



## 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.

### Children Learn What They Live

More than ever our society needs to put in perspective the benefits we get from our faith and let it show in the world. This faith calls us to worship every Sunday and participate in our faith community's other activities. We have the benefit of over two thousand years of people who believe in Christ. What lesson is in there for us? Hopefully we recognize that God's amazing plan of salvation continues to be fulfilled today with every believer ready to take responsibility to do his or her part. Through the persevering efforts of the early disciples, we see belief in Christ has spread to every corner of the world because of their first efforts. We remember that Christ chose us in baptism and each of us has an important role to play in fulfilling God's plan. Together we work to listen and discern more carefully God's call; then, as parents, teachers, and educators, we need to take our place as active disciples of Jesus in today's world. We must make every effort to know our faith more deeply by studying the basic documents of our Catholic faith, the Bible, the teachings of the church and the lives of men and women of faith we call Saints. They teach us to worship, pray, and uplift each other.

In fact, it is said that the greatest legacy a parent can leave their children in this world is the



testimony of a deep faith that will help prepare their children for the future. In the words of Dorothy Law Nolte:

- If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn,
- If children live with hostility, they

learn to fight.

- If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
- If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
- If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
- If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
- If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
- If children live fairness, they learn justice.
- If children live with security, they learn to have faith.
- If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
- If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

God bless you parents as you go about your difficult task of imparting the faith to your children.



Peace to all,  
Father Peter



**Parish Office CLOSED on  
Monday, May 26, 2025**

### A Memorial Day Prayer

As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. ■ Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. ■ Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country. ■ If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. ■ Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all - military and civilian - to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. ■ In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray. - Author Unknown



## Masses for the Week—May 26—June 1

**MONDAY, May 26 Memorial Day** *St Philip Neri*  
8:15 AM + *Military Personal Who Died for our Country*

**TUESDAY, May 27** *St Augustine of Canterbury*  
8:15 AM + *Dan Englert*  
by Mom & Dad

**WEDNESDAY, May 28** *St Christopher Magallanes*  
8:15 AM + *Marie Measer*  
by Bonnie Brennan

**THURSDAY, May 29 Ascension of the Lord**  
9:00 AM + *Maria Sciortino*  
by Family

12:05 PM + *Mary Martha Ryan*  
by John & Carol Leary

6:00 PM + *Deceased Members of St John's*

**FRIDAY, May 30** *Easter Weekday*  
8:15 AM + *Shawn Conley*  
by Ray & Marcia Parsons

**SAT, May 31** *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
4:00 PM *(Living) Gary & Natividad Smith*  
by Gary & Naty

**SUNDAY, June 1** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
8:00 AM *Living Members of St John's*  
10:00 AM + *Mario Girolamo*  
by Wife & Son

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

## This Week's Schedule

### Sunday, May 25

Knights C&B Ticket Sales before & after all Masses

### Monday, May 26 Memorial Day

Parish Office CLOSED

NO Bible Study today

### Thursday, May 29

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest who served both the rich and poor of Rome with a jovial spirit. He founded The Congregation of the Oratory, a secular order which includes priests and brothers and does not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a bond of charity.



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

May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
Robert Werth	Augustine Chumo	Inactive & Sabatical	Peter Clifford	William Coffas	All Missionaries	John Colacino

# Ascension of the Lord

## Holy Day of Obligation

Masses on Thursday, May 29  
at 9:00 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6:00 PM

A Holy Day collection will be taken. Please use your church envelope, online giving, or loose cash donation.



## Bishop Matano Will Ordain 3 Deacons

THIS Saturday, May 31 at 10:00 AM, Bishop Matano will ordain three men to the diaconate – one as a transitional deacon and two to the permanent diaconate. David Cataline will be ordained a

transitional deacon which marks one of the final steps toward his ordination as a diocesan priest next year. Frederick Burgess and Ludwig Mark Amann will be ordained to the permanent diaconate. You can read more in the May 2025, edition of the Catholic Courier about these gentlemen and their journey leading to their upcoming ordination. May our good and gracious God bless these men in their ministry. All are invited to the Cathedral to attend this special day of celebration.

## Minutes from Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on May 5, 2025

**Opening Prayer:** Nick Verdino

**Attendance:** Father Peter, Deacon Lon Smith, Bob Gotham, Rick Paoletti, Wayne Howard, Melissa Ryan, Paul Parkman, Nick Verdino, Stephanie Braya-Black, Christine Paoletti, Tod Simone, Nick Sassano, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Karen Bessette, Alan Christodaro, Patty Hoag  
**Absent:** Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller

**Excused:** Deacon Elmer Smith **Visitors:**

**Motion to approve the agenda for tonight's Meeting** (Emailed April 21, 2025)

**Approval:** Karen Bessette | **Second:** Patty Hoag

**Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from the 4/7/2025 Meeting**, in the Bulletin on April 27, 2025.

**Approval:** Nick Sassano | **Second:** Patty Hoag

### Chairperson's Comments:

Joe Waters will be replacing Kathy Christodaro with the parish council next year.

Please review the agenda and minutes when they are sent out so we can quickly inform the parish of our meetings.

**CMA UPDATE:** Our CMA numbers thru 4/17/2025:

- Donor to date: 309
- Commitment to date: \$84,768.02
- Commitment % to date: 108.68%
- Paid To date: \$84,042.68
- Paid % of Goal: 107.75%
- Average per donor: \$274.33
- Our CMA goal: \$78,000

There are still \$725.34 outstanding commitments that will need to be honored by May 2025.

**Coffee Hours:** Our April Coffee Hour was hosted by the Fatima Ministry. Nicely Done!!!!

May Coffee Hour on 5/4/2025 was hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The history of St. John's Church was displayed at this event.

**Annual Day of Caring:** Is scheduled for Saturday May 10, starting at 9:00 AM and ending around 12:00 PM. The rain date will be May 17. Hot dog lunch at noonish. Bring work gloves, a rake, clippers and a lot of energy.

**June Meeting/Picnic:** Opening and closing prayers will be done by Deacon Lon Smith and he will assist with the coordinating with Christine's help.

### DEACON LON SMITH UPDATE:

Deacon will coordinate the picnic in June with Christine's assistance.

### FATHER PETER'S UPDATE:

- We are celebrating the 160th anniversary of our church founding.
- Financial needs are necessary to sustain us into the future. We have a leaking roof and parishioners/donors are passing on. Our parish will need financial help as well as spiritual help.
- Our diocese is lacking in vocations to the priesthood; we are in much need. Many prayers are needed.
- Parish Pastoral Council Minutes need to be reviewed carefully for clarity and accuracy being sure to correct errors especially because these documents have been referenced in the past for auditing purposes and this could be needed again.
- \$80k is next year's CMA goal, which is a \$2k increase over this year.

**Social Committee:** Karen and Melissa –

Easter Egg Hunt was on Saturday April 12 at 10:00AM. There were about 25 kids who attended. The food and beverages were donated by the Social Committee. The flyer for the tiles fundraiser and the LED panels that will allow these to be lit up was discussed. This project will be delayed until late summer/fall to allow time for the parish to address the weekly funding with the parish, give time to determine the electrical needs for the project and allow the social ministry time to address all the other ministry needs of May and June

The Social Ministry group is going to put on a Pancake breakfast for our last coffee Hour for the year. June 8th

**Arts and Environment:** The residents at the Village at Unity really appreciated the Holy Water Bottles. Easter decorations went well; the hyacinth did not do as well though. We may be creating a banner of St. John's for the 160th anniversary.

**Certificates of Appreciation:** Sharon – no nominees

### Knights of Columbus Council 3892:

- Total dinners served: 1493
- Average weekly dinners served: 249
- Total income: \$20,996
- Total profit: \$11,656.83
- SJE portion of profit: \$6,994.10 (this figure does not account for the building expenses)
- Kof C portion of profit: \$4,662.73

Steak dinner for the priests will be on June 14th.

### Outreach – Pastoral Ministry/Homebound

**Update:** There are still many lilies out at the parishioner's homes, they appreciate these gestures

**Liturgy Committee:** A lot of review of Holy Week, and the next two Holy Day Masses were set for Ascension and Assumption

### St. John's Social Media – Statistics

#### Website:

- Visitors – 1,101
- Down 13% from Previous Period
- Views – 2,420
- Down 11% from previous Period

Our weekly bulletin without ads is provided to Gary Kern on Tuesday each week. The file is made available and posted to the website on Thursday morning. Father Peter asked if we could post the version of the weekly bulletin that includes ads. Gary will look into when the version with our advertisers is available and if it can be posted in a timely manner.

#### Facebook:

- Views – 20.9K – p 32.7%
- From Followers – 81% up 6.6%
- From Non-Followers – 19% down 20.8%
- Reach – 16.0K down 37.5%
- From Followers - 441 down 12.2%
- From Non-Followers – 1,233 down 41.7%

### Safety and Security:

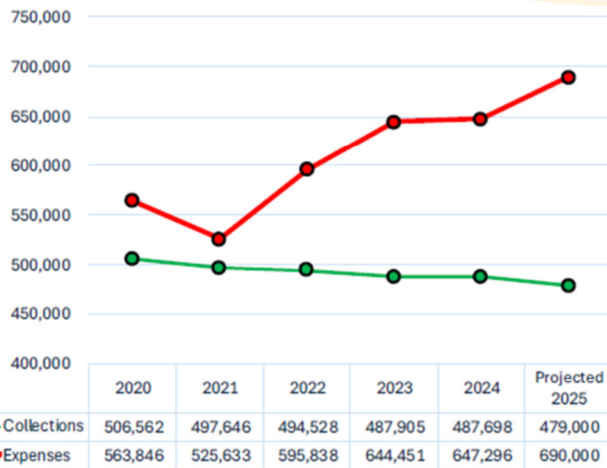
Every Fish Fry Friday night we had security in the parking lot. One night there was a woman who fell, another time,

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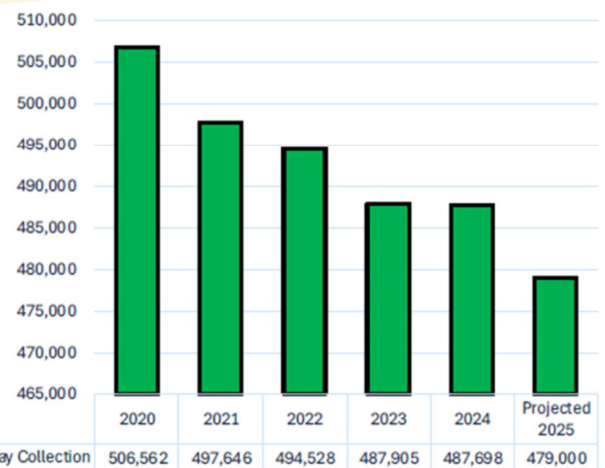


## OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

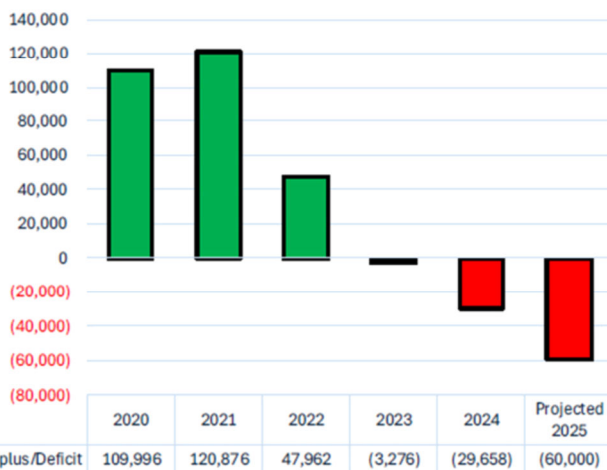
### Sunday Collection vs. Expenses



### Sunday Collection



### Operating Surplus/Deficit



### Deferred Maintenance and Capital Project

Project	Cost	Timeframe
<b>Deferred:</b>		
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
<b>Completed:</b>		
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

## Everyday Stewardship

May 26, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship

**"But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it."**

JAMES 1:5

may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Joseph LaLoggia Husband of Pearl LaLoggia



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

✚ Tabernacle I In Thanksgiving

✚ Tabernacle II In Thanksgiving

✚ Marian I Special Intention for Julie

✚ Marian II Special Intention for Julie

## BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>May 17/18</b> Week 47	ATTENDANCE.....400
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 4,981.83
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,153.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 7,134.83
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 2,186.17)

### 2nd Collection

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 715.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 60.00
Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 775.00

### Fiscal Year 2024-25 as May 18, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 438,087.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 426,670.57
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 11,416.43)

*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](http://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 THIS Saturday, 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!

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG MINUTES *Continued from Page 5*

there was a fender bender that was addressed. There was also a kid who was riding on a scooter that left when he noticed that he was being watched. We did have a security light on top of the car during the Holy Week Masses to make it aware that people are watching out for mischief makers.

**Faith Stories:** Paul Parkman – Thank you to Nick Sassano, you can measure his success by what DOESN'T happen. St. John the Evangelist is celebrating this saint this year, and the "Footsteps of St. John" kicked off this past Sunday. The display boards and banners will be moving around so that we can all learn and appreciate these. More displays and events will follow throughout the year. Our parish has 5 altar stones, which house the bones of a saint. We also have a relic of the wood of the cross.

### Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:

Nick Verdino: the Easter flowers on the altar, can they be used for the day of caring? We will plant them in the fall.

Rick Paoletti: a parishioner asked if it would be possible to live stream daily Mass? We do not have the volunteers to do that at this time.

Wayne Howard: really enjoyed the coffee hour, would have loved to be able to hear and learn more!

Father Peter: Kudos to Wayne for all his singing this Lenten/Easter season; you have given us the beauty of your voice. Rick Paoletti had his name brought up as part of the 7-Parish Evangelization Committee to be able to share his experiences and thoughts.

**Closing Prayer:** Nick Verdino

**Next Meeting:** June 2, 2025. Starts at 6:00 PM – PICNIC with Council meeting following.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine Paoletti*

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 throughout  
the world seeking the ruin of  
souls. Amen.



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

#### HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 25, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
June 8, 2025	Ron LaForce
June 22, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

#### THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 25, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
June 1, 2025	Tom Grieco
June 8, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
June 15, 2025	Tom Grieco
June 22, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham

#### ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 25, 2025	Chris Hoefler
June 1, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
June 8, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert
June 15, 2025	Chris Hoefler
June 22, 2025	Terry & Pam Hearne
June 29, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin