St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 7, 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.



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6ab, 6c/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23	Col 2:6-15/ Ps 62:6-7, 9/ Lk 6:12-19	Col 3:1-11/ Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/ Lk 6:20-26	Col 3:12-17/ Ps 150:1b-6/ Lk 6:27-38	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/ Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/ Lk 6:39-42	1 Tm 1:15-17/ Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/ Lk 6:43-49	Nm 21:4b-9/ Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

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.

Twelve Rules to Live By

Remember: Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.

Remember: You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the past and not embracing the future.

Remember: Love and you shall be loved, and give back freely what you

have received from God through the kindness of other people.

Remember: God always gives His best to those who leave the choice to Him.

Remember: All people smile in the same

language.

Remember: A hug is a great gift. One size fits

all.



It can be given for any occasion and it is easy to exchange.

Remember: Everyone needs to be prayed for and loved, especially when they do not deserve it.

Remember: The real measure of a person's wealth is what one has invested in eternity.

Remember: Laughter is God's sunshine, so laugh a lot.

Remember: Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.

Remember: Thank God for what you have; trust God for what you need.

Remember: Happy memories never wear out. Relive them as often as you want.

Peace and Blessings to all.

Father Peter





Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue THIS Sunday, September 7 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM

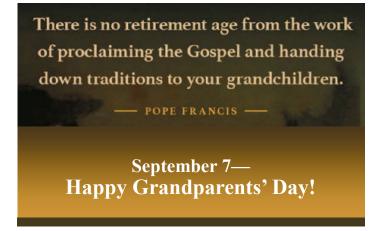
Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue in the

St. Charles Borromeo parking lot – 3300 Dewey Avenue. This will be drive-thru only event.

People who pre-ordered are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM the day of the barbecue. The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken Baked beans
- Macaroni salad Corn bread

Come and get a great meal for a great price!





Masses for the Week—September 8—14

MON, September 8 Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary 8:15 AM + Domenico Zegarelli

by Eileen Zegarelli

TUESDAY, September 9 St Peter Claver

8:15 AM + John Clark

by Rich & Katie Jacobs

2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton

WEDNESDAY, September 10 Weekday

8:15 AM + Giuseppe & Maria Antonia Paiano by Granddaughter, Giulia

THURSDAY, September 11 Patriot Day

FRIDAY, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:15 AM + Giulia & Giuseppe Grillo

by Granddaughter, Giulia

SATURDAY, September 13 St John Chrysostom

4:00 PM + Living Members of St John's

SUN, September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM + Albert & Helen DeConinck

by Daughters

10:00 AM + Douglas Locklin

by Parents

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13
Pope	Anthony	Thomas	John	James	Basant	Thomas
Leo XIV	Mugavero	Mull	Mulligan	Muscatella	Nayak	Nellis

This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 8

9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center

5:30 PM Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Center

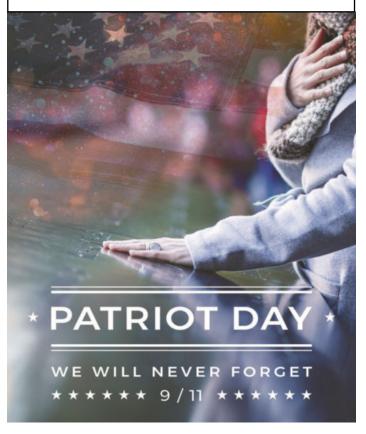
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in the Parish Center

Thursday, September 10

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Sunday, September 14

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





The Catholic Church celebrates tomorrow the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

Mary's father Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. They began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

The couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed

to Anne: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." www.catholicnewsagency.com/

Minutes from ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (Greece) Finance Council Meeting July 2, 2025 @ Noon in SJ Rectory

Attendance: Fr. Peter, Chris Frontale (Finance Dir), Bob Skrypek (Council Chair), Debbie Smith, Jerry Dominik, Nick Verdino, Joe Spurrier (scribe) *Excused:* Bob Gotham and Mary Speer

Review Meeting Agenda - the following were distributed before the Meeting in order to provide information for discussions during the meeting:

- Weekly Attendance and Collection Graphs for full year along with a graph of Total Surplus/Deficits by month
- 1-page Summary of Actuals and Budgets from FY20-21 through FY25-26 (excellent)
- 8-page DETAIL of Actuals and Budgets (by line-item) from FY20-21 thru FY25-26
- List of Deferred Maintenance Projects for discussion
- CMA goal and calculation formula for 2025 2026 Campaign

Collections & Attendance:

- Our attendance is fairly stable. Our weekly Goal is 430, but 400 is a good week. Weekly attendance is published in our Bulletin.
- Issues facing SJ include aging population and parishioners passing away. Note: we have found that when a parishioner passes away, often other family members stop coming
- We don't yet have complete results from 24-25 but In spite of showing consistent deficits through the year, it seems that projected revenue could come in much closer to the budgeted \$494,000. It appears we rec'd a late June bump from early results of our Increased Giving Campaign – many in form of One-Time-Only Contributions. We must wait until the books are officially closed before we have the final results.

2025 – 2026 Budget was reviewed and passed UNANIMOUSLY. The overall budget is essentially a "0" budget meaning we are planning on a break-even operating result. We cannot predict the Non-operating Income items.

Budgeted REVENUE:

- Revenue budgeted for full year FY 25-26 for Regular Collections (Sunday Collection + Online Donations) is \$517,500 vs last years \$494,000 (4.7% increase).
- The \$630 increase in budgeted weekly giving (\$9,321 to \$9,950) was due mainly to what we expect from our Increased Giving Campaign.
- Analyzing the returned cards show a total <u>possible</u> increase of about \$1,300 per week. We received 199 cards back from the 550 we sent out.

- Our Parish has strong giving for Holy Days and Holidays.
- The budget for all Collections rose from \$627,000 to \$657,000.
- We do not budget any revenue for items like Investment Income because of their inherent uncertainty
- New Revenue Item to be implemented in September: Based on a review of collection alternatives available to our Parish, the SJ Finance Council decided to add another way for parishioners or other donors to take advantage of some features in our Vanco Online Giving System. We will be making available in our bulletins and in our pews the use of QR Codes. A donor can simply point their cell phone at the QR code and follow the prompts to make a single donation to St. John's. The Council felt that it would provide a fairly easy way for Visitors to help support our parish. The donations collected through use of QR codes for regular users of Vanco will be charged to the bank card they use for regular Vanco donations, and will be posted under their name in their Vanco Account. This feature is used at Sacred Heart Cathedral. was introduced recently at Holy Cross/ Mother of Sorrows.

Budgeted EXPENSES:

- Snow Removal a big expense and we will begin to solicit bids asap for the 2025-26 winter. Our target is to keep the contract to \$35,000 / yr.
- In the discussion below, "CBO" = "Central Business Office" which is located at St. Charles. The CBO serves 16 Parishes, 3 Schools and 11 Cemeteries.
- Per Chris CBO is a Cost Center consisting of a Finance Dir + an Accounting Dept + an Internal Audit Service - supporting the many CBO entities for only \$500,000 / year. This is less than what it would take to hire an outside service.
- The amount budgeted for St John's Salaries (St Johns staff + an allocated portion of the CBO) shows a \$23,000 decrease mainly due to Marcia going on Part-time status.
- The cost of the CBO is a major element in SJ Salaries Expense.
- We spent time discussing the CBO structure and charging model. Chris said that the amount charged to a Parish is based on Collections Revenue + other items such the presence of a School.
- SJ share of the CBO will be approx. \$45,000.
- Since we do not have influence over this, Bob Skrypek wanted a separate budget line for CBO with much more detail around how the total cost of the CBO is allocated to St. Johns.



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- Other key expenses:
 - SJ share of Insurance and several misc items negotiated by the Diocese and allocated to the Parishes increased by \$4,000. This covers many things such Parish Liability Insurance, Boiler Insurance, IT Licensing and Support all of which unsurprisingly increased over the previous year.
 - 2. Parish Maintenance expenses budget will be 15% lower mainly due to what we hope was an abnormally tough last year, e.g, snow removal.

CMA Update:

- Previous Goals: \$81,000 (23-24); \$78,000 (24-25 which we exceeded); and \$80,000 (25-26).
- We exceeded our goal set for the 24-25 Campaign, and received a refund of \$3,444.00 from the Diocese. This was equal to 50% of our overage.

Buildings & Grounds: Capital Improvements are becoming a necessity and can no longer be handled on a purely ad-hoc basis within a Parish:

Church Roof— the roof is leaking. It is under warranty until October, 2026. We have signed a \$6,000.00 contract with Elmer Davis, Inc. to repair it. We have not yet been given a date for completion of the job. Getting the required cranes to safely lift the workers to the roof is an issue.

** Update: The roof repair was completed on 7/10/25 **
Glass Silo Skylight Panels over the Altar:

- \$900,000 was the Original estimate from Elmer Davis to replace the entire glass structure and metal framework.
- \$275,000 was their Nov, 2023 estimate. This was lower because they limited it to replacing only the existing panels and fasteners. That estimate, now being 2.5 years old, needed to be re-visited.
- \$285,000 ** REVISED ** estimate received on 7/29/25

 we will not submit it to Elmer Davis until we understand what they mean by "replacement of broken glass" in a section called "Exclusions".

Parish Center Air Handling Unit – new unit installed by Monroe Piping & Sheet Metal in May, 2025.

Snow Removal Contract – we have begun to solicit vendor bids. Our target is to keep the contract to \$35,000 / yr.

Parish Trustees – no discussion. Our current Trustees are Mary Speer and Nick Verdino.

Bankruptcy Update – Diocese has made progress made with Insurance companies; hope to have it all done by late July.

Dates for next Council meetings are: 10/1/25, 4/29/26, 7/1/26





Dear Music Ministry and Parish Family,

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

"In the same way, anyone of

you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Discipleship is a process of becoming more like Jesus in one's thoughts, actions, and character with the help of the Holy Spirit. It also requires a deep and active commitment to living a life that pleases God and obeying His commands. How can we whole-heartedly follow Jesus and become true disciples?

I am tasked to select hymns that motivates introspection and not just feeling the music. There are so many beautiful hymns that will help us reflect and have a deeper understanding of ourselves. I hope the hymns can become a source of inspiration. Music with God's words encourages us to align our life with the teachings of our Catholic faith. We follow Jesus. We take up our cross. We believe and trust that God is our hope and our refuge.

I hope everyone had a very fun and restful summer. Let us remember once again, the horrific events of September 11, 2001. May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine on you. May God be kind to you and give you peace. Faith and love,

Consuelo

For more information about joining our ministry, please contact Consuelo De Los Santos, Director of Liturgical Music consuelo.delossantos@dor.org or 585-225-8980.

Prayer of Simplicity

Dear God,

In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that.

Amen.

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Robert Jenner Husband of Gloria Jenner



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Francine Cournover
- Tabernacle II Veronica Ward
- Marian I Mickey Corsi
- Marian II Those who perished on 9-11 and their surviving families

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL STEWARDS HID

Due to early bulletin deadline for Labor Day, financials will appear in the September 14 bulletin.

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.



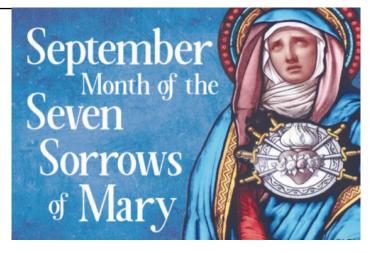
Public Rosary Rally—Please join us!

Please join us at the South/East corner of Long Pond & Latta Rd. THIS Saturday, September 13 at 12:00 PM

We hope to see you there! For any questions, please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980.

Please do not diminish the parking availability for customers at any one business.





Console Our Lady of Sorrows, Daily

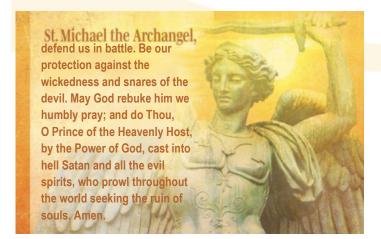
"Jesus Christ Himself revealed to Blessed Veronica of Binasco, that, He is more pleased in seeing His Mother compassionated than Himself." He said to her: 'My daughter, tears shed for My Passion are dear to Me; but as I loved My Mother Mary with an immense love, the meditation on the torments which She endured at My death is even more agreeable to Me.""

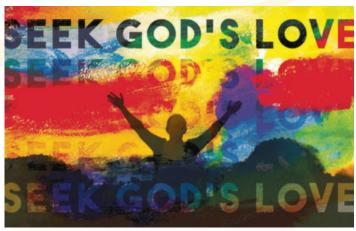
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, <u>The Glories of Mary</u>, Discourse IX. On the Dolors of Mary)

The Seven Sorrows or Dolors of Mary are listed below and a key to understanding them, and thus consoling her, is to recognize that the more she loved Jesus (and she loved Him perfectly) the more intensely sorrow filled her Immaculate Heart. Her martyrdom lasted 33 years, for St. Simeon revealed to her in excruciating detail what lay ahead for her dearest son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As such, all her joys became inexorably coloured with sorrow. And she endured these pains perfectly, with patience, humility and obedience, offering them to Almighty God for the salvation of poor sinners.

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon
- **2)** The Flight Into Egypt
- 3) The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- 4) Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary
- 5) Jesus Dies on the Cross
- 6) Mary Receives Jesus
- 7) Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

Find the Simple Seven Hail Marys Devotion at https://traditionalcatholicprayers.com/2020/02/09/the-seven-sorrows-of-mary/





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

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September 7, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

September 14, 2025 Tom Grieco September 21, 2025 Tom Grieco

September 28, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

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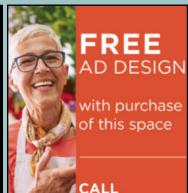
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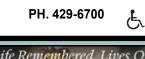


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