

St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 14, 2025

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.

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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.

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

1 Tm 2:1-8/
Ps 28:2, 7-9/
Jn 19:25-27

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13/
Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16/
Ps 111:1-6/
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16/
Ps 111:7-10/
Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12/
Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16/
Ps 100:1b-5/
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Am 8:4-7/
Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/
1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13

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.

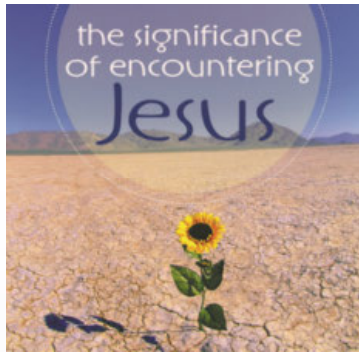
Clockwise: What a Journey

The apostle Paul was a bright, persuasive, well-read expert in Jewish theology. He may have had flaws, but he was still one of the most formidable persons in the early church. The Corinthian church, for example, a growing and thriving community, testified to the work of this great "Apostle to the Gentiles."

Yet Paul was always careful to emphasize that the church was built "on the power of God," not on his wisdom or the wisdom of any other apostle.

Like St Paul, we are called to build the church. Like Paul, we are called to build on the foundation of God's wisdom and power, not human wisdom. Does that mean that we should not be engaged as we spread the Good News? Of course not! We should do whatever it takes and use whatever tools we have available to us to present the Gospel so that people will be moved to open their hearts to the Lord. That is what it means to become "all things to all, to save at least some." 1 Cor 9:22

This story was told to me by a friend some years ago: "A jeweler in a small town noticed that every morning a man would stop outside his shop and set his pocket watch by the clock that was on display in the window. One day, the jeweler stood



in the doorway of his shop when the man walked up, stopped at the window, and set his watch. He smiled at the jeweler and said, 'I'm the time-keeper at the factory down the street. I'm responsible for blowing the noon whistle that tells everyone to break for lunch. Your clock helps me keep the right time.' The jeweler said, 'That's interesting. I've been setting

my clock by your noon whistle for the past few years.'"

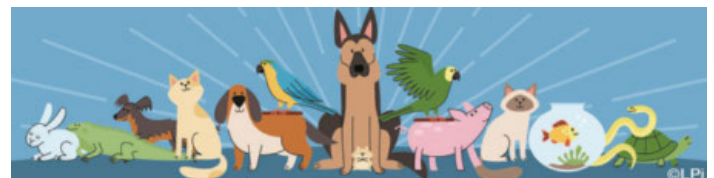
The point here is that we never know how much our actions influence the actions of the people around us. Even the simple mundane tasks we perform in our daily lives can be of greater significance than we realize. When kindness has left people, even for a few moments, we become afraid of them, as if their reason had left them. Let us prefer to be human and allow the power of God to do the rest. Peace comes within the souls of people when they realize their oneness with the God of the universe. When something like this happens, don't dismiss it! God is trying to expand our vision. He wants to open our eyes to His presence, His goodness, and His grace. God's presence is all around us; let us open our hearts to Him.

Peace and May God Bless us all.
Father Peter



Coffee Hour is Back!

It's been a very long time since we've had the opportunity to gather for one of our Parish Coffee Hours. THIS Sunday, September 14, following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses, the Parish Pastoral Council will host this month's Coffee Hour, so please plan to stop by for fellowship, coffee and donuts!



Calling All Pet Owners

**Save the Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025
at 10:30 AM**

Mark your calendar for our annual Blessing of the Pets with Deacon Elmer.

Masses for the Week—Sept 15—21

MON, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:15 AM + **William Hoysic**

by The Nichols Family

TUESDAY, September 16 *Sts Cornelius & Cyprian*

8:15 AM + **Tom Clark**

by Rich & Katie Jacobs

WED, Sept 17 *Sts Robert Bellamine & Hildegard of Bingen*

8:15 AM + **Karen Cattron**

by Bill & Barb Childs

THURSDAY, September 18 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, September 19 *St Januarius*

8:15 AM + **Emilio Monti**

by Tony & Vicky Monaco

SATURDAY, September 20

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

4:00 PM + **Frank & Barbara Conte**

by Daughter, Donna Lodato

SUN, September 21 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:00 AM + **Peter Cicoria**

by Nancy Lader

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, September 14

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

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in the Narthex

Monday, September 15

9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center

6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center & Church

Thursday, September 18

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Weekend, September 20/21

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales following all Masses in the Narthex



2025 Rochester Campaign

Help save lives in Rochester due to the ongoing scourge of abortion! One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is 40 Days for Life. Since its inception, over 25,000 babies have been saved from abortion! Take part in the Rochester Fall 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **September 24 through November 2**. Through prayer and fasting, embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue.

Visit 40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. **For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or Roc40DFL@gmail.com.**

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20
Timothy Niven	Symon Peter Ntaiyia	Deceased Priests	Malachy Nwosu	John Omboga	Edward Palumbos	All Deacons



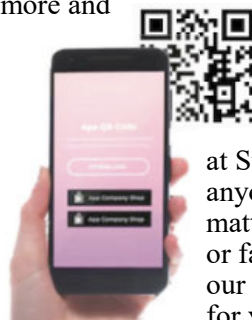
Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Cenacle Council #3892 will be sponsoring Holy Hour to honor Mary Our Mother at St. John the Evangelist Church, **Monday, September 22, 7 - 8 PM**. The Holy Hour will be as follows: Exposition, Adoration, Reflection, Holy Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph and the

Divine Praises. All are welcome to participate in this Holy Hour of Adoration and prayer, together with Deacon Elmer.

What's This All About?

As you have seen by now, there are QR codes hanging in the pews and you may wonder what this is all about.

Throughout the course of the year we receive many visitors who pass through the area and wish to attend Mass and at times they choose to do so here at St. John's. Very often I connect with the visitors after Mass and find that they'd like to make a donation to our parish. With QR codes being more and



more commonplace, and other parishes coming on board with this technology, it was decided at a recent Finance Council Meeting that we would implement this here

at St. John's to assist visitors, or anyone else, with their donation. No matter the way in which you, as a visitor or faithful parishioner, choose to support our parish, please know we are grateful for your sacrificial giving!

Join us for brats and beer as we celebrate

OKTOBERFEST

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"The Best of the Worst"

Saturday, October 18, 2025

5-8:30 PM

St. John's Parish Center

**\$20 PER PERSON
MUST BE 21+**

FIRST DRINK IS FREE

GREAT FUN

TABLE PRIZES

GAMES & CONTESTS

GERMAN SINGING & YODELING



**BRATS
AND
BREWS**



Stop and Take a Listen

As you are all aware, through various mentions and communications, our parish is celebrating its 160th Anniversary this year—yes, St. John the Evangelist Church turned 160 years old on May 3, 2025. We bring to your attention a special song with lyrics that were heaven sent! Our own Paul Parkman took these heavenly lyrics and composed a song, *The Footsteps of Saint John*, that was recently posted to our parish website: www.StJohnGreece.org. We encourage you to take a listen.



On this same topic of celebrating our 160th Anniversary, Paul Parkman has designed and constructed a life-size, stand-up cut-out of St. John the Evangelist. You have seen this in church up near the ambo and, in time, he may be “traveling” around the church. Take time for a selfie with our parish patron saint:

Saint John, the Beloved One
— ***the Beloved One, Saint John!***



**NOTRE DAME
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September

19 “Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace”

Senior Luncheon Series (FREE)

With Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ Rochester

26-28 “Walking in Friendship with God:

Pilgrims of Hope” Women’s Retreat

With Fr. Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R., Teresa Dunn, Nancy Lynch, and Jodie Scordo

October

10-12 “Walking in Friendship with God:

Pilgrims of Hope” Women’s Retreat

With Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., Paula Welch and Jodie Scordo

14 “Our Lady of Angels

and Their Mission for Our Time”

Men & Women Day Retreat

With Fr. Joseph Maurici, Christine DiNovo, and Stephnie Honz

17 “Stroke Prevention: BE FAST”

Senior Luncheon Series (FREE)

With Julie Battaglia, Lifespan/URMC Neurosurgery Comprehensive Stroke Center

24-2 “Walking in Friendship with God:

Pilgrims of Hope” Men’s Retreat

With Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Dcn Greg Kiley, Dcn John Tomsndl, and Jodie Scordo



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Words from Bishop Matano

It is my privilege to invite and to encourage you to attend the **Rochester Catholic Women’s Morning of Reflection**, to be held on **Saturday, October 18, 2025**. In the spirit of past Women’s Conferences in the Diocese of Rochester, this morning of prayer, mutual support and education will provide women 18+ the opportunity to joyfully spend the day learning about, loving and living their Catholic faith. It will be a powerful and beautiful witness to the unity and charity so characteristic of women of faith.

The schedule of the day includes the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, and two powerful talks by Mrs. Lisa Lickona, Assistant Professor at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry. Her talks will help us to draw closer to Mary, the Mother of God, as the bearer of hope and the perfect model of the “feminine genius”. I hope that you are able to be present for this morning as together we rekindle our love for our Lord, Jesus Christ, born of Mary.

Asking the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, this Woman of extraordinary faith, to intercede for us, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester



WOMAN: A GIFT of GOD

*A women's morning to give thanks, bring hope,
and celebrate faith*



October 18, 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

Parish of the Holy Family—4100 Lyell Rd, Gates, NY 14606

Join the Diocese of Rochester for a morning of prayer and reflection with Professor Lisa Lickona, STL! The day will begin with Mass with Bishop Matano, followed by a reflection, prayer, fellowship, and lunch.

Sponsored by the Diocesan Dept. of Pastoral Services and St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry



Learn more and register via QR code at left!

www.stbernards.regfox.com/dor-womens-morning-



Judith Ertel *Mother-in-law of Jenny Ertel*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Mary Martha Ryan**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Daniel Colangelo**
- ✠ Marian I **Deacon Bob**
- ✠ Marian II **Thomas O. Burke**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 30/31 Week 9	ATTENDANCE..422
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,019.45
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,198.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,217.45
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$	1,732.55)

September 6/7 Week 10	ATTENDANCE..460
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 9,184.21
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 4,086.28
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 13,270.49
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....(\$	3,320.49)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as September 7, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 99,500.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 109,606.15
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 10,106.15

As we are underway in our new Fiscal Year, I am encouraged by the early financial report and I am deeply appreciative for the generosity your sacrificial giving offers for the well-being of our parish.

Fr Peter

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.



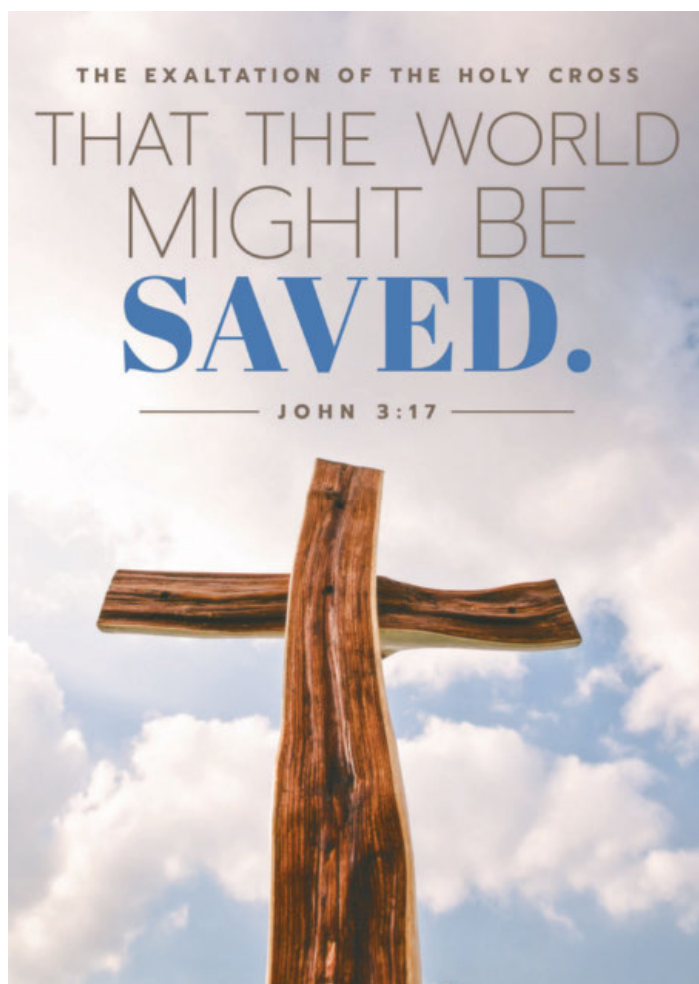
Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2nd Collection for Human Development

Next weekend, September 20/21, our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



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.



Daily Prayer Versus Mass?

Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

Answer:

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away? ©LPi

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers September 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 14, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato
September 28, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 14, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham
September 21, 2025 Tom Grieco
September 28, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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September 21, 2025 Terry & Pam Hearne
September 28, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert

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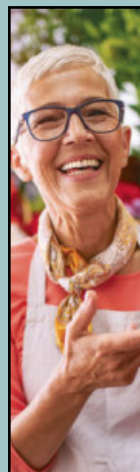
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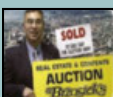
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