

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 18, 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.



HABEMUS PAPAM

*You are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my Church.*

Matthew 16:18

POPE LEO XIV

Vicar of Jesus Christ
Vicario de Jesucristo

His Holiness Leo XIV

Robert Francis Prevost

BORN: September 14, 1955

ORDAINED PRIEST: June 19, 1982

ORDAINED BISHOP: December 12, 2014

CREATED CARDINAL: September 30, 2023

ELECTED POPE: May 8, 2025

A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably upon your servant, Leo XIV, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that,
together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Acts 14:5-18/
Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28/
Ps 145:10-12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6/
Ps 122:1-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21/
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31/
Ps 57:8-10, 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10/
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
Jn 14:23-29

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.

You Make a Difference

A certain king was to visit a village under his rule, and the villagers each decided to contribute a jar of wine for the royal feast. All the wine was to be poured into a big barrel from which it could be served. One person thought to himself: *With all the people in the village each pouring a jar of wine into the barrel, what difference would it make if I poured in a jar of water and saved my wine? A jar of water among so much wine would hardly make any difference.* When the king arrived and the barrel of wine was ready to be served, it was discovered to be full of water and very little wine. **Many other people in the village too had contributed water instead of wine, thinking that it did not matter, since other people's contribution would make up for their not contributing. It did matter. It does matter.**

A great number of people benefit from the services of our Catholic faith and tradition by the virtue of their being baptized. Many come in to church for the various sacraments due them, like Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage, to name just a few. Some of these people live and work in situations that make it impossible for them to contribute financially, but it is important they participate in the community for their faith to grow.

Church is not all about money; it is about the presence and participation of each one of us. No



matter how often we call ourselves Catholics, by the grace of God, we need to go to Mass and participate in the church community that nourishes us. It makes us who we are, members of the family of God.

Remember the Apostle Thomas?

We see him, like so many of us, was absent from "Sunday service" and missed the blessing and presence of the resurrected Lord. The Church needs our participation and needs us to contribute—please do.

Send in your bottle of wine, in this case, your very SELF. Do not go with the idea that someone is doing so on your behalf. Our presence and participation make a difference. No matter how many times we can come to Church in any given month, IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Many of us are already good witnesses. We're trying to grow in virtue, raise our families, and be of service to others. Others can see that too. But they need to know who is behind it all. Jesus is standing with us, his hand on our shoulder like an advocate, praying not only for us but *with* us! Jesus takes to himself all of our confusion, our pain, our needs, and transforms them. Miraculously, Jesus even dissipates some of them. He makes a difference in our lives to hope and participate in Church.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35



Easter blessings to all,
Father Peter



Masses for the Week—May 19—May 25

MONDAY, May 19 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Mary Ras*
by Marcia Parsons

2:30 PM *Mass at Unity*

TUESDAY, May 20 *St Bernardine of Siena*

8:15 AM + *Bonnie Ward*
by Sister-in-law Jean Ward

WEDNESDAY, May 21 *St Christopher Magallanes*

8:15 AM + *Virginie Taylor*
by Matthew Spencer

THURSDAY, May 22 *St Rita of Cascia*

FRIDAY, May 23 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Edmund Nietopski*
by Wife & Family

SATURDAY, May 24 *Easter Weekday*

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

SUNDAY, May 25 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM + *Norbert VerWeire*
by Catherine DeConinck

10:00 AM + *James D. Parkman*
by Paul & Audrey Parkman

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 19

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

2:30 PM Mass at Unity

Wednesday, May 21

10:30 AM Bereavement Group in Parish Center

Thursday, May 22

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, May 24

Knights C&B Ticket Sales before & after 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, May 25

Knights C&B Ticket Sales before & after all Masses

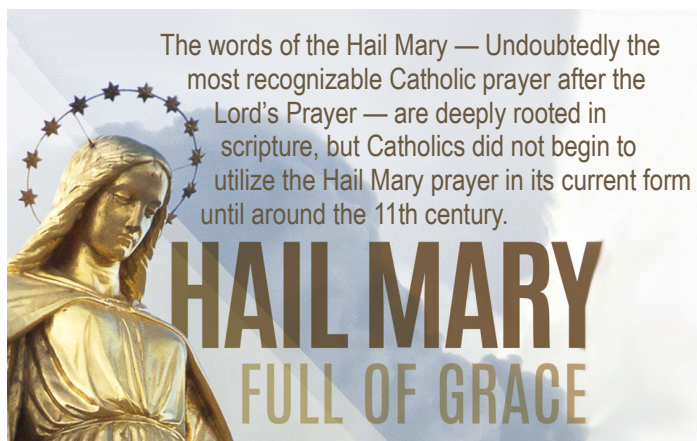
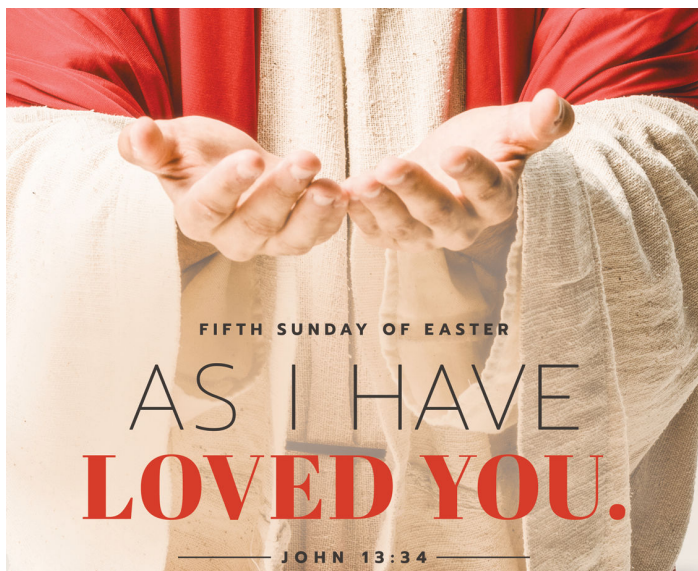


Vocations Display

Are you, or someone you know, considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? If so, visit our new display of vocations literature in the narthex near the stairway to the choir loft. There's also information for parents, Rosary meditations and even information for those considering the vocation of marriage. Please consider who in your life could benefit from this information and pass it along.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
Roman Caly	Brian Carpenter	Joseph Catanise	Thomas Celso	Lee Chase	Gary Tyman	Jeffrey Chichester



Please consider joining those of us who pray the Rosary prior to each weekend Mass. Beginning 1/2 hour prior to the start of each Mass, we gather in the pews in front of the Tabernacle. You can simply pray along with us; you don't need to lead a decade of the Rosary unless you'd like to and if so, just let us know. We have rosaries available if you need one and there are materials available for you to follow along if you are not familiar with praying the Rosary. All are welcome and encouraged to take part; we'd love for you to take part and our Blessed Mother will be very pleased!



Rest in Peace Good and Faithful Servant of God

With sadness we received word of the passing of Fr. Gene Weiss on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Many of us who are longtime parishioners will remember Fr. Weiss who served at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church from 1974 – 1977. He was ordained a priest by

Bishop James E. Kearney on June 2, 1962, at Sacred Heart Cathedral and then went on to serve in various assignments throughout the diocese. After his retirement, Father Gene returned to St John's to assist Fr Peter.

Father Gene was a very close friend of our parishioner, Gene Preston and his family, and they shared many good times with memorable moments over the years especially through their common bond with the fire department. Most recently, on February 1st, when Fr. Gene turned 89, Gene Preston, together with others from North Greece Fire Department and Sr. Monica, received him at the firehouse to celebrate his special day. This was a delight for Fr. Gene as he had such a passion for and dedication to the fire department such that wherever he served in priestly ministry, he made a point to serve at the local volunteer firehouse.

Fr. Gene and his sister, Sr. Monica Weiss, SSJ, were very close especially through their vocation in life as each dedicated their life to God but they never lost their dedication to one another. Sr. Monica was always there for Fr. Gene when the need arose especially in these latter years when his health began to fail. In these past few weeks when it was evident his health was declining even further, she was there to be sure his care was as he had wanted it at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse where he passed peacefully.

Many have been blessed by Fr. Gene's service to God's people throughout the years at his many assignments and beyond. Let us remember Fr. Gene Weiss in our prayers. Rest in peace good and faithful servant of God.



Remembering A Faithful Parishioner

It came as a shock followed by immediate sadness when we received word of the sudden passing of our devoted parishioner, Mary Martha Ryan, on Sunday, May 4, 2025. She was devoted to the Ministry of Lector and served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Mary Martha was the point person, together

with Sharon Miller, in bringing the Christ Life program here to St. John's spearheaded by John Lacek and Marianne Katz. A devoted team was established and our parish was able to offer this successful program to parishioners and visitors alike.

The Catholic faith and parish life were of utmost importance to Mary Martha; she was always in attendance not only at social gatherings but most especially at any Catholic faith-based offering including weekend and morning Mass not only here at St. John's but throughout the Diocese of Rochester. Mary Martha had a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus thus her dedication in pursuing additional hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – her ultimate goal was promoting a regular 24 hour Adoration. One of the heaviest burdens she carried was the fact that so many people, including some she had personally known, had turned away from the Catholic Church; the Church founded by Jesus himself and where, at every Mass, we receive, at the consecrated hands of the priest, Jesus in the Eucharist – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is the ultimate gift and she was sad and perplexed when anyone chose otherwise. May her memory be a blessing and enkindle the hearts of people to return to the Catholic faith

Her presence among us will be missed but her impact on me and many parishioners here at our beloved St. John's will be felt for a while. Let us now offer prayers for Mary Martha, that she may now take part in the heavenly banquet. May she rest in perfect peace. God bless. *Fr Peter*

Thank you 160th Anniversary Committee

Celebrating 160 Years of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY 1865-2025

A Special Thank You

I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to our parish **160th Anniversary Committee – Paul Parkman, Carolyn Kerhaert, Jill Finan, and Patty Hoag** – for their efforts in kicking off this parish celebration! The kick off weekend took place May 3/4, 2025. After Mass we gathered in the Parish Center for Coffee Hour hosted by the Knights of Columbus. On display were many items pertaining to the history of our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church and there was opportunity for those who had questions to do so.

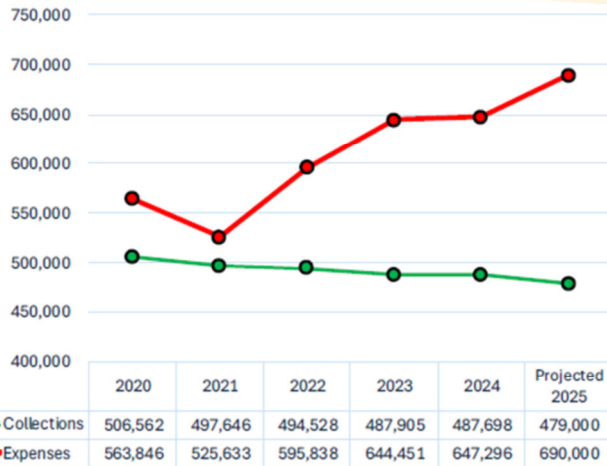
The Committee Members were on hand to speak about the history of our parish, who St. John the Evangelist – The Beloved One – was, and words to a song from heaven, received by Paul Parkman, titled: *In the Footsteps of St. John*. There will be many more exciting things taking place throughout the year leading to the Feast Day of St. John the Evangelist on December 27, 2025. Stay tuned! Peace to all,

Fr. Peter

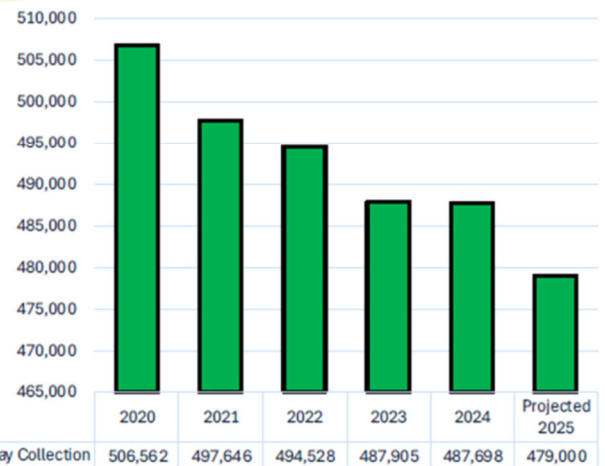


OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

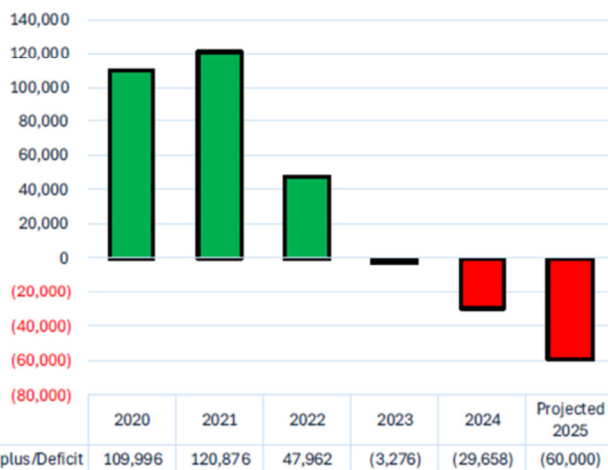
Sunday Collection vs. Expenses



Sunday Collection



Operating Surplus/Deficit



Deferred Maintenance and Capital Project

Project	Cost	Timeframe
Deferred:		
Replace Silo Skylights	\$350,000	Past Due
Narthex Flooring	\$16,000	Past Due
Church Roof Leak	\$20,000	Past Due
Church Façade Restoration	\$26,000	1 year
Church Carpet	\$80,000	2 years
Seal & Stripe Parking Lot	\$25,000	2 years
Church Painting	\$35,000	3 years
Completed:		
Church Audio System	\$49,000	2020
Parking Lot Light Poles	\$17,000	2022
Seal & Stripe Parking Lot	\$14,000	2022
Rectory HVAC System	\$11,000	2023
Seal & Stripe Parking Lot	\$21,000	2024
Parish Center HVAC System	\$26,000	2025

Spiritual LIBRARY

Our Spiritual Library

If you haven't already done so, please take time to visit our Spiritual Library at the center doors in the Narthex. Here you will find Catholic books on various topics. These books are available for you to take and return, keep if you wish or pass on to someone else. We are encouraged to deepen our faith and these materials are an excellent way to do so.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: We are not accepting any additional books or religious items so we respectfully ask that you do not leave anything at the Library. Any questions can be directed to the Parish Office. Thank you.



Working Behind the Scene

A special thank you to the ladies of our parish Altar Linen Ministry. It's pretty safe to say the good deeds of this ministry

go unnoticed by most. These ladies work "behind the scene" laundering, ironing, and caring for the various linens used at the main altar and the two side altars. There is a special process in properly caring for these linens and for all the attention to detail that's provided, we extend a big THANK YOU. We appreciate your diligence in tending to the needs involved with this ministry. God bless you for your time and good works.

If you would like to join this ministry or would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 225-8980.



Mary Martha Ryan Mother of Julia Wolfe
Rev. Eugene Weiss Retired Priest of DOR
Donna Kenyon Wife of Steven Kenyon
Joanne Quinn Mother of David Quinn



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

✠ **Tabernacle I In Honor of the Marriage of Jonathan & Katie Katz**

✠ **Tabernacle II Peter Cicoria**

✠ **Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek**

✠ **Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



May 10/11 Week 46	ATTENDANCE.....	423
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,770.06
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	6,767.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,537.06
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	3,216.06

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as May 11, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	428,766.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	419,535.74
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	9,230.26)

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.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

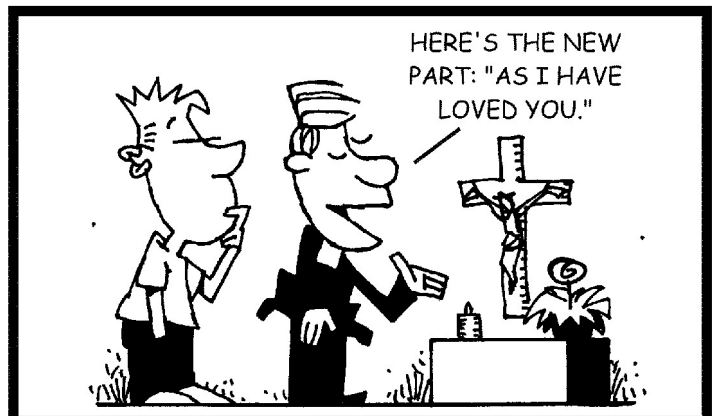
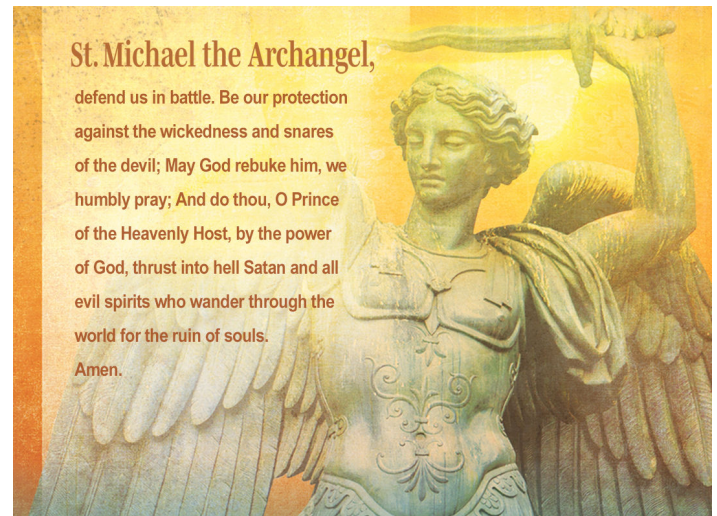
Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

CMA REMINDER: We take this opportunity to pass along a friendly reminder that all CMA pledges are to be paid in full by May 31, 2025. Thank you for your attention to this and once again, please know the appreciation we have for all of you who supported this campaign and making it successful for our beloved St. John's Parish 039!

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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

St Michael the Archangel, Pray for Us.



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.**PRAYER LINE** Jill Finan StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com**Pastor:** Rev. Peter
Enyan-Boadu - 225-8980**Deacons:**
Elmer Smith - 230-3074
Lon Smith - 489-7255**Director, Music Ministry:**
Dawn Chmiel - 225-8980**Director, Liturgical Music:**
Consuelo De Los Santos
225-8980www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:** Bob Gotham 227-4638**Parish Office hours:** Monday-Wednesday & Friday:
9-Noon and 1:30-5 PM; Thursday: 9-Noon**Fax:** 585-723-9825**E-mail:** gstjohnt@dor.orgVisit www.StJohnGreece.org Follow us on [@StJohnGreece](https://twitter.com/StJohnGreece)Find us on [f](https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelistChurchofGreece) St John the Evangelist Church of Greece**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2025****HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

May 25, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITYMay 18, 2025 Tom Grieco
May 25, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**May 18, 2025 Chris Hoefler
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