forth in love to serve the Lord and each other.

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Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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

Am 2:6-10, 13-16/
Ps 50:16bc-23/
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/
Ps 5:4b-8/
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22/
Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Jn 20:24-29

Thursday

Am 7:10-17/
Ps 19:8- 11/
Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Am 8:4-6, 9-12/
Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

Am 9:11-15/
Ps 85:9ab-14/
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Ez 2:2-5/
Ps 123:1-4/
2 Cor 12:7-10/
Mk 6:1-6a

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.

The Mass Has Ended

Some people stay after Mass to pray. Why, if they just prayed at Mass for an hour? After Mass has ended, many people enjoy an age-old practice of praying in church after Mass. These are traditionally known as prayers of thanksgiving and focus on thanking God for the great gift that we have received in the Eucharist and in the mystery of our redemption. While these prayers are not obligatory, they are perfectly acceptable and encouraging ways for us to keep in mind the importance of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass itself. As such, this spirit of prayer should be fostered and respected in the church even after Mass. The sacred space of the church should remain a place of quiet prayer at all times, even after Mass when we might be inclined to greet our neighbors. Certainly, after Mass is a great time to catch up with friends and build up our parish community, but we should also respect an atmosphere of prayer for those who wish to pray after Mass.

Perhaps the most fitting way to close would be with one of these traditional prayers of thanksgiving after Mass attributed to St Thomas Aquinas.



Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank you, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, you have fed me with the Precious Body and

Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good. May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to you, the one true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with you.

And I pray that you will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with your Son and Holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Happy 4th of July!

Parish Office will be CLOSED this Thursday and Friday, July 4/5.

Office will reopen on Monday, July 8.

Prayer for Our Government

Dear Lord,

Guide and direct those who serve this country in positions of leadership and power.

Give them Your wisdom and clarity as they make decisions for our nation.

Amen.

Masses for the Week—July 1—7

MONDAY, July 1 *St Junipero*

8:15 AM + *Giulia & Giuseppe Grillo*
by Granddaughter, Giulia

TUESDAY, July 2 *Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Antonio & Elena Mercone*
by Son, Nicola Mercone

WEDNESDAY, July 3 *St Thomas, Apostle*

8:15 AM + *Frank Lanza*
by Darlene Johnson

THURSDAY, July 4 Independence Day

FIRST FRIDAY, July 5

Sts Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal

8:15 AM + *Todd Ressa*
by Alan & Kathy Christodaro

10:00 AM *Benediction*

FIRST SATURDAY, July 6 *St Maria Goretti*

8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intention*
4:00 PM + *For the People of St John's;*
Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, July 7 *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM + *Michael Pero*
by John & Carolyn Kerhaert
10:00 AM + *Rose Oliveri*
by St John's Women's Guild

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 1

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, July 4 Independence Day

Parish Office CLOSED

First Friday, July 5

Parish Office CLOSED

10:00 AM Benediction in Church

Saturday, July 6

8:15 AM First Saturday Mass in Church
NO Prayer Shawl Gathering this Month

As My Pastorship Continues

As I mentioned in my homily last Sunday, the date of June 25th marks the first day of my five year extension as your Pastor. It shall be recalled that I requested, through prayer and grace, that all of us become actively involved in doing something in our parish in order to uplift the proclamation of the Good News and the celebration of the Eucharist.

This means I need your financial support and your ability to be involved in any ministry of the parish that you are interested in. If you will please call my attention to it and we will see how we can proceed to make it happen. Please know I will always pray for you and I ask that you please remember me in yours.

God bless you all.

Fr. Peter.



Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

**THIS Sunday, June 30 from
4:00 PM until dinners are gone in
the Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Parking Lot – 5000 Mt. Read Blvd.**

This will be drive through only. If you did not pre-order, please be sure to stop by early

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!



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Touch of Christ

For a long time, I didn't understand why the virtual Masses of the pandemic were so wearisome to me. Theoretically, shouldn't it be a tired mother's dream, fulfilling her Sunday obligation from the couch, not having to worry how much noise the kids are making?

But it wasn't. Seeing Mass without experiencing it left me hungry. It left me starving.

Then a wise priest explained it to me. "Watching virtual Mass is like taking a virtual shower," he said.

Grace might not be something we can see with our eyes, but it is very much something that is transmitted physically. Jesus has a human body for a reason. He needs to touch people.

We see that nowhere more clearly than in this Gospel. The crowds are pressing on him, everyone trying to get close, everyone trying to share his space. The hemorrhaging woman claws her way through, desperate to make physical contact with him, any part of him, even his cloak. The synagogue official begs Jesus to come and "lay hands" on his daughter, knowing that this is the only way for her to survive. He doesn't ask for Jesus' good thoughts or approving gaze. He knows that isn't what he needs.

In the Gospels, Jesus saves people chiefly through his own touch because he wants to show us — you and me, sitting in the pews — something very important about how we are saved.

But where do you and I find the touch of Jesus Christ? Where do you and I find salvation?

It's in the water flowing over the infant's forehead. It's in the Host dissolving on our tongues. It's in the oil that is pressed to the skin of the confirmand, the dying man, and the brand-new priest. It's in the embrace of the newly married couple. It's in the extended hand of the priest as he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

It's still here, two thousand years later. It's still waiting for us to reach out and grasp it. ©LPi



"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured."

— Mark 5:28

Examples of Our Faith

Venerable Antonietta Meo (1930-1937), affectionately nicknamed Nennolina by her family, was a child born in Rome. Her family was deeply Catholic and sent her to a nursery school run by Catholic sisters. As a very young child, she had an unnaturally deep understanding of Christ's love.



When Antonietta was 6, she had a leg amputated due to bone cancer. From this moment on, she experienced varying degrees of chronic pain. Shortly after the amputation, while she was still in the hospital, her father asked her if she was in pain. Antonietta replied, "Daddy, the pain is like fabric, the stronger it is, the more value it has." All those who overheard were astounded.

*...the pain is like fabric,
the stronger it is,
the more value it has.*

From this moment, Antonietta frequently offered her pain and

suffering to Jesus. Even at such a young age, her profound understanding of prayer and suffering was inspiring to everyone who knew her. She was fitted with a prosthetic leg and of her experience of it she said, "May each step that I take be a little word of love."

Impressed by her maturity and spiritual knowledge, her family priest recommended she receive her First Communion earlier than most children. She was ecstatic at the opportunity and received her First Communion on Christmas night of 1936. Afterward, she spent an hour kneeling in prayer. She took Confirmation only a few months later, however the amputation had not stopped the spread of the cancer and her health went downhill swiftly following these sacraments.

During the entirety of her short life, Antonietta wrote hundreds of letters to Jesus and Mary. Pope Pius IX, who had heard of them from a friend, was impressed and sent an emissary to her house to ask her to pray for him. After her death, she was declared Venerable, and her writings persist to this day at the Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem in Rome.

Venerable Antonietta Meo, pray for us!

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Let Your Light Shine

As the baptized, we are called into community, and we are strongest when all members have full faith in Jesus Christ. When one of us falters or begins to doubt his or her faith, that is when our faith is to be shared freely as a source of strength. If we hold our faith inside, then those around us will miss a chance to be edified and strengthened by our witness.

We can give freely of our money, our time, and our talents but still not share our faith with those around us. This hinders the Body of Christ's ability to evangelize and spread the Good News. It also helps to keep members of that Body weak, because without the chance to hear our

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stories of faith, those with the need to hear can remain discouraged and lost.

Faith is a gift from God to us, just like any other. We are called to cultivate our faith and grow it into abundance. If we do not share it with others,

then why grow it at all? We are not saved because we have more faith than someone else. We are no better off with storage bins filled with knowledge, devotion, and faith experience than a baby on its day of baptism. The difference between the baby and us is that we have something now to share and the responsibility to do so.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence today? Sadly, no. There are many places here and throughout the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by our Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all people who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

*O God,
you willed that the Jewish people be
free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.*

*You will that all people should be free to worship you
without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely,
even if they have not yet found you.*

*Grant that those of us who live in this great nation
will thank you daily and stand for our freedom,
and work for the freedom of others around the world
who do not yet have the freedom
to practice their faith openly and proudly.*

*We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds,
and ask for humility to offer our good works to others
who live in fear and bondage.*

*We ask all this through Christ our Lord,
who frees us from sin and death
through the wood of the Cross.*

Amen.





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

✠ Tabernacle I **Tom D'Ambrosio**

✠ Tabernacle II **Deacon Bob Burke**

✠ Marian I **Deacon Bob Burke**

✠ Marian II **Lorraine Legee**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to early bulletin deadline, financials will appear in an upcoming bulletin.

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. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. 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 6/7

For more than 30 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has worked to restore a

visible, active Church in Central and Eastern Europe and to build a hopeful new future in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, and more than 25 other countries throughout the region. Your contributions to the USCCB's Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe fund grants to construct churches, enliven the faith of children and young people, and form disciples who live to help others encounter Christ.



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE

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Deepen Your Relationship with God Join Us on an Upcoming Retreat

- JULY 14-19 Men and Women Retreat, 6 – Day Silent Directed Retreat Spiritual Directors assigned to each individual
- JULY 21-26 Men and Women Retreat, 'Prayer as Discernment' Deepening the Felt Presence of our Trinitarian God With Fr. Gerry McKeon, S.J.
- JULY 24 Men and Women Retreat, "Following Jesus in a Polarized World" With Fr. Aaron Wessman, G.H.M. (Sponsored by DOR Social Ministry)
- AUGUST 4-9 Women Religious Retreat, "Praying with Pope Francis" With Fr. Chuck Frederico, S.J.
- AUGUST 15 Men and Women Retreat, "Bread of Life" - Discourse in John 6 and the Sacred Sacrament of the Eucharist
- AUGUST 23-25 Couples Retreat, "Just As You Are" – Encountering God's Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus With Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo FIVE SPOTS LEFT



**PRAYER TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

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 about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June/July 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 7, 2024	Ron LaForce
July 21, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

June 30, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
July 7, 2024	Tom Grieco
July 14, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
July 21, 2024	Tom Grieco
July 28, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 30, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
July 7, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
July 14, 2024	Chris Hoefler
July 21, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
July 28, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin