

St. John the Evangelist Greece

April 27, 2025

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT
As disciples of Jesus Christ serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, we collaborate with the Pastor and Staff inviting the people of St. John the Evangelist Church to joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, faithfully teach Catholic tradition, and fervently form Catholic spirituality, so that together we may go forth in love to serve the Lord and each other.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Trust
IN HIS MERCY



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Acts 4:23-31/
Ps 2:1-9/
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37/
Ps 93:1-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26/
Ps 34:2-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33/
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42/
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

1 Cor 15:1-8/
Ps 19:2-5/
Jn 14:6-14

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13/
Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19

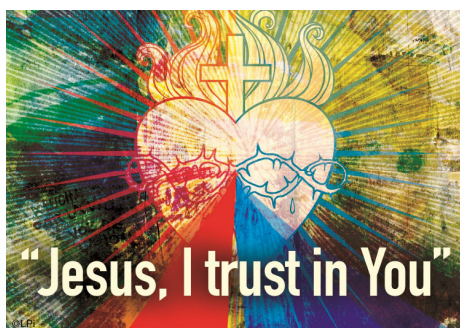
Welcome!

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.

God's Mercy Endures Forever

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In the opening prayer of today's Mass, we address God as God of Mercy, and our Scripture readings echo this theme. The Apostles acted in the name of Jesus when they showed mercy to the sick and troubled who were brought to them.

The message of Divine Mercy, as found in the writings of Saint Faustina, is a simple one: God's love and mercy are greater than sin; we can trust Him to have mercy on us when we call out to Him; and, because we experience God's mercy in our lives, we can be merciful to others. It was through private revelations from Jesus to Saint Faustina that the Church, during the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II, declared the Sunday after Easter to be a day dedicated to the tremendous blessing of God's mercy, shown to us through Jesus. Some people would like to ignore the reality of sin in the world and believe that Jesus Christ took away all sin forever on Calvary. Indeed, we do believe that the death of Jesus *made satisfaction for our sins to the Father CCC615 and by His sacrifice He pours out the graces of salvation on His Church CCC1407.* However, we must remember that through God's



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gift of free will, we can reject the grace that Christ won for us on the Cross. Thus, we can choose to embrace a sinful way of living. It is only with God's grace and mercy that we can continue to fight against evil in the world and in our own lives.

Through Baptism, we each became a recipient of God's mercy in a special way. Sin no longer had any claim on us as we became members of the body of Christ. In the Sacraments of

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, God continues to share His mercy and forgiveness with us. We also acknowledge our trust in God's mercy when we come together for the celebration of our Eucharistic liturgy. Think about the prayers of the penitential rite: *Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.* Today, think about the trust we express when we ask God for our needs in the prayers of the faithful. Today, at the Lamb of God, let us think about our plea for mercy and peace. Each day this week we can make the words of the psalmist our own, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever." Ps 118:1



Alleluia!

God bless,

Father Peter

Priests' Convocation

Bishop Matano and the Presbyterate will gather the priests of the diocese this week, April 28, 29, 30, for the annual Convocation for prayer, reflection, and fraternal support. Please note there will be morning Mass on Monday, April 28 but **NO 8:15 morning MASS on Tuesday, April 29 or Wednesday, April 30.**



Let us prayerfully support Bishop Matano and our priests, especially our Pastor, Fr. Peter, during their special gathering. It is very important that we remember all priests in our daily prayers asking God to sustain them in their ministry and strengthen them in holiness especially in these challenging times.

Masses for the Week—April 28—May 4

MONDAY, April 28

Sts Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:15 AM *For the Collage of Cardinals*

2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

Priests' Convocation

TUESDAY, April 29 *St Catherine of Siena*

8:15 AM + NO Mass due to Priests' Convocation

WEDNESDAY, April 30 *St Pius V, Pope*

8:15 AM + NO Mass due to Priests' Convocation

THURSDAY, May 1 *St Joseph the Worker*

FIRST FRIDAY, May 2 *St Athanasius*

8:15 AM *Former Priests assigned to St John's*

10:00 AM *Adoration & Benediction*

FIRST SAT, May 3 *Sts Philip & James, Apostles*

8:15 AM + Fr Peter's Intention

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

SUNDAY, May 4 *Third Sunday of Easter*

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

10:00 AM + Living & Deceased Benefactors of St John's

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday

Following the 10 AM Mass—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet; concluding with Benediction in Church

Monday, April 28

Priests' Convocation

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

2:30 PM Mass at Village at Unity

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

Tuesday, April 29

Priests' Convocation

Wednesday, April 30

Priests' Convocation

Thursday, May 1 National Day of Prayer

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

First Friday, May 2 Friendship Day

Following **8:15 AM** Mass Adoration until 10:00 AM in Church

10:00 AM Benediction in Church

First Saturday, May 3

8:15 AM First Saturday Mass

followed by the Rosary in Church

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
Anthony Amato	Ronald Antinarelli	Theodore Auble	Victor Bartolla	Peter Bayer	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano

A Time of Joy With the joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter, we also celebrate our two O.C.I.A. Candidates, Glenn Smith and Jay Colgrove, who came into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025.

These gentleman have spent the last several months journeying through the O.C.I.A. program here at St. John's accompanied by their Sponsors, and led by the Program Coordinators, Rick and Kathy Paoletti. Receiving solid Catholic doctrine allowed them to discern and ultimately commit to the Catholic faith through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist by our Pastor, Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu. They will now enter a period of Mystagogy (mista-go-gee); a period of reflection and deepening understanding of the faith for those fully initiated into the Church, and for those who were received into full communion with the Church.

Let us continue to pray for Glenn and Jay that their faith journeys, as well as all of ours, grow day by day. May our good and gracious God bless them abundantly.



May Crowning Honoring our Blessed Mother Mary

NEXT Sunday, May 4, during the 10 AM Mass

We will gather the children and, together with women from our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry,

we will adorn our Blessed Mother with a crown of flowers and place flowers and candles around her. This shrine will remain in church throughout the month of May.

We need your help. If you have children or grandchildren, girls and boys alike, we'd love for them to take part. The children will be guided by the women taking part; they will carry flowers to place before the statue of the Blessed Mother. It will be helpful to know how many children will be taking part so please call me at the Parish Office, 225-8980, to sign them up and I can answer any questions you may have. Having the boys and girls dressed in their Easter clothes for this special occasion will be nice but not necessary. We look forward to celebrating this special celebration in honor of our Heavenly Mother.

Peace. *Marcia*



**Jubilee Year 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday**

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 is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day set aside to remember that God’s mercy is a gift freely given so we might have a right relationship with Him. During a Jubilee, we are called to do whatever we can to restore our relationships. It’s helpful to use God’s forgiving nature as a guide.

Ponder Point: When have you sought forgiveness but were afraid you didn’t deserve it? When have you forgiven others after thinking you never could?

Our Easter Flowers are Courtesy of the Following Donors

Donor	In Memory of
Angela & Mike DiStefano Louise Dominik	Joseph & Edith DeLorenzo Ben & Pauline Dominik Martha DiPaolo
Catherine Funston	Living & Deceased Members of Wargo, Camus, Funston & Seeger Families
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Maria Leonardis	Jennifer Lawson Mangan Angelo, Vincenzo & Damiana Leonardis
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Thank you to all who made donations. Your gifts in memory of your loved ones enabled us to decorate our beloved St. John’s in beautiful spring flowers.

Happy Anniversary

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Our Beloved St. John the Evangelist Church is About to Turn 160 Years Old! 1865 – 2025

It’s time to celebrate this milestone anniversary and the time will be **NEXT weekend, May 3/4, 2025**, when we kick-off our year-long celebration. Whether you’ve been a life-long member of our St. John’s faith community, a very new member, or anywhere in between, you are a member and this counts! If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to become one (please contact the Parish Office at 225-8980).

160 years of parish life is a big deal. Let us take pause and reflect on these many years; what it must have been like in the early years of the founding of our parish and what we’ve experienced during our time here as parishioners. We currently have parish families whose ancestors were founding members of our beloved parish. So much has changed but through it all, the ups and downs alike, the Catholic Church remains steadfast in her teachings that came directly from Christ himself. In this Jubilee Year of Hope let us cherish our Catholic faith, live it and spread the Good News!

NEXT weekend, May 3/4, we look forward to you being here for Mass and then following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses, please join us in the Parish Center for Coffee Hour hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council 3892. Our 160th Anniversary Committee has gathered some items from years gone by that you will want to stop by and take a look at. Come take part in this celebration next weekend but we also want you to know that 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, who is the patron of our parish.* Come and see!

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.



Parish Annual Day of Caring 2025

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

Parish Council Meeting Minutes—April 7, 2025

Opening Prayer: Alan Christodaro

Attendance: Father Peter, Deacon Lon Smith, Bob Gotham, Rick Paoletti, Wayne Howard, Melissa Ryan, Paul Parkman, Nick Verdino, Stephanie Braya-Black, Christine Paoletti, Tod Simone, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Karen Bessette, Alan Christodaro, *Absent:* Excused: Deacon Elmer Smith, Sharon Miller, Patty Hoag, Kathy Christodaro, Nick Sassano *Visitors:*

Motion to approve the agenda for tonight's Meeting
(Emailed April 6, 2025)

Approval: Alan Christodaro | **Second:** Gary Kern

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from the 3/3/2025 Meeting, in the Bulletin on March 23rd, 2025.

Approval: Karen Bessette | **Second:** Wayne Howard

Chairperson's Comments:

CMA UPDATE: Our CMA numbers thru 4/4/2025:

- Donor to date: 306
- Commitment to date: \$84,768.02
- Commitment % to date: 108.68%
- Paid To date: \$83,492.57
- Paid % of Goal: 107.42%
- Average per donor: \$274.33
- Our CMA goal: \$78,000
- There are still \$1,275.45 outstanding commitments that will need to be honored by May 2025.

Coffee Hours: Our March coffee Hour was really the St. Joseph's Table on 3/16/2025. Christine Paoletti organized this event. It was a very, very nice event. The women at The Bethany House were delighted to get the fruit and veggies from our St. Joseph Table. April Coffee Hours was hosted by the Fatima Ministry and that was done very nice.

Annual Day of Caring: Is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, starting at 9:00 AM and ending around 12:00 PM. The rain date will be Saturday, May 17. Hot dog lunch at noonish. Bring work gloves, a rake, clippers and a lot of energy.

Deacon Lon Smith Update: The Lenten Retreat is well attended (50 participants; 20 in AM and 30 in PM). We have about 6 attendees that are from other churches. I will seek formal feedback from participants and report results at the next meeting. I am working with the Social Ministry and there is much to consider in this area. I have reached out to 9 members of our church who have most recently lost a loved. They have been invited to the next Bereavement Session.

Father Peter's Update:

- **160th Anniversary Celebration:** The Knights of Columbus are doing a coffee hour that weekend.
- Sometimes our parishioners move and don't tell us. If you know about someone who is not attending our church anymore, Father Peter would like to know so we can reach out.
- Confessions starting the first Saturday of Lent, from 3:00 – 3:45 PM in church. And every Saturday during Lent.
- Holy Week is coming, and we need to help and participate as a community for these events

Social Committee:

160th Proposal: Karen and Melissa

I would like to make a proposal for an idea that I have for the 160th anniversary of our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church. St John's is known for our beautiful stained-glass windows. Those who drive past our church on Ridge Rd can't help but miss their beauty. My idea is to bring that beauty into our parish center. We could also use this idea as a fundraiser with approval. The idea I have would be to order 4x6 glass tiles that are bright and beautiful like our church windows. This proposal was approved by the parish council at the meeting on April 7.

Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday April 12 at 10:00 AM

The Social Ministry group is going to put on a **Pancake Breakfast** on our last coffee Hour for the year, June 8.

Looking at doing a **Spaghetti Dinner**. Maybe used as a ministry fair or a thank you dinner for the many volunteers of our parish.

Arts and Environment: Help needed:

- Friday, April 11 from 10 AM-12 PM in the Parish Center to strip palms and put in bundles for each Mass and also for the Nursing Homes.
- Also, we will be labeling the small bottles of Holy Water for Parishioners.
- Saturday, April 12 from 11 AM - 2 PM Decorate for Palm Sunday
- Saturday, April 19 from 10 AM-1:30 PM Decorate for Easter

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon – no nominations pending, please send nominations to Bob Gotham if you would like to see someone receive this certificate.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892:

- Averaging 246 meals at each week's Fish Fry. Wait times averaged 10 minutes or less at the last meal, and modifications have been made to the processes to keep this time low.
- Easter Lilies will be delivered to the homebound Holy week to the parishioners.
- Sunday, May 4 will be the Coffee Hour after Mass.

Outreach – Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Update:

Thank you to Deacon Lon to help contact the next of kin for those deceased members of the parish so they know we are thinking about them.

Liturgy Committee: Working on details for Holy Week. Updates will be sent to the ushers.

St. John's Social Media – Statistics Website:

- 1293 visitors up 95% over the last 30 days
- 2781 views.
- Most frequently viewed pages are Home Page, Bulletins, Mass Times, Calendar and Events and Activities; followed by About Our Parish, Prayer Request, and From the Desk of Fr. Peter.

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His Holiness, Pope Francis, Vicar of Christ
Peter Cicoria *Father of Kathy Christodaro*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Pope Francis**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Margaret Lawlor**
- ✝ Marian I **Special Intention for the Braya Family**
- ✝ Marian II **College of Cardinals**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



April 12/13 Week 42	ATTENDANCE.....	494
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	9,473.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	822.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,295.02
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	974.02

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as April 13, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	391,482.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	381,530.64
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	9,951.36)

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

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the Mass attendance and contributions for Holy Land Collection, April 19/20, and Easter will be posted in our May 3/4 bulletin.

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.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES *Continued from page 5.*

Facebook:

- 815 Followers and 613 Likes
- Insights and Overview last 30 Days: 12951 Views (74% from followers and 26% non-followers)
- Reached 2096 up 8% over last 30 days (number of unique users that see our posts)

Greece food Shelter food drive: March 22-23 with delivery on Monday, March 24. Collected 409 pounds of food! Next food drive Weekend is June 8/9

Faith Stories: Paul Parkman – St. John will be celebrated May 3-Dec 27. There will be information and activities that will be shared in the parish.

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish

Rick: Last week of 40 Days for Life, please pray for our success.

Father Peter: Happy Holy Week. Please pray for the priests and deacons during this busy time.

Closing Prayer: Alan Christodaro

Next Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2025

Opening and Closing Prayers: Nick Verdino



WELCOME SPRING!

All women of St. John's are invited to our annual SPRING BANQUET at the Brook House, on **Tuesday, May 6 at 5:00 PM**. Individual orders and checks will be taken that night....so there is no need to send payment ahead of time.

Please give Carolyn Kerhaert a call at 225-7425 on or before THIS Monday, April 28 to place your reservation.

Reservations will be taken on a first come basis; we have 25 seats to reserve.

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.

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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