

St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 3, 2026

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.



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Acts 15:22-31/
Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

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

Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/
Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/
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Jn 14:15-21

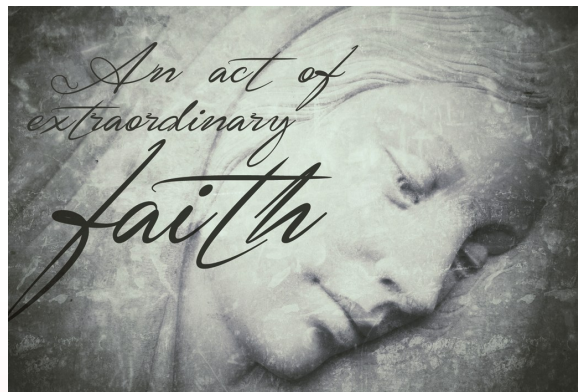
Welcome!

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 and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, 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.

May, the Month of the Virgin Mary

Many Christians, even Catholics, think that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a late, perhaps medieval development. But for the earliest days of the Church, Christians have revered Mary and sought her intercession.

The Catholic practice of assigning a special devotion to each month goes back to the early 16th century. Since the best known of these devotions is probably the dedication of May as the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late 18th century that this devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate



Conception in 1854, it had become universal.

May crownings and other special events in May in honor of Mary, such as public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time. Sadly, such communal events are more rare today, but we can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own

devotion to the Mother of God by taking up our rosaries, learning a few Marian prayers, and teaching our family members how to pray the Rosary.

Parents, in particular, should encourage Marian devotion in their children, since the non-Catholic Christians they encounter today often downplay (if not denigrate) the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation through her *fiat*—her joyous “Yes” to the will of God.

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Joan of Arc: The Warrior Saint Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2400 West Ridge Road, 14626.

Noted historian and author Stephen W. Richey will present a lecture and travelogue slide show about Saint Joan of

Arc. Steve is the author of the scholarly book *Joan of Arc: The Warrior Saint*. In his presentation, Steve will describe the remarkable traits of character and unique circumstances that enabled Joan to achieve what seemed to be impossible: emerging from utter obscurity to lead her country's army in turning the tide of a great war and—eventually—freeing her homeland from foreign domination. The presentation will consist of a lecture in which Steve will make his teaching points. Integrated into the lecture will be a photographic slide show/travelogue following Joan's path back and forth across France. Every member of the audience will receive a copy of the lecture notes. All are welcome!

C & B Ticket Sales

The Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be selling C&B tickets before and after each Mass **THIS weekend, May 2/3.**

We encourage your ongoing support of this worthy cause in which the Knights provide support to various charitable organizations throughout the area. At the same time you are supporting the Knights' efforts, you also have a chance to win a prize yourself. Last year there was a winner from St. Charles so let's see if we can get a winner this year from St. John's!

On behalf of the Knights and Fr. Peter,
THANK YOU for your support.



Masses for the Week—May 4—10

MONDAY, May 4 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Mickey Corsi*
 by Barbara Kelly

TUESDAY, May 5 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Mike Sufra*
 by Eileen Zegarelli

WEDNESDAY, May 6 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Phyllis Lader Richards*
 by Alan Christodaro

THURSDAY, May 7 *Easter Weekday*

FRIDAY, May 8 *Easter Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Bill & Evie Thomas*
 by Eileen Thomas

SATURDAY, May 9 *Easter Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Donna Kenyon*
 by Steve Kenyon

SUNDAY, May 10 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM *The Living Parishioners of St John's*
 10:00 AM + *Salvatore Panella*
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 3
 Before/After Masses C&B Ticket Sales in Church
 After Masses St John the Evangelist Anniversary
 Display in Parish Center

Monday, May 4
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Mtg in Parish Center

Thursday, May 7 National Day of Prayer
 4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, May 9
 9:00 AM-12:30 PM Day of Caring on Parish Campus
 4 PM Mass First Communion

Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day



Day of Caring—2026

Our annual parish Day of Caring is scheduled for NEXT Saturday, May 9 with a rain date of Saturday, May 16. We will begin at 9:00 AM and finish with a Hot Dog Lunch around 12:30 PM.

There is a variety of things to do but it mainly involves raking. We need volunteers to complete assigned duties and be flexible in completing a list of tasks. Please bring with you: Work Boots, Work Gloves, a rake, clippers and a lot of energy! Please dress warm and please wear long pants for safety

If you are able to help out, please sign up using the sign-up sheet on the table at the center doors in the Narthex of Church. We hope you will join in!

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9
Pope Leo XVI	Victor Bartolotta	Michael Bausch	George Bastedo	Peter Bayer	Robert Beligotti	Paul Bonacci



Congratulations Fr. Steve Kraus! A Special Day on May 9, 2026

We celebrate Fr. Steve Kraus as he celebrates the 51st Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination on May 9, 2026. We are grateful for these many years of Fr. Steve's ministry

throughout the Diocese of Rochester including the time he spent here at St. John's following his retirement. Let us remember Fr. Steve in a special way with our prayers for him not only on this special day but always.



SAVE THE DATE – Parish Picnic

Celebrate St. John with your parish family! Hots and burgers will be provided. We will ask for a dish to pass.

Music, games and activities. Details to follow but for now **SAVE THE DATE for PARISH PICNIC ON JUNE 7.**

Peace and blessings,
Social Ministry

**Act as if
everything depended on you;
trust as if everything depended
on God.** —St. Ignatius of Loyola

Everyday Stewardship

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.

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Seven Sorrows of Mary, Explained

The Seven Sorrows of Mary refer to seven key events in the lives of Jesus and Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in Jerusalem, the meeting of Jesus and Mary as he carried his cross to Calvary, the Crucifixion and death of Jesus, the removal of the Body of Christ from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.

These events illustrate the great suffering endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother, and remind Christians to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example.

Devotion to the sorrows of Mary dates to the early centuries of Christianity, with such proponents as St. Ephrem, St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Bridget of Sweden.

The Seven Sorrows devotion can take the form of seven Hail Marys, seven Rosaries or a novena, all recited while meditating upon the individual sorrows. ©LPI

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. The way.

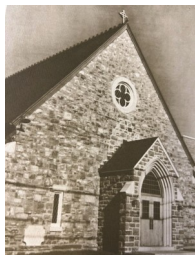
Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

Happy Anniversary 161 Years

*Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Present,
Anticipating the Future*

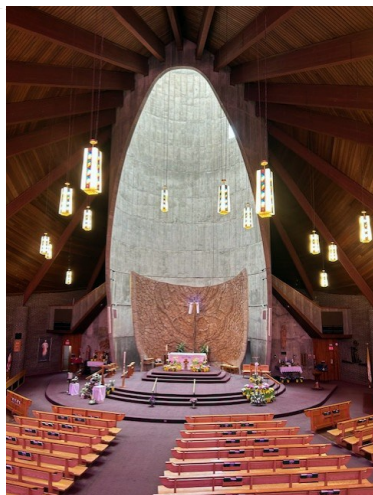
**St John the Evangelist Church, Greece, New York
May 3, 1865—May 3, 2026**



As our Parish begins her 161st Anniversary Year, members of our Parish Anniversary Committee are hosting a gathering in the Parish Center **THIS Saturday, May 2, following the 4:PM Mass and THIS Sunday, May 3 following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses**, with a display of various items spanning the many years of St. John's Church. Come and see! Refreshments will be available.



The Committee will also be featuring *In the Footsteps of St. John* – a journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure, St. John the Evangelist, The Beloved One, who is the patron of our parish.



Public Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima Wednesday, May 13, 2026

As America and the world at large continue to face violence, hatred, the repercussions of war and so many other challenges and chaos, many are understandably searching for a glimmer of hope. If you find yourself, like so many others, overwhelmed and uncertain about so much in this day and age, turn to the Rosary. Our Lady of Fatima requested the daily recitation of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and an end to war.

This Public Rosary Rally and others taking place around the country, promoted by America Needs Fatima, serve as public reparation for offenses against God and honoring Our Lady's message to bring the world to God through the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart. At the Public Rosary Rally, through this humble prayer of The Rosary, we focus on praying for peace in hearts, families, and the world, the conversion of sinners, and reparations for sins.

We hope you will join parishioners of St. John's Parish as well as folks from our neighboring parishes as we join together for a peaceful gathering at the **next Public Rosary Rally on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6 PM, at Southwest corner of Long Pond Road & Latta Road** (in front of the bank). ALL are invited—we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Marcia at the Parish Office at 225-8980.

Please make note of these 2026 Rally Dates:

- Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 6 PM
- Saturday, June 13, 2026, @ Noon
- Monday, July 13, 2026, @ 6 PM
- Thursday, August 13, 2026, @ 6 PM
- Sunday, September 13, 2026, @ Noon
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 6 PM

The Fatima Prayer (Decade Prayer)

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy."

2025-26 CMA Campaign is Winding Down Pledges Become Due Soon

As a friendly reminder, those who have outstanding CMA pledge balances, your final payment is due by the end of May, 2026. We will be grateful if this is fulfilled in a timely manner for the greater glory of God's name! Thank you for generous support in this CMA campaign.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace. Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness, and my rest in the storm.
Amen. ©LPi



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
WORLD PEACE

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



April 25/26 Week 43	ATTENDANCE.....	426
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,539.31
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,359.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	6,718.31
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	3,231,69

Second Collection

Catholic Home Missions Offering.....	\$	606.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	100.00
TOTAL Offering.....	\$	706.00

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as of April 26, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	427,850.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	437,011.32
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	9,161.32

As your Pastor, I wish to extend my gratitude for the ongoing support from all of you who have been faithfully contributing to the Sunday collection and other various collections throughout the year. Please know your generosity is a vital part of maintaining the mission of the Church. May our good and gracious God bless you abundantly. Fr. Peter

NOTE: For those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. Please contact the Parish Office if you need church envelopes or wish to donate through electronic on-line giving. Also, this QR code is a convenient option.



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

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Are you in need of a little help?
Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) simply means "rediscovery." This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage.

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Tens of thousands of couples headed for trouble have successfully rediscovered their marriages by attending Retrouvaille.

Couples are never asked to share about their problems, but they will learn to communicate with their spouse about their difficulties.

Our next program starts May 22nd, please call 716-474-9371 with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org



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.



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Please note: This does not replace the individual parish websites; it's another resource to find out what's going on throughout our 7 parishes.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 10, 2026 Ron LaForce
 May 24, 2026 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 3, 2026 Tom Grieco
 May 10, 2026 Barb & Bob Gotham
 May 17, 2026 Tom Grieco
 May 24, 2026 Barb & Bob Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 3, 2026 Carolyn Kerhaert
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 May 31, 2026 Carolyn Kerhaert

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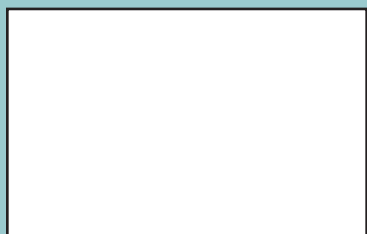
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