

St. John the Evangelist Greece

July 21, 2024

2400 West Ridge Road
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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.



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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

Sg 3:1-4b
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Ps 85:2-8/
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Jer 1:1, 4-10/
Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17/
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

2 Cor 4:7-15/
Ps 126:1bc-6/
Mt 20:20-28

Friday

Jer 3:14-17/
Ps 19:8-11/
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11/
Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

2 Kgs 4:42-44/
Ps 145:10-11, 15-18/
Eph 4:1-6/
Jn 6:1-15

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.

Commitment

Commitments make life worthwhile. Yet, so many times, commitments are difficult to keep. When we take a look at society, we notice how many commitments are made and how many are broken. We can recognize this sadness wherever we look. We see it in friendships and marriage. We see it in industry and institutions.

We see it in the financial world of the world we live in today, as well as in the realm of politics. We are even able to see it in ourselves—broken commitments throughout our lives. We see it sadly in our Church.

We live in a situation where some of us do not want to be dedicated to anything. We do not want to go to church because for some of us it is the last thing to do in our list of things. We fail to understand who we are and our need to serve God from whom all things come. Everybody is crying for their rights but no one is talking about our responsibility. It is not that we do not believe in God, but some of us are caught in the world around us where being a spiritual person is sometimes frowned upon. For some of us, going to church every day is something of the past, now relegated to our parents and grandparents. For some of us as parents, we say we did all we could for our children, but now we do not understand why they do not go to church. For some of us, we feel very uncomfortable talking to a spouse, a child, a relative or even a friend about going to church. We only think of church for our special needs but some of us fail to think about the church's upkeep.



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How is the Gospel message going to be proclaimed beyond me? We can become so comfortable in our own sense of security that we tend to think we do not need God.

Today, some will even say they do not go to church because of some bad experience. Whatever the reason or experience we may have had, we are called to our relationship

with God. Here are two pieces of good news: God forgives us unconditionally and God gives all of us a share in His forgiving nature. So, whichever side you find yourself on, turn around! Take your eyes off wrong-doing, either your own or that of another, and fix your gaze on Jesus. God needs somebody to put His "skin" on to build His Church and unless we commit to serving God in our neighbor, the good news of Jesus cannot be proclaimed by our witness.

We can achieve much in this life by our faith in God and God wants us to aim high. As Paul said: "What do you possess that you have not received?" 1 Corinthians 4:7. The most precious of God's gifts, and the one that is nothing but a gift, is eternal life. At least once a day we should stop and think about the fact that Jesus died for each of us so that we could live with Him forever! This is a commitment that we cannot abandon whether we believe or not. Let us try to rise up in our faith and commit to something in church. How well are we keeping the commitments that we have to—God, our spouse, our finances, and our work?

What type of situation presently is calling us into making a commitment?

Blessings,

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Masses for the Week—July 22—28

MONDAY, July 22 *St Mary Magalene*
 8:15 AM + **Joseph Miceli**
 by Peter Nicotina
 2:30 PM Mass at The Village of Unity

TUESDAY, July 23 *St Bridget*
 8:15 AM + **Giovanni and Candida Bovenzi**
 by Maria Mercone

WEDNESDAY, July 24 *St Sharbel Makhluf*
 8:15 AM + **Tony Oliveri**
 by Pietro Nicotina

THURSDAY, July 25 *St James. Apostle*

FRIDAY, July 26
Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:15 AM + **Lawrence Valetich**
 by Richard Stein

SATURDAY, July 27 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + **For the People of St John's;**
Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, July 28 *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + **Todd Ressa**
 by Bob Smith & Family
 10:00 AM + **Linda Briggs**
 by Eileen Zegarelli

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 22
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 2:30 PM Mass at The Village of Unity

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Peter Helfrich	Daniel Holland	James Jaeger	Stanley Kacprzak	James Hewes	Stephen Karani	Aaron Kelly



Mass Book Opening

Please mark your calendar that the Mass Book will open

Wednesday, July 31 to schedule for the months of September through December, 2024. Requests will be by telephone (no in-person requests on July 31) **from 9:00 AM until Noon and 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM.** Please know that this is not the only day you can call to schedule a Mass for these months but it's the first date/time you can do so. Thank you.



Remembering a Faithful Servant

By now, by way of Father Peter sharing the news, and through word of mouth, many of us know about the passing of Gino Fiordeliso on July 8, 2024. Gino and his wife, Gina, have been longstanding and faithful members of our parish. Gino served for many years as an Usher at our

10:00 AM Mass and his presence among us will be greatly missed.

As an Usher, he served his ministry faithfully and if he was not here on Sunday, we knew something wasn't right because he was ALWAYS here. If there was a time when he wasn't feeling quite up to being here at Mass, his wife shared that he would always push through it and say "the people need me"! He was determined. He was attentive to all the details of being an Usher especially when it came time to helping people—he was always on top of it.

Well, the time came when **we needed to come to his assistance** when he took ill at the end of Mass on July 7. A special thank you to the parishioners, visitors, and medical personnel who came to Gino's assistance. God has His plan and the following day, July 8, God called Gino home. We take solace in knowing Gino was at Mass, received the Eucharist and was anointed through the Sacrament of the Sick by Father Peter at the hospital.

We ask for your prayers for the peaceful repose of Gino's soul and for God's comfort and peace to be with Gino's wife, Gina, their children, extended family, and his friends including those of us here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church. Rest in peace good and faithful servant.



Please Join Us for Our Parish Information Night for OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Coming this Fall, 2024, St. John's will offer our parish OCIA Program led by Rick and Kathy Paoletti, supported by our pastor, Fr. Peter. What is OCIA you may ask? OCIA is a spiritual journey in which one discerns his/her desire to become a baptized and fully initiated member of the

Catholic Church. OCIA is also a process for those who are already baptized Christians who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thirdly, OCIA is an opportunity for Catholics who are already fully initiated (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church who desire a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings.

By taking part in the OCIA program, one is not obligated to fulfill what the program's intended purpose is, however, it is our prayerful desire this will come to fruition. Therefore, we encourage you to come and gather more information and have your questions answered at our parish **Information Night for OCIA** taking place in our Parish Center on **Wednesday evening, August 7, at 6:00 PM.** Pre-registration is required on or before Wednesday, July 24 by calling the Parish Office at 585-225-8980 or via e-mail to: gstjohnt@dor.org. We look forward to hearing from you, your family members, or friends! God bless.

OCIA Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith and for the Catholic Church.

We pray for those You are calling to Yourself.

May all in our community open their hearts to the fullness of Your love.

Encourage others to seek a greater understanding of You through us. Allow our parish to be a welcoming spiritual home and a light to all.

O blessed Apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire us with the ardor of your zeal that we may pray and work for the conversion of our brothers and sisters redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.

Eternal God, please send to us, according to Your divine will, souls whom You have called, and pour out your Holy Spirit to work through us to set all our hearts afire for Your Kingdom.

We ask this through Your Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen.

The Change from RCIA to OCIA

The process by which adults formally join the Catholic Church has traditionally been referred to as the **Rite** of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In November, 2021 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new translation (originally written in Latin) of the process and its corresponding curriculum, now known as the **Order** of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). An Order (Ordo in Latin) is a collection of Rites, and since there are multiple rites involved with adult initiation, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is simply a better translation. The process remains the same and the invitation remains open to all seekers.



Examples of Our Faith

St. Angela of Foligno

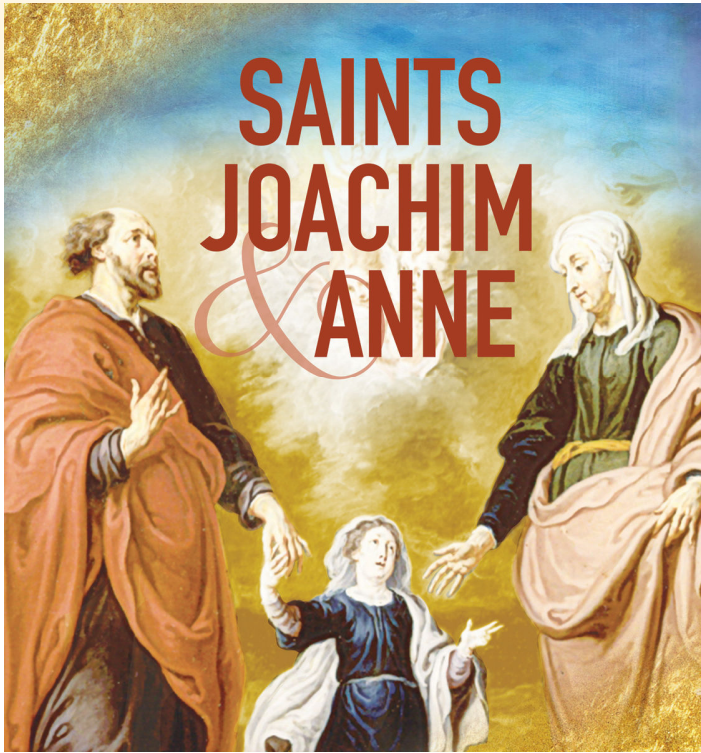
(c. 1248 – January 4, 1309) was born to a life of privilege and wealth. Like other women of her class, she was married, had a family, and entertained. She was absorbed with earthly things. However, near the middle of

her life Angela became consumed with fear of damnation and the fires of hell. She made a confession but driven by shame she omitted some sins, and her torment became greater. A vision of St. Francis assured her of God's immeasurable mercy. She confessed again, was freed of her torment, and began to use her wealth and position for charity work.

Unfortunately, not long after, her mother, husband, and sons died. She gave up all her earthly possessions and began a pilgrimage to nearby Assisi. When she arrived, she was overcome by an ecstasy, and embarrassed monks, not understanding, asked her to leave the town. Angela returned to Foligno and became a lay penitent, inspired by Franciscan ideals, caring for the sick and poor. She attracted other women to her, but she insisted the community remain open, to be in the world caring for those in need. The Third Order of St. Francis came from communities like Angela's.

Angela, like St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi, experienced many ecstasies, and was often in prayer and Eucharistic adoration. Her visions, theological teachings, and path to holiness were written down by those around her, compiled into the *Book of Visions and Instructions*. Sometimes called the "Teacher of Theologians" Angela's first life as a wife and mother gave her unique insights into the divine and the incarnation. Her path to sainthood was not through perfection but through penitence and charity. She experienced periods of certainty and doubt, temptation and steadfastness. She was beatified in 1693 and canonized in 2013. St. Angela of Foligno, pray for us!

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July 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of Jesus

This is the “feast of grandparents.” as Joachim and Anne are the grandparents of Jesus. It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people’s greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life’s profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

Today the Church celebrates the parents of the Virgin Mary, the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. In their home, Mary came into the world, accompanied by the extraordinary mystery of the Immaculate Conception. Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!

~Pope Francis, Angelus, July 26, 2013



Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
 What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages. Bless our grandparents, today and always. Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight. Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church. Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations.
 Amen. ©LPI



Welcome Deacon Lon Smith

We have been blessed with the assignment of an **additional** Deacon to assist Fr. Peter. We extend a warm welcome to Deacon Lon Smith (yes, a 2nd Deacon Smith—what are the chances!) and his wife, Susan.

While Deacon Lon officially begins his assignment here in September, he will have some preaching assignments (including THIS weekend) prior to September. Deacon Lon and Susan have been visiting here every now and then making opportunity to get the “lay of the land” and to begin getting to know some of the Council Members and parishioners; they look forward to getting to know us.

Fr. Peter is grateful to the diocese for Deacon Lon’s assignment here with the additional diaconal service he brings to our parish. Deacon Lon has a bundle of ideas to share with us so stay tuned as we begin another chapter here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church!





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Prayers received through our Prayer Line
- ✚ Tabernacle II open
- ✚ Marian I Rose Marie Skrypeck
- ✚ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypeck

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



July 13/14 Week 3	ATTENDANCE.....	412
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,098.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,385.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,483.02
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	162.02

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of July 14, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	27,963.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	26,462.87
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	1,500.13)

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

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. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. 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.



What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.

- Helen Keller

Bartolomeo & Perotto and Walker Brothers Funeral Homes invite you to a Celebration of Remembrance for your departed loved one.

2024 Butterfly Release & Picnic
Sunday, August 18, 12:00 PM OR 3:00 PM

At the YMCA Camp Northpoint
249 N Greece Rd, Hilton, NY

This is a free event.

Kindly RSVP on or before Monday, August 12
Call 585-720-6000 or Email andrea@bartolomeo.com

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**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.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers June/July 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 21, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

July 21, 2024 Tom Grieco
July 28, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 21, 2024 Terry & Pam Hearne
July 28, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert