

St. John the Evangelist Greece

December 21, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road
Rochester, New York 14626

In the Footsteps of St John

A journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure who is the patron of our parish church, St John the Evangelist.

UNT O U S A CHILD IS B O R N .

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28/
1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Christmas Eve

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/
Lk 1:67-79

Christmas

Is 52:7-10/
Ps 98:1-6/
Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18

Friday

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17/
Mt 10:17-22

Saturday

1 Jn 1:1-4/
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
Ps 128:1-5/
Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Welcome!

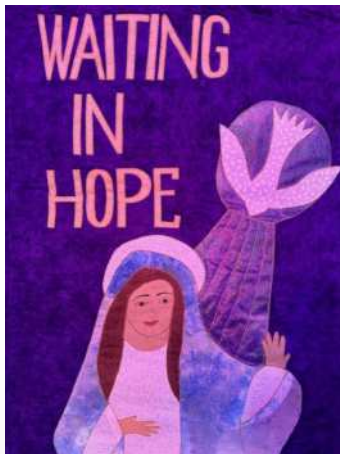
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, 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.

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

When a woman is pregnant, we say that she is "expecting." This is exactly the state of being that Advent invites for all believers. As Christmas draws near, each of us should think of ourselves as 'expecting.' Advent is a season for us to anticipate the birth of whatever new life is forming within us. We might be pregnant with a new idea, a developing virtue, a new relationship or even a fresh perspective. Faith proclaims that all these forms of life are conceived by the Spirit and manifestations of Emmanuel, God with us.

Advent is a season to rekindle our hope in the Good News, our belief that God still speaks to us in varied and wonderful ways. It is a time to remember that the guiding voices we hear, the holy impulses we feel, and the hopeful messages we receive are God's good news delivered by angels we have heard on high.

It is true that God has given each of us wonderful gifts. But these gifts do not work in isolation.



There are some things that we simply cannot do on our own, and that is exactly the way God planned it. God wants us to learn how to interact with each other and depend on each other through God's grace. Our human nature tells us we are self-sufficient, but God's word tells us something different, "There are many parts, yet one body ... You are Christ's body." 1 Corinthians 12:20, 27

This Advent if you feel somewhat disconnected from Church, from your faith, or if you know someone who is unattached to church, maybe the spirit is calling you to take one more step to become more engaged. Just as God has a plan for you personally, God also has a plan for you as part of his body! It takes the eyes of faith to see it. We need all God's people to come home to the Lord. During Advent, we strive in faith to make ourselves holy so that like Mary the mother of the Savior, our souls may magnify with the Lord.



I hope and pray that your season be a blessed one in God's name.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

Waiting in Hope for the Greatest of Gifts!

The time draws near for the coming of our Savior. We've been *waiting in hope* and preparing our hearts throughout this Advent season that will soon come to a close and lead us into the joy of our dear Savior's birth—the greatest Gift of all! As your Pastor, I wish to take this opportunity to wish you, your family, and friends the JOY of Christmas. May all be calm, may all be bright as on that silent holy night and may peace and love be restored and renewed in every heart in the new year.



*Merry Christmas
and Peace to All,
Fr. Peter*



Your Gift at Christmas

In the ongoing tradition of gifts to the parish at Christmas, we humbly ask that you place your Christmas offering into the traditional church envelope dedicated for Christmas. If you support the parish through electronic on line giving, we provide this reminder to check and be sure your Christmas donation is set up on line. For those who provide their support through a loose donation and any visitors joining us over the holidays, please know you can place your cash or check donation into the collection basket. As an additional option, visitors and parishioners can **utilize the QR code found in the pew** to make your Christmas offering. No matter the way you choose to donate, please know that the financial support our parish receives from you at Christmas is so important in maintaining the ministry of the church. We are grateful and we are blessed!

Masses for the Week—Dec 22—28

MONDAY, December 22 *Late Advent Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Eleanor Zanni*

by Loving husband & Family

2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity*

TUESDAY, December 23 *St John of Kanty*

8:15 AM + *Brian Hoefler*

by Mother & Children

WEDNESDAY, December 24 *Late Advent Weekday*

4:00 PM + *Robert Buda*

by Rose DiBella

10:00 PM + *Living & Deceased Members
of St. John's Parish*

THURSDAY, December 25 *Nativity of the Lord*

8:00 AM + *Frank & Sylvia Rutkowski*

by Family

10:00 AM + *Dan Craddock*

by Family

FRIDAY, December 26 *St Stephen*

8:15 AM + *Deceased Members of the Enyan Family*

by Fr Peter

SAT, December 27 *St John, Apostle & Evangelist*

4:00 PM + *Living & Deceased Members*

of St. John's Parish

SUNDAY, Dec 28 *Feast of the Holy Family*

8:00 AM + *Angelo Leonardis*

by Wife & Family

10:00 AM + *Nicola Mercone*

by Andrea Mercone

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 21

NO OCIA

11:15 AM Full Dress Rehearsal for Children's Pageant
in Church

Monday, December 22

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Wednesday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

Parish Office CLOSED

1:00-3:00 PM Decorating in Church

Thursday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

Parish Office CLOSED

Friday, December 26

Parish Office CLOSED

Sunday, December 28

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room



Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM Family Mass with Youth Choir
and Children's Pageant

Prelude music/carols beginning at 3:45 PM.

10:00 PM Mass with Christmas Choir

Prelude music/carols beginning at 9:30 PM.



Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

8:00 AM Mass with Cantor

10:00 AM Mass with Cantor

Prelude music/carols beginning at 9:45 AM.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Mass of Thanksgiving for 2025 Year Ending
& Holy Day Mass of Anticipation.

Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Holy Day Mass



Home for Christmas

The Parish Office will be CLOSED

THIS Wednesday, December 24,

Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26

Office will re-open on Monday, December 29

Together We Bring Hope ...and Hope does not disappoint



2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal



The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal Continues . The goal for St. John's is \$80,000.

As of Tuesday, December 9, 250 households have pledged \$74,245.02 taking us to 92.81% of our goal.

Have you turned in your pledge card?

If not, please make your gift TODAY to get us over the finish line. Checks are to be made payable to: CMA and in the memo section, please write 039-St. John's Greece.

For those who have already made a pledge/donation, please know of our gratitude! Our most recent donor names are in **bold**. If you have donated and do not see your name for 2 bulletins, please notify the Parish Office (225-8980) so we can check on your pledge and be sure everything is in good order and credited to 039-St. John's-Greece. **Make your gift TODAY!**

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Wishing a Holy and Merry Christmas to all of you, our Faith Community of St. John the Evangelist Church

from Fr. Peter, Deacon Elmer, Deacon Lon, Tod, Chrissy, Joe, Marcia, Jenny, Chris, Dawn, Consuelo & Members of Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council & Liturgy Committee



Jennie Maenza *Mother of Alan Maenza*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Deacon Bob**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Thomas Burke**
- ✠ Marian I **James D. Parkman**
- ✠ Marian II **Donal Wiley**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



December 6/7 Week 23	ATTENDANCE..445
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 9,213.33
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,830.55
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 12,043.88
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 2,093.88

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as December 7, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 228,850.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 239,149.68
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 10,299.68

Please know of my sincere gratitude for those who are fulfilling their increased giving pledge to sustain the needs of the church. I humbly ask you to continue with your sacrificial giving and for those who may not be currently contributing, please prayerfully reflect on this and offer what you can. This QR Code is a convenient option. God bless, Fr. Peter



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St John the Evangelist

"The Beloved One"
December 27th, Feast Day
Apostle and Evangelist



St John, the son of Zebedee, and brother of St James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He became the "beloved disciple" and the only one who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His passion. His later life was passed chiefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor. He wrote the 4th Gospel, three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation. Brought to Rome by order of the Emperor Domitian, he was cast into a cauldron of boiling oil but came forth unhurt. He was then banished to the island of Patmos for a year. St John died at Ephesus about the year 100 AD.

St John the Evangelist, Pray for us.

Celebrations Abound!

Celebrating St. John, *The Beloved One*
– *The Beloved One*, St. John **AND**

Celebrating 160 years of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Greece, NY

In the midst of our parish's 160th Anniversary and with Christmas just around the corner, we will soon thereafter, on Saturday, December 27th, round another corner right into the Feast Day of our Parish Patron Saint – St. John the Evangelist—*The Beloved One*. A special thank you to those on the 160th Anniversary Committee – Paul Parkman, Jill Finan, Carolyn Kerhaert, Patty Hoag and Dan & Melissa Kabasin, for their enthusiastic efforts to shine a light on our beloved patron saint. With St. John's feast day so close to Christmas, it's challenging to celebrate him on his dedicated day so we have celebrated him ahead of time and we will continue to keep the celebration moving forward. May our good and gracious God, through the intercession of St. John the Evangelist, bless us with many parishioners who will sustain our parish for many years to come for the greater glory of God!

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.

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December 21, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY


Dec 21, 2025 Tom Grieco | Dec 25, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham | Dec 28, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

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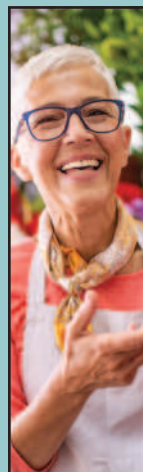
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