

St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 19, 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.



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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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 5:1-10/
Ps 110:1-4/
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20/
Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/
Ps 110:1-4/
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25—8:6/
Ps 40:7-8a-10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Heb 8:6-13/
Ps 85:8,10-14/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Acts 22:3-16
Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Sunday

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/
Ps 19:8-10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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 Wedding Feast in Cana and Our Faith in God

Cana was in the area of Nazareth where Jesus had grown up. His mother was invited to a wedding, and Jesus and his disciples were also there. John's Gospel uses this simple, family event to open our minds and hearts to some profound insights. The supply of wine ran short at the reception and Jesus' mother Mary intervened; was seemingly rebuffed; and yet she told the attendants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. We thought we were just looking in on a reception, but John reveals mysteries to us that continue to envelop our lives today.

The Gospel concludes by telling us that *the disciples began to believe in him* John 2:11. This



*Turn to the intercession of
The Son of God and His Mother, Mary*

was just the beginning of their faith journey. So it can be the beginning of ours. As they stayed and traveled with Jesus they would come to deeper insights. So must we! If we stay with Jesus he would lead us to the God the Father. We can take lessons from this Gospel. One of the most

important is the intercession of the mother of Jesus on behalf of the wedding people. It should teach us the value of prayer. God knows what is best for us, and prayer provides us a way to express our reliance on him, to ask for guidance, to put our lives in his hands. Let us remember to go to the Son of God Jesus for all things in prayer and never forget the mother of God, Mary, to intercede for us.



Peace and Love to all,
Fr. Peter

Martin Luther King Jr Day THIS Monday, January 20

Parish Office is **CLOSED**
in honor of Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr., Day
*The office will re-open on
Tuesday, Jan 21 at 9:00 AM.

I HAVE A DREAM
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY

*"Life's most persistent and
urgent question is, What are
you doing for others?"*

—Dr Martin Luther King Jr

The Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday is an official day of service and celebrates the civil rights leader's life and legacy. While many of us do many good things on a regular basis, it's safe to assume that on this special day and beyond we can find yet another opportunity to go one step further in making a difference, whether it be kind words or good deeds – you never know where their influence will end.



Journey Through Grief - Support Group

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 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 (489-7255) or email me at lon.smith@dor.org.

Masses for the Week—January 20—26

MONDAY, January 20 *Sts Fabian & Sebastian*
 8:15 AM *Intention for Doug Nordquist (living)*
 by Rich & Katie Jacobs

TUESDAY, January 21 *St Agnes*
 8:15 AM + *John Clark*
 by John & Carol Leary

WEDNESDAY, January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 8:15 AM + *Ron Mayer*
 by Bob & Elaine Mayer

THURSDAY, Jan 23 *Sts Vincent & Marianne Cope*

FRIDAY, January 24 *St Francis de Sales*
 8:15 AM + *Salvatore, Vincenzo & Elvira Ragonese*
 by Bruna

SATURDAY, Jan 25 *Conversion of St Paul, Apostle*
 4:00 PM + *Ange Zegarelli*
 by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, January 26 *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John's;*
Living and Deceased
 10:00 AM + *Gino Fiordeliso*
 by Sam & Ann Marie Nicchitta

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25
Stanley Kacprzak	Stephen Karani	Aaron Kelly	Robert Kennedy	All Deacons	Roy Higgins	Stephen Kraus

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among others,
 To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman

This Week's Schedule

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

Monday, Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day
 NO Bible Study Today
 Parish Office CLOSED

Wednesday, January 22
 10:30 AM *Journey through Grief* Bereavement Group
 in Parish Center

Thursday, January 23
 4:30 PM Cursillo Men's Group Mtg in Meeting Room

Sunday, January 26
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room
 11:00 AM Confirmation Class—Years 1 and 2
 in Parish Center



National Prayer for Life

THIS Thursday, January 23
Mass at 6:00 PM
followed by Adoration and Confessions until 9:00 PM
Sacred Heart Cathedral
 296 Flower City Park,
 Rochester, NY

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.



Wednesday, January 22

Pray
FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



The goal for St. John's is \$78,000.

295 households have pledged \$81,398.02 taking us to 104.36% of our goal.

A very special **THANK YOU** to those of you who supported this year's CMA campaign—**Extending Christ's Mission.**

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).

May God bless you and your family abundantly in this new year!

The following is the most recent donor since our last posting in the December 29 bulletin.

Ms. Michelle Ricigliano



Disposing of Your Old Palms

For those who have old palms at home, we offer you the opportunity to bring them to church for proper disposal. Because the palms have been blessed by a priest and, therefore, are holy objects, the palm branches used for Catholic Church services, especially those used on Palm Sunday, should not be disposed of in the regular fashion. Once an object is blessed, it is considered to be in the service of God and should be treated with respect. It is, therefore, considered sacrilegious to throw a holy item in the garbage where it would end up in a landfill. We will collect the palms and burn them to be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please deposit your palms (no bags please) on or before Wednesday, February 26 in the labeled containers in the narthex. We kindly ask that you do not leave any palms after February 26.



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*December 16, 2024
Monday of the Third Week of Advent*

Reverend and dear Father Enyan-Boadu and devoted Parishioners:

I write to express my sincere gratitude for exceeding your assigned goal in contributions and pledges for the 2024-2025 *Catholic Ministries Appeal* (CMA), bearing the theme **Extending Christ's Mission.**

Through your exemplary leadership and faith-filled response of the dedicated parishioners in this important *Appeal*, you have demonstrated your commitment to supporting the mission of our Diocese, to love God above all things, and to serve our neighbors in need, for love of Him.

I pray that Our Lord will continue to bless your parish family. Be assured of my prayers for you, and please, in your kindness, remember me in your prayers.

Renewing my sincerer gratitude, I remain
Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Salvatore R. Matano
The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

Congratulations upon this very fine accomplishment! May you have a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas!



Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions.

Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all.

May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail.

In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river. Amen.

Thank You to Those Both Near and From Afar

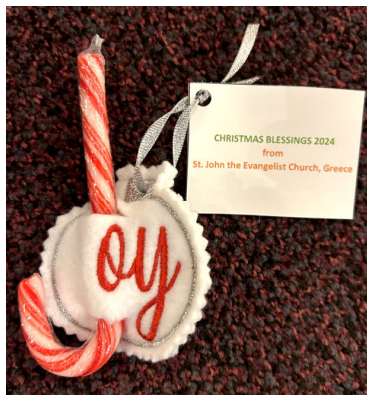
The Christmas season officially came to a close last weekend, yet I continue to reflect on the goodness and kindness of the many people who have made, and continually make, a difference here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church. These people are not always “home grown” but can also be from afar.

I first take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to **Barb and Bill Childs** for their ongoing dedication to caring for the plants and flowers that find their way into church for various occasions throughout the liturgical year but most especially at Christmas and Easter. While this may seem like an easy task, trust me, it’s not. It needs someone who is truly committed to tending to the needs of the various plants and flowers on a regular basis, otherwise, things can go south rather quickly and detract from the beauty of this sacred place. Barb and Bill stay on top of things with their dedicated schedule and should there be an occasion when they are not available, they are sure to have coverage. You will see them working in church at various times before and after Mass and knowing church is where a lot of prayers are prayed by the faithful, they are respectful of the need for quiet while they go about their work. Thank you Bill and Barb for your humble support of our parish.

Now from afar...I take this opportunity to thank a kind and generous woman named **Roz** who actually lives in Maryland! She is a friend of our parishioner, Jill Finan, and the two of them teamed up to bring this random act of kindness to us. For the past few years, out of kindness and JOY in her heart, Roz has been making and donating ornaments for us at St. John’s to be given to the children at our Christmas Eve Family Mass and for our parishioners who reside in a nursing home or other care facilities. If you haven’t seen this year’s ornament of JOY, I share a photo of it for you. It’s special people like Roz who make the world go ‘round in a good way.

God bless us one and all!

Fr. Peter



Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid’s birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn’t a big deal but come *on*. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang “Happy Birthday” and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I’ll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it’s such a silly little miracle. I don’t mean to be disrespectful — of course it’s an incredibly important moment in Christ’s public life. But it’s not healing a leper. It’s not raising the dead. It’s not even walking on water. It’s saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It’s so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus’ attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn’t answer him, because, between you and me, I don’t think he’s asking her. I think he’s asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: “Do whatever he tells you.”

I’m so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me. ©LPI





Barry Balch *Father of Scott Balch*
Norbert Verweire
Brother-in-law of Catherine DeConinck
Borden MacMillan *Husband of Sandra MacMillan*
Santina Shea *Wife of Bradford Shea*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Eva Bridgeman**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Father Ventura**
- ✚ Marian I **World Peace**
- ✚ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



January 11/12 Week 29	ATTENDANCE.....	413
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	4,872.01
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,727.00
<u>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>6,599.01</u>
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	2,721.99)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of January 12, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	270,309.00
<u>ACTUAL COLLECTED.....</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>258,968.86</u>
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	11,340.14)

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.



Devotions, Explained!

Connect with Tradition and Grow Your Faith

The Angelus - January 19, 2025

The incarnation of Christ changed the life of every Christian person who ever lived. Reflecting on that moment in salvation history is an opportunity for grace, growth and peace. Who wouldn't want that every day, or even three times every day?

The Angelus is composed of three antiphons which narrate the annunciation, each followed by the recitation of a Hail Mary (a prayer that itself contains the "angelic greeting" of the angel Gabriel). Its name is derived from the first words of the prayer in Latin.

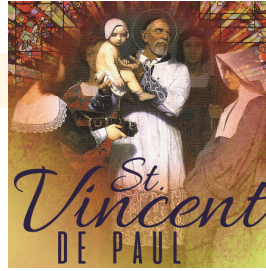
This devotion was developed over the course of several centuries and is rooted in the ancient practice of saying three Hail Marys in the evening. Historically, people were called to prayer by the ringing of church bells — "the Angelus bells." Most people who recite the Angelus do so daily at noon, though it is often said in the morning, at noon and in the evening.

**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.



St. Vincent de Paul is much more than a patron saint of thrift shops! Young Vincent became a priest hoping to advance and rise above his modest upbringing. His early ambition amounted to little when he was assigned to a poor rural parish. Here he experienced a new joy in his vocation. Hearing the profound deathbed confession of a dying servant, Vincent became more convinced of the special attention that must be given to the poor. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission for the purpose of caring for the poor. Originally priests only, the mission expanded to include groups of laity who provided for spiritual and material needs of the poor in each parish. Nearly 400 hundred years later, his legacy lives on!

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers January 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 19, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

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

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 19, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert
January 26, 2025 Chris Hoefler