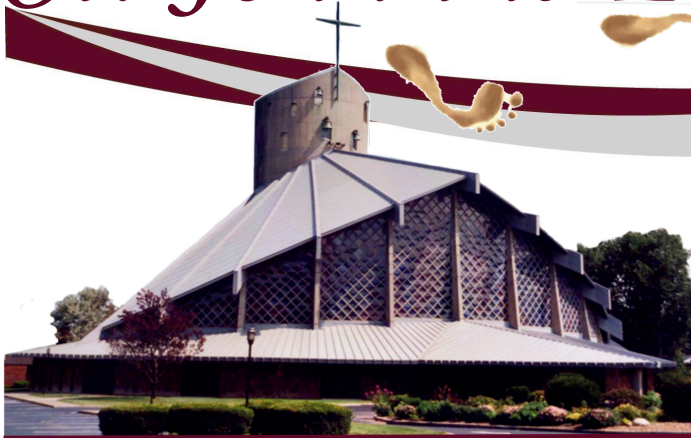


St. John the Evangelist Greece

September 6, 2026

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.



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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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

Confession By Appointment Only.

Please contact the Parish Office (585) 225-8980

Baptism 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 (585) 225-8980.

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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.

How Often Do We Fail the Demands of Discipleship?

In my forty-two years as an ordained priest, I have heard it all with countless advice and suggestions as to how this could be done or done better. I have even had people tell me how to celebrate the Eucharist, simply because this was how Father Y or Z did it.

I learned a great lesson in a defensive driving course that I took years ago. The instructor had each of us participants in the class introduce ourselves and say what brought us to the class—or why we got a ticket. At the end of the introductions she commented that many said it was NOT FAIR that they were ticketed. She went on to say that whenever her children complained that life was not fair, she would have them read their birth certificate...every word of it. Then she would ask them, “Does the word ‘fair’ appear anywhere on that piece of paper?” Of course, it does not.

Fairness aside, the fact is we would prefer mercy. Yes, my classmates and I wished the police had had mercy on us but instead, we were facing the consequences of our actions; which we should. Mercy is a hard thing for many of us to accept and embrace. We like to “do our own thing,” not be inconvenienced and “pull ourselves up by our bootstraps.” However, our lives are formed by the choices we make each day. When we make those choices, do we think about others around us? Do we choose to stay in our parish or take the path of least resistance to our convenience? Do we choose to save money or spend it lavishly? Do we choose to be defeated by a challenge or try to rise above it? Do we choose to see the reality of the



Parish Mass today or gloss over it for the sake of “my time schedule?” The same is true of our spiritual lives. Each day we are confronted by many choices; good and evil, values and vices. Each day we Christians are called to make choices—should we live as God has commanded or as changing societal norms dictate? But we cannot become “Consumer Catholics” or “Cafeteria Catholics” moving from

parish to parish. St John's needs your participation in shaping the future of our parish life.

I would welcome any suggestions that can help us to grow our parish as a faith community. What can we do to attract the young people to Church instead of seeing them only at weddings and at baptisms? What can we do better for them so that the cornerstone of St John's will remain strong? What can we do to show fellowship and solidarity to our fellow parishioners instead of only in time of sickness or at a funeral? How many people do we know who should be here with us at Mass but are not? How many people do not want to be bothered by their inner call to be with us? How many people do we know feel abandoned because no one from our Church has checked on them be it you or the priest?

In the Scriptures, God tells that he will never leave or forsake us. Hang on to that when hard times hit. There may be some people who will simply wonder where God is in all these decisions. Remember, the teacher is usually quiet during the test. He is here for you all of the time. Here in



the Mass.

With peace and love,

Father Peter

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5/
Ps 119:97-102/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16/
Ps 145:8-14/
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9/
Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23/
Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5/
Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15/
Ps 145:17-21/
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Masses for the Week — Sept 7 - 13**MONDAY, September 7 Labor Day**

8:15 AM + *Salome Musembi*
by Her Children

TUES, Sept 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15 AM + *Mary Martha Ryan*
by Marcia Parsons

WEDNESDAY, September 9 *St Peter Claver*

8:15 AM + *Giuseppe & Giulia Grillo*
by Family

THURS, September 10 *Weekday***FRIDAY, September 11** *Weekday*

8:15 AM *All Living & Deceased First Responders*
- *Police, Firefighters, EMTs, Doctors*
and *Nurses*

SATURDAY, Sept 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

4:00 PM + *Genevieve Valencia*
by Joseph & Christina Crimi

SUNDAY, Sept 13 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM *Living Members of St John's Parish*
10:00 AM + *Dolores DeConinck*
by Diana Craddock

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

This Week's Schedule**Monday, September 7 Labor Day**

Parish Office CLOSED
NO Bible Study Today

Thursday, September 10

4:30 PM Cursillo Small Group in Meeting Room
6:30 PM Holy Hour with Rosary in Church

Friday, September 11 Patriot Day**Sunday, September 13**

11:15 AM Parent Meeting for Faith Formation
in Parish Center

**IF WE LEARN
NOTHING ELSE
FROM THIS TRAGEDY,
WE LEARN THAT LIFE
IS SHORT AND THERE
IS NO TIME FOR HATE.**

Patriot Day
Friday, September 11



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

Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12
Pope Leo XIV	William Michatek	Justin Miller	William Moorby	Peter Morello	Peter Mottola	Anthony Mugavero



Office will Re-Open on Tuesday, September 8

A Time to Come Together in Prayer

As a nation, we prepare to memorialize the 25th anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001. In this present time, our nation and our world are in much need of peace. Please join us for a Holy Hour with a Rosary for Peace and to pray for the souls of all those who perished in this tragedy as well as their families who continue to grieve.

Please join us here at St. John's Church on Thursday, September 10, 2026, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Whether from St. John's or elsewhere, ALL are invited and encouraged to attend.

Labor Day Blessing

Dear God, We thank You for this Labor Day. Bless the men and women who serve in our workforce, and grant them strength and protection in their work. Bless, too, those who courageously seek to build fairer and more just working environments for all our brothers and sisters. Bless all of us as we gather to rest and recreate during this holiday weekend. Amen. ©LPi



Dear God,

We ask that You bless the students in our congregation,
giving them inspirational teachers,
studious habits, solid friendships,
and Your grace in every moment of this school year.
Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too.

Fill them with Your love and care so that,
as they teach and minister to our young people,
Your wisdom and light may be known,
encountered, and shared.

Amen. ©LPi



Next Public Rosary

Join us NEXT Sunday, September 13 at 12:00 PM at the Southeast corner of Latta Road/Long Pond Road for the Public Rosary. We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue



**NEXT Sunday, September 13
from 3:00 PM until gone
in the St. Charles Borromeo
parking lot - 3003 Dewey Ave**

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host their final chicken barbecue of the year. This will be a drive-thru event. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to ensure you get a meal. To place your order call or text (preferred) Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The last day to pre-order is Saturday September 12. People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal by 4:00 PM the day of the barbecue.

The cost is \$14, and the meal includes: Half a Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn Bread

Come and get a great meal for a great price! Thank you for your support!

**"WE MUST SPEAK TO THEM
WITH OUR HANDS BY GIVING,
BEFORE WE TRY TO SPEAK
TO THEM WITH OUR LIPS."**

St. Peter Claver

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Help Spread the Good News! - Volunteer Opportunity

St. John's uses a variety of Social Media Platforms to communicate with parishioners. We are looking for someone to help the Social Media team update our Facebook page and Website Church Calendar on a weekly basis. The commitment is only a few hours per week and training will be provided.

Please, contact the Rectory 225-8980 or Gary Kern at email gakern85@gmail.com if you are interested in learning about how St. John's uses a variety of Social Media Platforms and are interested in volunteering your time.



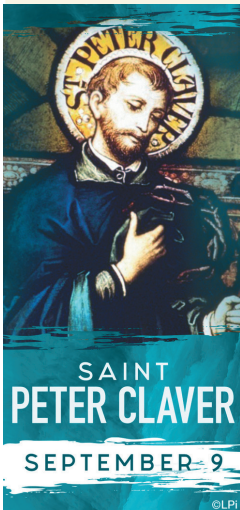
Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf Weekend of September 19/20

The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece residences each month. They are asking for donations of the following items:

- Chunky-Style Soup, Canned Pasta, Ramen Noodles,
- Condensed Soups, Crackers, Flavored Instant Oatmeal,
- Ketchup, Mayo, Dry Dog Food, Dry Cat Food
- Small Size Dish Soap (8-12oz.), Razor Blades,
- Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo,
- Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Baby Shampoo,
- Small Size Laundry Detergent, Tampons,
- Sanitary Napkins, and Panty Liners

Food will be delivered on the morning of September 21.

Please, contact Pamela Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053 or email gakern85@gmail.com if you can help with the delivery.



Born in Catalonia, Spain, in 1580, St. Peter Claver studied first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, St. Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Colombia, where he was ordained in 1615.

Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, “the

slave of the Negroes forever.” As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God’s love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith.

He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

St. Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend St. Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

St. Peter Claver, pray for us!

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Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer.

Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that

community. The more each member gives to the

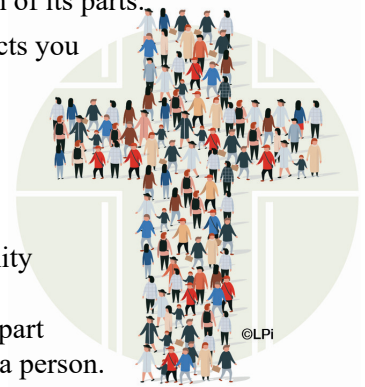
community, the stronger that community finds itself. If

you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I

know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person.

I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren’t for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



Treat Him Like a Gentile by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here’s the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, “treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.”

In other words? Don’t give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I’m a Gentile. I’ve done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn’t Moses, and it probably wasn’t Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn’t listen. But the evangelist,

whoever he or she was, didn’t give up.

I say “lucky for me” because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn’t make it easy. I’m not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he’s the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past. ©LPi



Kenneth Spahn *Brother of Barbara Gotham*
Patricia Kastner *Mother of Sharon Yantz*
Beverly Swisher *Mother-in-Law of Patty Hoag*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Jean Raisbeck**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Those Who Perished on 9.11**
- ✠ Marian I **Rosemary Benson**
- ✠ Marian II **Students Returning to School**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



August 29/30

Week 9	ATTENDANCE.....367
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 10,048.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 5,771.15
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,676.21
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,447.36
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$ 1,600.64)

Fiscal Year 2026-27 as of August 30, 2026

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 522,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 90,432.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 83,474.24
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 6,957.76)

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.



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! Find the link to Online Giving on our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



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

The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.



A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following

Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

—Tracy Earl Welliver

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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 September 2026

HAMILTON NURSING HOME

September 13	Mary Ann & Steve Donato
September 27	TBD

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

September 6	Tom Grieco
September 13	Barb & Bob Gotham
September 20	Tom Grieco
September 27	Barb & Bob Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE

September 6	Terry & Pam Hearne
September 13	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
September 20	Chris Hoefler
September 27	Carolyn Kerhaert

THE VILLAGE AT TOWNGATE

September 13	Kathy Christodaro
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