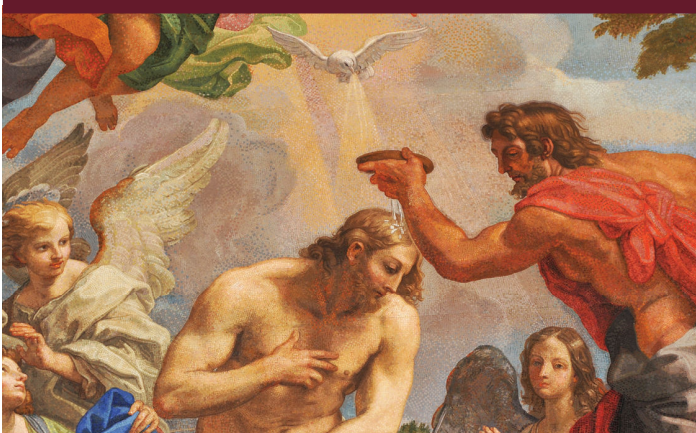


# St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 12, 2025

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.*



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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

Heb 1:1-6/  
Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9/  
Mk 1:14-20

### Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12/  
Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/  
Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18/  
Ps 105:1-9/  
Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

Heb 3:7-14/  
Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11/  
Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11/  
Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8/  
Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

Heb 4:12-16/  
Ps 19:8-10, 15/  
Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday

Is 62:1-5/  
Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/  
1 Cor 12:4-11/  
Jn 2:1-11

## 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.

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The public life of Jesus began with His Baptism by John in the River Jordan; this officially marks the end of the celebration of the Christmas season even though the Church allows us to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. In cooperation with the Holy Spirit who descended over Jesus in the form of a dove, Christ accepted His mission. He came to fulfill all that was right, submitting to the Father's will. Jesus consented to baptism and His death for the remission of our sins, and is the source of the Spirit for all humanity. It is through our baptism that we, as Christians, are sacramentally assimilated to Jesus. We take His mission. John had been proclaiming the words of the prophets to the people and teaching lessons of charity, repentance, truthfulness, honesty, and justice in everyday life. As Christians, each of us can rightly say that God has called us. We have heard at one time or another that we are "children of God." But what does this mean?

By our faith, we are instructed that if we face difficult and challenging times in life, Christ is there with His compassion. By the grace of our baptism, we call upon him to help us in those moments, and many times, by His grace, we are saved. As God's children through baptism, we are blessed with the faith of His loving kindness and mercy to meet life's struggles. We approach the Lord, the Lamb of God, with humility and repentance, knowing that in HIM, ALL WILL BE WELL. As we are in the first month of the year 2025, what a joyful and comforting thought that is. In Christ we pass from worry to peace, from



pain to comfort; however it is up to each individual to ask Jesus for His help and grace in those areas challenging us. There are demands placed upon us when we accept the challenge to be a follower of Christ. There will be joy that comes from

accepting the message of Christ and following it in our lives, there will also be suffering that comes to those who prefer darkness. We do not want darkness to blind our eyes. We want the light of Christ to illuminate our way in the world. Just as prayer was essential in the ministry of Jesus, it must be essential in our own lives, too. This is how we will be able to reach our goal, to one day be called to be with Christ in the heavenly kingdom—a Kingdom where there will be no more suffering, no more darkness, only rejoicing with the Saints and angels.

Let us then, work and pray that we may develop and nurture that personal relationship with Jesus that God asks of us. Such a relationship is what will guide and comfort us through this life and welcome us to the next.



**Peace and blessings to all  
in the New Year!**

*Fr. Peter*

## RESPECT LIFE

January Prayer Guide *See page 5.*

May every  
human life be  
protected in law  
and welcomed  
in love.



### Masses for the Week—January 13—19

**MONDAY, January 13** *St Hilary*  
 8:15 AM + *Toufix T. Sarkis*  
 by Darlene Johnson

**TUESDAY, January 14** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Joseph Pellman*  
 by Jim & Trudy  
 2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton

**WEDNESDAY, January 15** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Mary Ann Corea*  
 by Giulia Panella

**THURSDAY, January 16** *Weekday*

**FRIDAY, January 17** *St Anthony*  
 8:15 AM + *Dan Englert*  
 by Mom & Dad

**SAT, Jan 18** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*  
 4:00 PM + *The People of St John's;*  
*Living and Deceased*

**SUNDAY, January 19** *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Connie Rucinski*  
 by Daughter, Sharon  
 10:00 AM + *Eleanor Zanni*  
 by Loving Husband & Family

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

### This Week's Schedule

**Sunday, January 12** **Baptism of the Lord**  
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room  
**Following 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses** Coffee Hour  
 in Parish Center

**Monday, January 13**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study on Parish Center  
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish  
 Center & Church

**TUESDAY, January 14** *Weekday*  
 2:30 PM Mass at Hamilton

**Sunday, January 19**  
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

**Gratitude Abounds**  
 After providing the 9 organizations gifts from our 2024 Advent Giving Tree Project, we are receiving notes of gratitude. As they come in, they will be shared with you.




## Friendship Children's Center

**Thank You From Your Friends  
 at Friendship Children's Center**  
*Father Peter & Friends at St. John's!*  
*Thank you so much for supporting our families again  
 this year! You are treasured Friends! We Love You!*

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


Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18
John Hayes	John Healy	Frederick Helfrich	Peter Helfrich	James Hewes	Daniel Holland	James Jaeger



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

<p><b>Donor</b>                  Dornan &amp; Lombardini Families                  Bruce &amp; Carol Ricigliano</p> <p>Jean Ward                  Judy Wenskus</p> <p>The Zanni Family</p>	<p><b>In Memory of</b>                  Marji &amp; Cosmo Lombardini,                  Patricia Palumbo                  Dorothy &amp; Mario Ricigliano,                  Rose &amp; Frank Lucisano,                  Richard Ricigliano                  Kenneth &amp; Craig Ward                  Jim Wenskus,                  Deceased Members                  of the Garney Family                  Eleanor Zanni</p>
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## Focus Pregnancy Help Center



December 19, 2024

Dear Fr Peter and Parishioners,

The Focus Pregnancy Help Center thanks you so much for your generous donations of diapers, formula, blankets, and socks, etc. You are a gift from God in helping our pro-life ministry. We can't thank you enough! What a blessing you gave us! We are so busy with so many mothers and fathers and their children. Perfect timing for your generous donations!

Also, our clients thank you for your kindness. They are very special to us and rely on our Pregnancy Center for the needs of their children.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary bless you and keep you in their loving care. Rest assured that you are in our daily prayers and thank you for yours; we need them! Have a blessed Winter Time.

Sincerely,  
 Mary Jost, *Director*





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.**

**294 households have pledged \$81,378.02 taking us to 104.33% of our goal.**

A very special **THANK YOU** to those of you who supported this year's CMA campaign—*Extending Christ's Mission*—with your donation to help us achieve our parish target goal and doing so in record time! This is fantastic news for our faith community and shows the commitment of so many of you in support of our parish and diocese.

As an important reminder, while we have successfully reached our goal on paper, we can sing *Alleluia* once we officially reach our goal by way of fully paid commitments from those who opted to make monthly payments by the end of May, 2025 (or sooner).

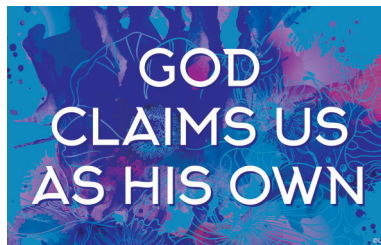
As your Pastor, I am humbled by your generosity in this endeavor. May God bless you and your family abundantly in this new year!

*The following are the most recent donors since our last posting in the January 5 bulletin.*

Ms. Darlene Forte	Mr. Casimer Stanchus
Mr./Mrs. Gregory Hauck	Mr. Jameson White
Mr./Mrs. Paul Hugh	Ms. Barbara Wojcicki
Mr./Mrs. Richard Jacobs	

### Everyday Stewardship

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

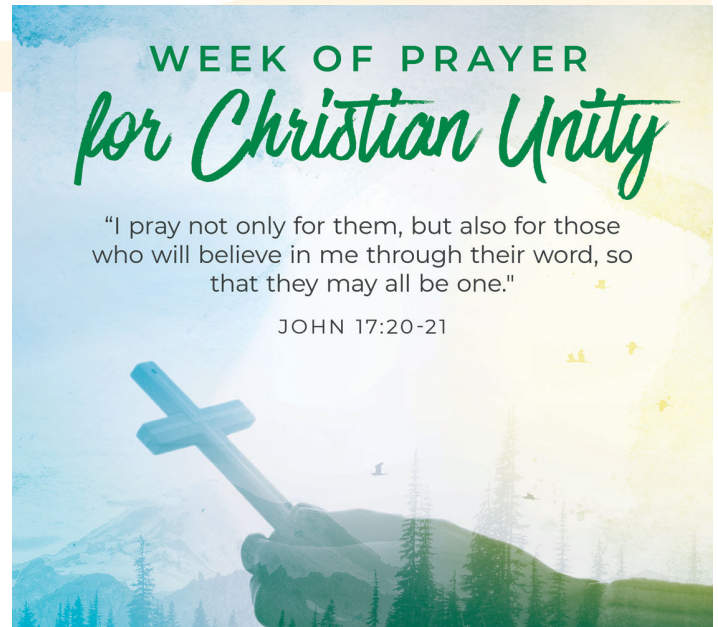


You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in

Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Our Father,**

**We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.**

**We seek you for guidance and for comfort.**

**But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.**

**We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.**

**Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.**

**We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**



# National Prayer for Life

**Thursday, January 23, 2025**

**Mass at 6:00 PM**

*followed by Adoration and Confessions until 9:00 PM*

**Sacred Heart Cathedral**

296 Flower City Park,  
Rochester

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano and our

Diocesan family as we unite with the (arch) dioceses around the country in a vigil of prayer for the sanctity of all human life.



## RESPECT LIFE

### January Prayer Guide

Prayer  
& Action

#### PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

#### REFLECT

The Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* overturned *Roe v. Wade*, ending the nearly fifty-year reign of nationwide abortion on demand. *Dobbs* returned the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives at the federal and state levels. Since the *Dobbs* decision, many states have enacted strong legal protections for preborn children. Tragically, other states have drastically expanded abortion. In the most recent election, ten states featured ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in state constitutions, with seven of them voting in favor of abortion and overriding pro-life safeguards in the process.

Abortion is currently legal in more states than not. Continuing work is urgently needed to protect children, women, and families from the tragedy of abortion. At this critical moment, whether we reside in states with pro-life or pro-abortion policies, we are presented with opportunities and responsibilities to continue building a culture that welcomes, celebrates, and protects human life. Our prayer and action are essential to maintaining policies that protect life, where they exist, and preventing the spread of policies that lead to more abortions. As we mark the solemn anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* this January, recalling the millions of lives that have been lost to abortion, may we recommit ourselves to the cause of life.

In addition to our efforts to protect human life in law, we must redouble our efforts to serve women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, offering them the compassionate support they need to lovingly welcome the gift of their children. We must do whatever we can in every sphere to ensure that life is welcomed, and mothers are supported.

#### ACT (Choose One)

- Sign up to join Catholics across the country in praying for the end to all abortion during the *9 Days for Life* novena from January 16-24.
- Participate in a local, state, or national pro-life event during the month of January to advocate and pray for the protection of preborn life. (*Check with your parish and diocese for information about events in your area.*)
- Connect with your pastor to display pro-life materials in your parish. Visit our [Respect Life Store](#) for printed materials.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month’s intention.

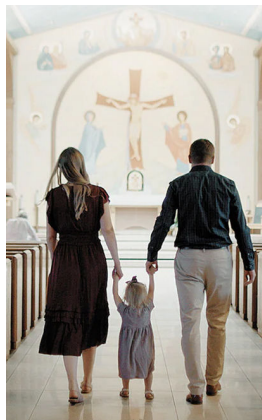
#### One Step Further

Learn more about how Catholics throughout the country are helping moms and children in need in the short YouTube video [Walking with Moms in Need](#). And get updates on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan Respect Life office.

### “The Mission of The Family” Videos

**FREE**—Men and women, young and old—strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus*. The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free! Here is the link to find “The Mission of The Family” videos:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>



The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

You can also find the original “**Into The Breach**” video series by rolling down on this webpage and under **CATEGORIES** click on “**Into The Breach**”. This series is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith.







**Richard Povio** *Brother of Carol Secash*  
**Robert J. Tanney** *Father of Robert M. Tanney*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Edward Bridgeman**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II Joseph Konopelski**
- ✚ **Marian I Deacon Bob Burke**
- ✚ **Marian II Thomas O. Burke**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



**December 24/25, 2024** ATTENDANCE.....742

Christmas.....	\$ 8,388.07
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,010.00
<b>Christmas.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,398.07</b>

**December 28/29** Week 27 ATTENDANCE.....362

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 8,966.06
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,372.00
<b>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,338.06</b>
<b>OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,017.06</b>

**Dec 31/Jan 1, 2025** ATTENDANCE.....184

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.....	\$ 1,952.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 100.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,052.00</b>


**January 4/5** Week 28 ATTENDANCE.....379

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 8,897.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,885.00
<b>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,782.03</b>
<b>OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,461.03</b>

**Fiscal Year 2024-25** as of January 5, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 260,988.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 252,369.85
<b>SHORTAGE TO DATE.....</b>	<b>(\$ 8,618.15)</b>

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

 **Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the Civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coor:**  
**Deborah A. Housel, 585-328-7177, x1555; Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, x1555 or by e-mail to [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)**

**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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).

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



**Journey Through Grief - Support Groups**

Sisters and brothers that are grieving the death of a loved one, I invite you to share in our bereavement program "Journey Through Grief" at St. John the Evangelist. We want to let you know that you do not have to walk this journey alone. This program will evolve over time but for now, we want to get something started for this parish.

**We will meet in the Parish Center from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM on Wednesdays from January 22 - February 26.**

**You may join this group by calling the Parish office at 225-8980 to register.**

I will form a friendly, caring small group of people sharing similar situations *who can listen and support one another*. We will help get your group moving and then after six weeks, we can evaluate where your group is in the journey.

**For more information, please call Deacon Lon Smith at (544-8880 x 3103) or email me at [Lon.Smith@Dor.org](mailto:Lon.Smith@Dor.org).**

*God, grant me the strength to keep moving when I can, the grace to rest when I need to, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

-A Serenity Prayer for Grievors

**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.**



**Prayer to  
St. Anthony the Abbot**

O God, who brought the Abbot Saint Anthony to serve you through a wondrous way of life in the desert, grant, through his intercession, that, denying ourselves, we may always love you above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Amen.

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers January 2025**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

January 19, 2025      Ron LaForce

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

January 12, 2025    Bob & Barb Gotham  
January 19, 2025    Tom Grieco  
January 26, 2025    Bob & Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

January 12, 2025    Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
January 19, 2025    Carolyn Kerhaert  
January 26, 2025    Chris Hoefler