


# St. John the Evangelist Greece

December 29, 2024

2400 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, New York 14626

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.*



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and Man.

Lk 2:51-52

## Feast of the Holy Family

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17/  
Ps 96:7-10/  
Lk 2:36-40

#### Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21/  
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/  
Jn 1:1-18

#### Wednesday

Nm 6:22-27/  
Gal 4:4-7/  
Ps 98:1-6/  
Lk 2:16-21

#### Thursday

1 Jn 2:22-28/  
Ps 98:1, 2-4/  
Jn 1:19-28

#### Friday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/  
Ps 98:1, 3cd-6/  
Jn 1:29-34

#### Saturday

1 Jn 3:7-10/  
Ps 98:1, 7-9/  
Jn 1:35-42

#### Sunday

Is 60:1-6/  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12



## 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.

### The Holy Family is Our Family

It seems natural for us to focus our attention on the Holy Family of Nazareth during the Christmas Season. After all, Christmas is a family celebration. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are projected before us so that we can recommit ourselves to the act of living within the family circle. To live family life well is neither automatic nor easy. It requires effort and practice; it is an art. The teaching of the Church clearly affirms that the family is the basic cell of both the Church and society. This day then, we find ourselves invited by the Word of God to recommit ourselves to the art of Christian family life but we cannot do that realistically if our understanding of the Holy Family or of our own family is unreal. We run the risk of romanticizing the Holy Family of Nazareth. We forget they lived human life as we do.

Jesus, the Son of God, was born into a family. We see him as a baby in the crib but we must not forget that as he grew, he passed through all the stages from infancy through childhood and adolescence into adulthood. Joseph is the model for husband, fathers and workers. He was a just man, a holy man but we should not forget that he experienced the reality of work as a carpenter; blisters on his hands, aching muscles, long days and fatigue. He loved his family and wanted to provide for them, but it was not always easy to do so. And Mary—yes, she was a reflective and



prayerful person, full of grace but as a wife to Joseph and mother of Jesus, she faced the same basic routine chores that wives and mothers experience in

every age and generation.

The Holy Family is a model of Christian family life for us. They loved each other well, but they did not always understand one another. Tension, anxiety, lack of complete understanding, coupled with trust in God, loyalty and respect were all part of the Holy Family's life. These are a part of our family life too.

If we are to recommit ourselves to the art of Christian family life, we must fashion a realistic and holy attitude towards Christian family life; the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We can blend prayer, relationship to God, respect in the way we look at each other, and loyalty into our family life and stick by each other no matter what.

Yes, it's the Christmas Season, a family time. It is good that God turns our thoughts this week to the art of Christian family life by pointing to the Holy Family of Nazareth and inviting us to model our family life after theirs in prayer, respect and loyalty. Our family may not be a perfect one but it will be well-lived because it will be rooted in Christian realism and holiness.



*Wishing each of you a Holy, Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!*  
Father Peter Enyan-Boadu

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

**THIS Monday, December 30, 9AM-Noon & 1:30-5 PM**  
**Tuesday, December 31 Parish Office CLOSED**  
**Wednesday, January 1 Parish Office CLOSED**  
**Thursday, January 2 9AM-Noon**  
**Friday, January 3 9AM-Noon & 1:30-5 PM**



**Masses for the Week—Dec 30—Jan 5**

**MON, Dec 30** *6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity*  
 8:15 AM + *John & Adelaide Freitas*  
 by Daughter Nidia

**TUES, Dec 31** *7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity*  
 6:00 PM + *Donal Wiley*  
 by Family

**WED, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 9:00 AM + *For the People*

**THURS, Jan 2** *Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

**FIRST FRIDAY, January 3** *Holy Name of Jesus*  
 8:15 AM + *Joni Oliveri-Broccuto*  
 by Family  
 10:00 AM *Benediction*

**FIRST SAT, January 4** *St Elizabeth Ann Seton*  
 8:15 AM *Fr Peter's Intentions*  
 4:00 PM + *Fannie Nardone*  
 by Daughter

**SUNDAY, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord**  
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John's;*  
*Living and Deceased*  
 10:00 AM + *Barbara & Christine Cottorone*  
 by Family

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sun, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family**  
 NO OCIA Class

**Monday, December 30**  
 NO Bible Study Today

**Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve**  
 Parish Office CLOSED  
 6:00 PM Holy Day Mass of Anticipation in Church

**Wed, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 Parish Office CLOSED  
 9:00 AM Holy Day Mass in Church

**Friday, January 3**  
 10:00 AM Benediction in Church

**Saturday, January 4**  
 8:15 AM First Saturday Mass in Church  
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

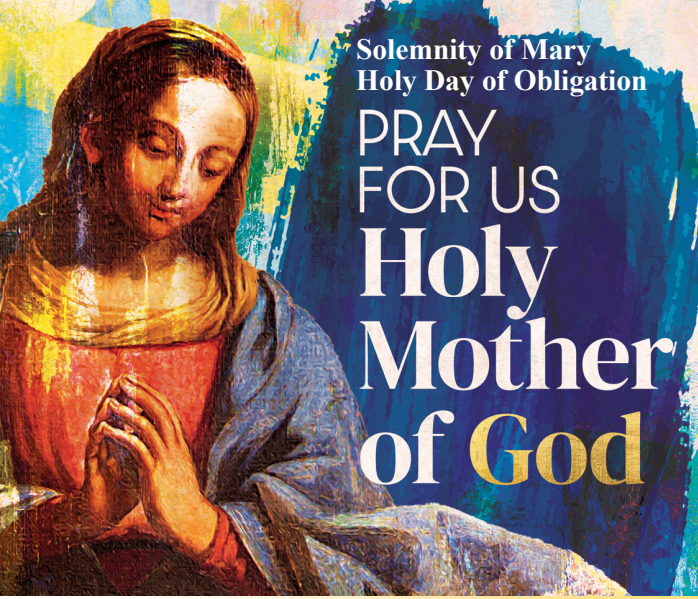
**Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4
All Deacons	Michael Fowler	All Missionaries	Deceased Priests	Ronald Gaesser	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano

**Thank You from The Corsi Family**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our St. John's Family/Community for all the prayers, love and support that has been given to our family during this difficult time. We are truly blessed. May God bless you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
 Tom, Cathy and Nick Corsi



**Tuesday, Dec 31—Holy Day Mass of Anticipation & Mass of Thanksgiving for 2024 Year End**

- **NOTE:** No 8:15 AM Mass on this day
- Fr. Peter will celebrate **Mass of Anticipation at 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary\***

- Fr. Peter will celebrate **Holy Day Mass at 9:00 AM**

*\*NOTE: Collection will be taken up for this Holy Day*



**Happy Birthday Wishes Deacon Lon Smith**

As we ring in the New Year, we also ring in your birthday on January 1. From all of us – your St. John's family—may this year of 2025 bring you good health, happiness and peace. We look forward to sharing the year ahead with you here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church,





**Our Christmas Poinsettias are Courtesy of the Following Donors**

**Donor**

Angela & Pam  
 Elaine Angie  
 Joe & Pattie Anthony  
 Roberto & Annunziata Battisti  
 Rose DiBella  
 Family  
 Jill Finan  
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 MaryAnn Marciano  
 Mom, Dad & Families  
 David & Lynda O'Connor  
 Ron Palumbo  
 Barbara Parkhurst  
 Bruce & Carol Ricigliano  
 Mary Martha Ryan  
 Judy Wenskus  
 Anthony Zanni

**In Memory of**

Alfred & Betty Crocetta & Crocetta Family  
 Robert & Joan Meiller, Leonard & Barbara Angie  
 Deceased Members of the White & Anthony Families  
 Pasquale & Giovanna Battisti, Enrico & Anna Raponi  
 Deceased Members of the DiBella & Marisi Families  
 Anthony Battisto, Joe & Angie Arbia, Annette Arbia  
 Mike Szatkowski & Nick Lippa  
 Joseph & Lorraine Howard  
 Merry Christmas!  
 Frank Marciano  
 Jeff Lader  
 Joseph & Rose O'Connor, John & Helen Monaghan  
 John & Carmella Palumbo  
 William & Carmella Parkhurst, Anne Angora, Rose Indovina  
 Dorothy & Mario Ricigliano, Rose & Frank Lucisano,  
 Richard Ricigliano  
 Milt Ryan  
 Jim Wenskus, Deceased Members of the Garney Family  
 Eleanor Zanni



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal**



**The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal Continues**

**The goal for St. John's is \$78,000. 286 households have pledged \$80,168.02 taking us to 102.78% of our goal.**

We have made our goal (on paper) which is fantastic news but we're reminded that until all pledges have been fulfilled (we have until May, 2025 to do so), we cannot sing ALLELUIA! We continue to encourage those who have not yet pledged to please do so; all parish households are asked to participate by making whatever pledge amount is suitable for your household.

*Please make your check payable to CMA and in the memo section please indicate 039-St. John's Greece*

NOTE: If you have made your pledge and have not/do not see your name listed in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office (225-8980). We want to be sure all pledges for St. John's Greece (039) are accounted for.

Also, some have asked why some of the names in the bulletin are in bold type. If a name is in **bold** type, it indicates this is a **new pledge** whereas the non-bolded names are pledges listed in a previous bulletin.

*The following are the most recent donors since our last posting in the December 22 bulletin.*

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Mr./Mrs. Joseph Arbia</b>         | <b>Mrs. Mary Horst-Kotter</b>    |
| <b>Ms. Mary Ann Nardone-Bello</b>    | <b>Mr./Mrs. David Lombardini</b> |
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| <b>Mr. Frank Caputo</b>              | <b>Mrs. Carol Martorella</b>     |
| <b>Mrs. Debra Colby</b>              | <b>Mr./Mrs. Douglas Miller</b>   |
| <b>Mr./Mrs. Bruce Davis</b>          | <b>Miss Ashley Simone</b>        |
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| <b>Mr./Mrs. James Dolan</b>          | <b>Mr./Mrs. James West</b>       |
| <b>Mr. Scott Gruschow</b>            | <b>Ms. Annette Wiesner</b>       |
| <b>and Ms. Karie O'Brien</b>         | <b>Mr./Mrs. Richard J. Wrue</b>  |
| <b>Mr./Mrs. Robert P. Harradine</b>  | <b>Mr./Mrs. Dominick Zarcone</b> |
| <b>Ms. Agnes / Ms. Patricia Hill</b> |                                  |



**Reflection**

Pope Francis teaches.....  
*"in a special way during the Holy (Jubilee) Year we are called to be tangible signs of hope for our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind"*

The Jubilee indulgence is linked to works of mercy and penance. Following the example and mandate of Christ, we are encouraged to carry out works of charity or mercy more frequently, especially in service to those who are burdened by various needs. We are called to rediscover the corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

Developed by the Catholic Charities Diocese of Rochester Justice & Peace/Parish Social Ministry Staff

**Thank you!**  
**TO OUR ADVERTISERS**



**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**—December 2, 2024**Opening Prayer:** Melissa Ryan**Attendance:** Father Peter, Deacon Lon Smith, Bob Gotham, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Wayne Howard, Melissa Ryan, Patty Hoag, Paul Parkman, Nick Verdino, Stephanie Black, Christine Paoletti, Karen Bessette, *Absent: Excused:* Deacon Elmer, Nick Sassano, Alan Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Tod Simone, Kathy Christodaro**Motion to approve the agenda** for tonight's Meeting (Emailed November 24, 2024)

Approval: Karen Bessette . Second: Gary Kern

**Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes** from the 11/4/24 Meeting, in the Bulletin on December 1, 2024.

Approval: Patty Hoag . Second: Wayne Howard

**Chairperson's Comments:****CMA UPDATE:** Our 2024 campaign has begun.

Our numbers thru 11/26/2024:

- Donor to date: 229
- Commitment to date: \$68,686
- Commitment % to date: 88.06%
- Paid To date: \$53,403.11
- Paid % of Goal: 68.46%
- Average per donor: \$299.94
- Our CMA goal: \$78,000
- \$\$ still needed: \$24,596.89

We need to Average \$240 per donor in order to reach our goal. This is based on last year's donor numbers.

If funds are not collected from promised commitments, we are still responsible for making the full amount.

**Deacon Lon Smith Update:**

- **Socktober WOW!!!** 1,665 pairs of socks, these are being distributed at this time to various charities in the area, some of which are Focus Pregnancy, St. Mary's Place, Nursing homes, Bethany house, etc
- **Dady Concert** We will have the Auxiliary police here for security, and out of 1200 tickets we only have 20 left. They will be ready after the 4pm mass to set up and ready to start at 7:00pm! There will be a brief welcome, an opening prayer, and then the concert. Merchandise will also be available for purchase.
- **Christmas Pageant** We have 14 children participating. Melissa Kabisan is now the leader of this pageant, with Cris Simone's help. Rehearsals start next weekend. Special thanks to Karen Bessette for getting this going again!

**Father Peter's Update:**

- This year from 12/24 to 1/6/26 we are celebrating Epiphany. Holy Doors will be opened in Rome, not in each diocese.
- In regard to the CMA, we are doing well. Hopefully we will have all the donations pledged by the new year.
- Our parishioners are generous with their talent and treasure, but we need to also be focused on our spiritual life. We need to be a welcoming committee, and we have had lots of visitors recently. For the past 2 weeks, our collection has been lower. What is important is that Deacon Smith needs to have a meeting with our Eucharistic Ministers to reiterate the aspects of this ministry.
- Blue books have been distributed and calendars will be distributed soon. As we go towards Lent, Father would

like to look for something about the Eucharist to share. We have 2 OCIA candidates who are growing in the faith and will become full Catholics, and we want them to continue to participate in the parish activities. We are no longer a younger community. When Father came here, he didn't have to worry about anything but as people have grown older and had to step back, more has been put on the people who can still help. If we can all get one or two people to come to church, we would be a growing parish. People brave cold weather and snow to go to a football game, we need to bring people into the church for one hour and have the same excitement about the faith! Sometimes you only know a parishioner's name, but they don't have much involvement beyond that.

Father is open to suggestions on how to engage these people. People are encouraged to make a good confession on December 18th at Mother of Sorrows from 1pm-6pm. Christ is the light of the world.

**Coffee Hours:** Still looking for ministries to host February and March. Women's Guild/Nancy Lader hosted the November Coffee Hour, and it was nicely done.

- Our December Coffee Hour will have our special guest for all the children (young and Old) to enjoy.
- Coffee hour with Santa - gifts for the kids have been purchased. Ron Laforce has agreed to be our Santa again this year for coffee hour and on Christmas Eve, but he said he is tired, and this is his last year. We will need to look for a new Santa for next year. The Music Ministry team was VERY generous with their donations enabling gifts for the children. Within hours every slot was filled up on the sign-up genius, plus most are making cookies. February may have a pasta dinner or Mardi Gras or game night. We are trying to get them planned out in advance and have a roadmap. The goal is to bring people in and keep them active in the parish.

**Social Committee:** We have set a date for Christmas Caroling, it will be on December 21st after 4pm Mass. There is a bulletin announcement going out soon. Con has ordered song books, those that are caroling are invited back to the parish center afterwards for pizza, hot chocolate and cookies. The social ministry is donating pizza and cookies. It will be to the local neighborhood, and we will bring bulletins to share with those that open their doors. The pageant is also going forward with at least 13 kids. Melissa Kabisan is going to be the lead on this.

**Pies for the Holidays:** From Special Touch Bakery. 150 Pies were sold and \$900 raised for the parish. Delivery date 11/18/2024. WOW!!!! For a first-time event, this went GREAT!!!! 100% of the pies were picked up on the correct date. Of course, there were a few phone calls made but it went great.

**Arts and Environment:** Patty announced Christmas decorating will start with making 240 angels for the trees on 11/16. Decorating for Advent on 11/29 and Christmas on 12/22. Gifts collected will be sorted on 12/15 and will be picked up on 12/17.

**Food Collection Days:** Pam Tofany-Kern – We had our Thanksgiving Day Food Collection for GEFS; we collected 280 lbs of food. Next Collection Date: March 8/9 and then June and September.

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Patricia Ford *Mother of Mary Esposito*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Marian I **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES *Continued from page 5*

**Task Force:** An all-parishioners meeting was held on November 20th at St. Charles to which ALL parishioners are encouraged to attend so they can be part of the process with the opportunity to offer his/her input which is important. St. John's was well represented.

**Certificates of Appreciation** – No new nominations

**Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Update:**

**Annual** Beginning of Advent they will be selling the car magnets for "Keep Christ in Christmas" and setting up the nativity outside the three parishes. Coordinating the Dady concert with Deacon Lon. We would like to do the consecration of the family at the end of the month

**Outreach – social media/Communications**

**Committee Update:** There are now 4 events on the website: Bible study, Fatima Women's Prayer Group, Breakfast with Santa and the Dady concert

**RocCatholicNorthwest Website:** Rick - It would be more helpful for this new website to link to our personal parish site rather than have to update both websites

**St. John's Website:** - Website Statistics

728 visitors 2014 page views down 16% over last 30 days. 59% of visitors use their cell phones while 41% use laptops and tablets. Most frequently viewed pages are the home page, bulletins, mass times and calendar  
Facebook Update: 609 likes and 803 followers

**Faith Stories:** Paul Parkman – Saints make other saints. If he was to ask anyone who their childhood hero they could remember someone they looked up to and it is the same thing in the church. Carlo Acutis compiled an incredible website of eucharistic miracles over the years and will be canonized as a saint in 2025. He is the patron saint of the internet. You can also read about these miracles, and we have a poster in the back of the church and currently focus on the miracle in Lanciano, Italy. Now in this day and age, with science we can confirm that these miracles are actual human muscle.

**Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:**

- Father Peter: December 27 is the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. How should this be celebrated? Maybe on another day?
- Paul Parkman: This Friday is the Feast Day of St. Nicholas. It is also First Friday and will be celebrated with Mass, Benediction and Adoration.
- Patty Hoag: The bookshelf by the usher station has some items on the bottom shelf, and there are some items that we will use throughout Lent. Father recommended that it be moved to the meeting room as a safety precaution.

**Closing Prayer:** Melissa Ryan

**Next Meeting:** January 6, 2025

**Opening and Closing Prayers:** Pam Kern

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>December 9, 2024</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	191
Immaculate Conception.....	\$	1,692.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	225.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$	1,917.00

<b>December 14/15</b> Week 25	ATTENDANCE.....	418
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,834.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,542.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,376.02
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	944.98)

**Fiscal Year 2024-25** as of December 15, 2024

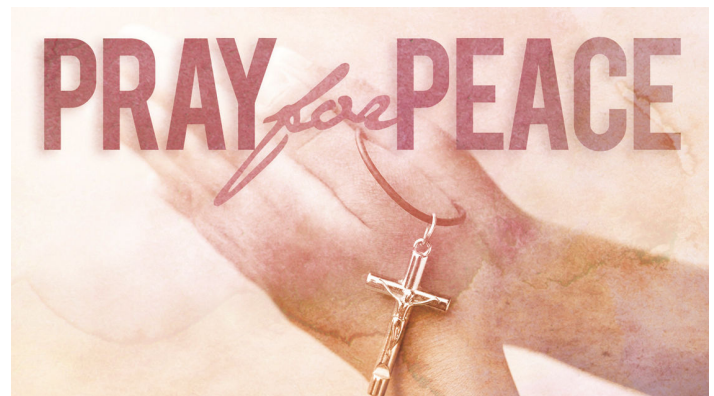
YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	233,025.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	224,167.73
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	8,857.27)

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

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, our December 21/22 and Christmas Collections and Mass attendance will be noted in Next Weekend's bulletin.



**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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**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers December 2024/January 2025**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

January 5, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

January 5, 2025 Tom Grieco

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

January 5, 2025 Chris Hoefler