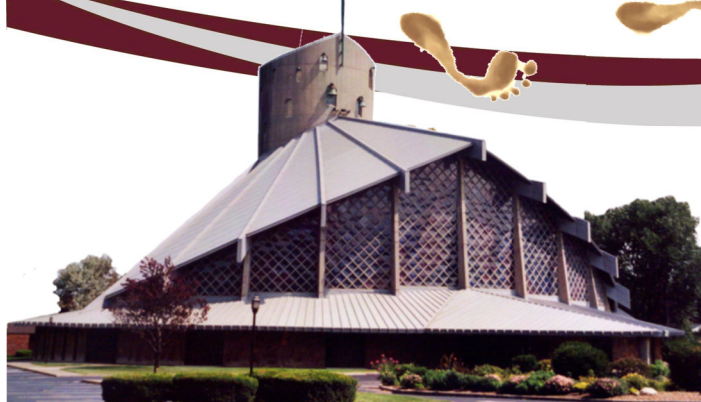


St. John the Evangelist Greece

May 4, 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.



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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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

Acts 6:8-15/
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a/
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/
Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/
Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20/
Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42/
Ps 116:12-17/
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52/
Ps 100:1-3, 5/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30

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.

Don't Let Anyone Rob You of Hope

These words were spoken by Pope Francis when he met a large number of school children from Jesuit schools in Italy and Albania in Europe. The wisdom of the phrase spoken by the Holy Father prompts me to use it as the title of my article this week.

We live in a society where what people do or say affects our lives. We tend to lose hope in our family, church, society, or in some person because of what they did or said. As we lose hope in ourselves and in our ability to cope with whatever the situation we are confronting is, we allow others to bring us down with them instead of uplifting and encouraging those who are in despair. It is said that fear and prejudice put up a terrible fight in us when they sense change coming; change we cannot deal with. Change is the root cause of some of us losing hope as we fail in our ability to **trust the Lord** or even encourage the other. We have all received "constructive criticism" at some point in our lives. This is valuable when the recipient has an open heart and doesn't react defensively. Yet what is more powerful, criticism or encouragement? The word of God exhorts us to "encourage one another daily while it is still 'today,' so that



one grows hardened by the deceit of sin." Heb 3:13

Our Christian faith makes clear to us that although life involves suffering, suffering does not have to be the end of the story and can even be endured with a sense of peace.

Let's not kid ourselves; suffering is still unpleasant. But because Jesus loves us so much that he suffered and died for us, and, because Jesus now lives in us, risen victorious from the sealed and guarded tomb, we can unite life's unavoidable challenges to that of our Savior in hope, knowing that our journey of faith will end happily as we accept the Lord's gift of salvation and live accordingly.

Hope can be a powerful force. Maybe there's no actual magic in it, but when you know what you hope for most and hold it like a light within, you can make things happen almost like magic. Many people commonly report how they feel better after going to confession. They say things that were on their chest for months or years are now gone. Those who truly repent and confess realize that their sins, which were once a heavy, dark part

of them, are no longer present after being confessed.

*Easter Joy and Peace to All.
Father Peter*



DAY OF CARING



Parish Annual Day of Caring 2025

Our Annual Parish Day of Caring will be
THIS Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 AM 'til noon.

Our 2025 Day of Caring is scheduled for Saturday, May 10

with a rain date of Saturday, May 17. We will start at 9:00 AM and finish with a HOT DOG lunch around 12:00 Noon. There are a variety of things to do, but it mostly 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 can help us out please contact the Parish Office (225-8980) and leave your name, phone number, and email address so that we can contact you if needed.

Masses for the Week—May 5—May 11

MONDAY, May 5 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + **Gino Fiordeliso**

by Frank & Phyllis DiMora

TUESDAY, May 6 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + **Michael Keane**

by Jim & Delia Keane

WEDNESDAY, May 7 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + **Madeline B. Resch**

by Family

THURSDAY, May 8 *Easter Weekday*

FRIDAY, May 9 *Easter Weekday*

8:15 AM + **50th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination of Fr Steve Kraus**

SAT, May 10 *Sts John of Avila & Damien de Veuster*

4:00 PM + **Don Baran**

by Family

SUNDAY, May 11 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM + **Deceased Members of St John's**

10:00 AM + **Robert Kowalski**

by Wife & Family

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Sun, May 4 St John's Celebrates 160 Years

Coffee Hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in Parish Center

10:00 AM May Crowning in Church

Monday, May 5

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

5:30 PM Liturgy Meeting in Parish Center

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Mtg in Parish Center

Thursday, May 8

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, May 10

9:00 AM Day of Caring on Parish Campus

Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



MAY THE SOULS of
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH the MERCY
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.

1936 - 2025

Pope Francis

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

December 17, 1936

– April 21, 2025

The first Pope Francis.

The first Pope of the Americas. 266th Successor to St. Peter, the first Pope.

He had asked that the world not forget to pray for him, therefore, with the passing of Pope Francis, let us pray for the eternal repose of his soul,

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
College of Cardinals	Robert Beligotti	Sylvester Bioh	Paul Bonacci	Dennis Bonsignore	Robert Bourcy	James Boyle



Newly Baptized

We joyfully welcome **Patrick Vincent Trimer** into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism by Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Pastor on April 27, 2025.

We celebrate the new life and faith that has been bestowed upon him.

May God bless Patrick Vincent and his family and may they grow in love and faith. May God continue to bless them and all who are part of his faith journey.

A Reflection from Bishop Matano

"Imitating the love Pope Francis had for us, we now offer our heartfelt prayers, commending Pope Francis to the love and mercy of God as he crosses over the threshold from this life to eternal life. United to the See of Peter by the bonds of faith, hope and charity, we offer to God this successor to Saint Peter asking that he be welcomed into eternity by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and that the Lord will bestow upon him the mercy and love that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, preached, cherished and lived." -Bishop Salvatore R. Matano-

Heavenly Father,
You entrusted the care of Your Church
on earth to Pope Francis,
and now You have called him to Yourself.
We entrust his soul to Your boundless mercy.
For his lifelong service, we thank You.
For his care for the poor and marginalized,
we thank You.
For his witness to simplicity, we thank You.
In Your mercy, cleanse him of all sin.
Purify him and draw him into the light
of Your presence.
Grant him the vision of Your Eternal Essence,
into which we all long to be drawn.
Protect Your Church in this time of transition.
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.
Grant them Wisdom and Courage, Hope and Charity,
and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.



For the College of Cardinals as they embark on their sacred duty to elect the 267th successor to St Peter, let us pray,

**Father Most Holy, our God and King,
Creator of all that was, is, and is to come—
You alone know the heart of the one You have chosen
as the successor to the Chair of St Peter.
Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals.
Open their hearts to Your inspirations.
Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience,
the one whom You will raise up
to sit on the Chair of Saint Peter.
May he be a man of deepest compassion,
a man of profound faith and hope,
a man whose charity shines forth,
permeating the darkness of this world
with the light of Christ.
You are God Most High,
the God of the living and the dead, the Great I AM,
the Alpha and the Omega,
Eternal Being and Source of all that is.
May Your holy will be done, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia.**



Congratulations!

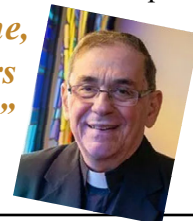
The faith community of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, New York, together with our Pastor, Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, extend our best wishes and congratulations to Fr. Steve Kraus as he celebrates 50 years of devoted priestly ministry throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

We fondly remember the time Fr. Steve spent here with us after his retirement assisting in ministry with Fr. Peter—all for the greater glory of God!

Thank you, Fr. Steve, for making a difference to so many. May God bless you with comfort and peace.

***“Come after me,
and I will make you fishers
of men.”***

Matthew 4:19



“Pilgrims of Hope” Jubilee Year 2025

“He was making a tiny pilgrimage of hope himself, just to come out on that balcony.”

- The words of an American tourist on a weeklong family *Pilgrims of Hope* pilgrimage present for the Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square, Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.



Jubilee Year 2025

May 4, 2025

Over the Jubilee Year we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a questions for you to consider over the week.

Today's Gospel reminds us of God's abundant graces. When the disciples come to shore with no fish, Jesus has them cast their nets again. This time they catch more than they could pull in. Their trust and hope in God's blessings led to the catch, just as our trust and hope in God's graces can lead us to abundance.

Ponder Point: When have you hoped for something and been rewarded with more than you expected?



Don't We All Desire a Peaceful World? The Blessed Mother Has a Peace Plan!

Public Rosary on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 PM

Location: South/East corner of Long Pond and Latta Rd.
(Park at bank parking lot)

Can you come? Can you spare one hour?

All are invited to pray the rosary together. Bring family and friends to answer Mary's call.

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

Happy Anniversary 160 Years

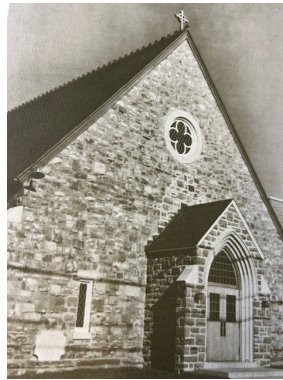
Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Present, Anticipating the Future

St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, New York May 3, 1865 – May 3, 2025



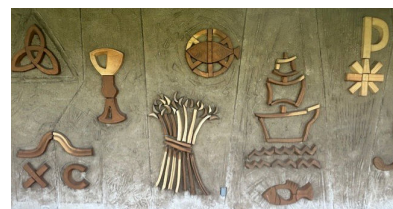
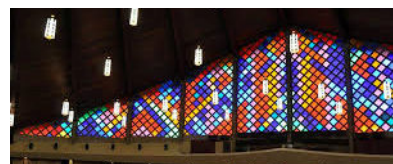
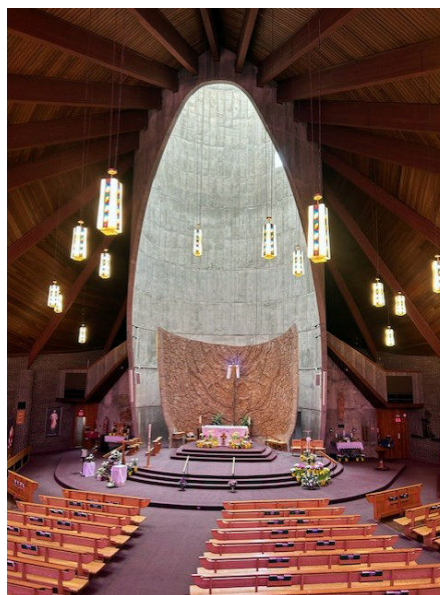
Come celebrate as we kick off a year-long celebration of this parish milestone.

We begin with our Coffee Hour in the Parish Center following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses THIS Sunday, May 4, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 3892. The 160th Anniversary Committee will have on display various items spanning the many years of St. John's Church. Come and see!



Throughout this anniversary year we will 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.

Watch upcoming bulletins as details unfold.





Constance Mroczek Mother of Emily Buckert



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

✠ Tabernacle I Living & Deceased Priests and Religious of St. John's Church

✠ Tabernacle II Pat McArdle

✠ Marian I Living & Deceased Benefactors of St. John's

✠ Marian II Fr. Steve Kraus –

50th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Good Friday, April 18 ATTENDANCE.....160

Holy Land.....\$ 1,166.00

ONLINE Giving.....\$ 70.00

TOTAL Offering.....\$ 1,236.00

April 19/20 Week 43 ATTENDANCE.....625

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....\$ 9,321.00

SUNDAY Offering.....\$ 5,939.06

ONLINE Giving.....\$ 2,743.00

TOTAL Sunday Offering.....\$ 8,682.06

SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$ 638.94)

Easter Collection, April 19/20

Easter Collection.....\$ 4,400.31

ONLINE Giving.....\$ 612.00

TOTAL EASTER Offering.....\$ 5,012.31

April 26/27 Week 44 ATTENDANCE.....408

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....\$ 9,321.00

SUNDAY Offering.....\$ 6,214.36

ONLINE Giving.....\$ 1,167.00

TOTAL Sunday Offering.....\$ 7,381.36

SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$ 1,939.64)

2nd Collection

Catholic Home Missions Appeal.....\$ 543.00

ONLINE Giving.....\$.00

TOTAL Offering.....\$ 543.00

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as April 27, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET\$ 494,000.00

BUDGETED TO-DATE.....\$ 410,124.00

ACTUAL COLLECTED.....\$ 397,594.06

SHORTAGE TO DATE.....(\$ 12,529.94)

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: *Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.*

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin Acts 5:32. Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

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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.

**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.

May 5, 2025—3rd Sunday of Easter

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often do you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus. -*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers May 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 11, 2025	Ron LaForce
May 25, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

May 4, 2025	Tom Grieco
May 11, 2025	Bob/Barb Gotham
May 18, 2025	Tom Grieco
May 25, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 4, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
May 11, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert
May 18, 2025	Chris Hoefler
May 25, 2025	Terry & Pam Hearne