

St. John the Evangelist Greece

December 24, 2023

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.

Nativity of the Lord

For unto us is born a Savior...



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/
Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Friday

1 Jn 2:3-11/
Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17/
Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 105:1-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:22-40

Welcome!

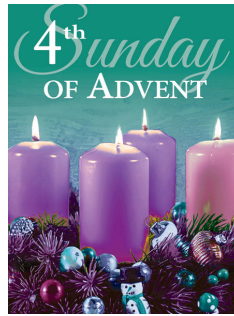
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, 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.

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 we have tried to help each other celebrate the season. For many years our parish has served the needs of others.

Now is our turn, if we feel somewhat disconnected from the Church, or from our faith, or you know someone who is unattached to a church home/parish, maybe the spirit is calling you to take one more step to become more engaged. The Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to bring the message of the good news to Mary. Just as God had a plan for humankind, God also has a plan for each one of us to be part of his Body—the Church! It takes the eyes of faith to see them and courage to announce it to others. We need all God's people to come home to the Lord. During this Advent season, we strive in faith to make ourselves holy so that, like Mary the mother of our Savior, our souls may magnify with the Lord all the time. I hope and pray that your season is a blessed one in God's name.



Merry Christmas to all,
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Welcome to our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

On December 17, 2023, here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church, we celebrated The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming for inquirers participating in the RCIA process. This is an ancient Rite that recognizes the Catechumens decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and welcomes

the Candidates who have been baptized in another faith or baptized Catholic as a child and desires to be received into full communion with the Church at Easter.

Please warmly welcome our **Catechumens**—**Michael Ayzenberg and Shanshan Wen** and our **Candidates**—**Millie Schenkel and Judie Sanders** and support them and their sponsors with your prayers as they enter a period of deeper formation.

Celebrating our Patronal Saint —St. John the Evangelist

Please join us for 8:15 morning Mass THIS Tuesday, December 27 immediately followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 AM at which time we conclude with final Benediction until noon. Immediately following Benediction, those who have signed up for the movie and luncheon will gather in the Parish Center. Please note that if you did not sign up for the movie and luncheon, you may still take part in Eucharistic Adoration as this is open to all.

Masses for the Week—Dec 25—24

MONDAY, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM + *Mike Pino*

by Wife & Family

10:00 AM + *The People of St John's,
Living & Deceased*

TUESDAY, December 26 *St Stephen*

8:15 AM + *The People of St John's,
Living & Deceased*

11:00 AM Mass at The Village at Unity

WEDNESDAY, Dec 27 *St John Apostle/Evangelist*

8:15 AM + *Giuseppe & Maria Antonia Paiano*
by Family

THURSDAY, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

FRIDAY, December 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:15 AM + *Rose Marie Skrypek*
by Family

SATURDAY, December 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM + *Brian Hoefler*
by Mother & Children

SUNDAY, Dec 31 Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 AM + *The People of St John's,
Living & Deceased*

10:00 AM + *John Adelaide Freitas*
by Daughter, Nidia

Holy Day Mass of Anticipation

6:00 PM + *Nick & Florence DiPonzio*
by Scott & Nancy Stephany

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

NO RCIA Class Today

10:00 AM Arts & Environment Decorating in Church

Monday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

Parish Office CLOSED

NO Bible Study

Tuesday, December 26

Parish Office CLOSED

11:00 AM Mass at The Village at Unity

Sunday, Dec 31 Feast of the Holy Family

6:00 PM Holy Day Mass of Anticipation
and Thanksgiving for 2023 Year Ending

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM Holy Day Mass in Church



As your Pastor, and on behalf of our Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, and Finance Council, I wish you, your families and friends a very Holy and Merry Christmas. May this celebration of the birth of our Savior bring much needed peace to our world and to the hearts and homes of all God's people. May this Christmas season be one of *Holiness in Peace*.

Christmas blessings to all,
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu



In addition to our Sunday Offering next weekend, December 30/31, there is an offering for the Holy Day of January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Please use your traditional church envelopes OR you can donate electronically online OR you can donate with a loose monetary donation. Please know we are grateful for everyone's generosity.



Parish Office Holiday Hours

Parish Office is CLOSED

THIS Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26
Office will re-open on Wednesday, December 27

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31

6:00 PM Holy Day Mass of Anticipation
and Thanksgiving for 2023 Year Ending

Monday, January 1

9:00 AM Holy Day Mass

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent**First Reading** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**Second Reading** Rom 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Lk 1:38**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

Our Christmas Poinsettias are Courtesy of the Following Donors

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If your name does not appear here, see the December 30/31 bulletin.



Frank Amoako *Brother-in-law of Fr. Peter*



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

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



December 8	ATTENDANCE.....	249
Immaculate Conception.....	\$	1,975.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	160.00
TOTAL Immaculate Conception.....	\$	2,135.00

December 9/10	ATTENDANCE.....	461
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,967.15
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,607.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,574.15
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	44.15

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as December 10, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	228,720.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	225,645.19
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	3,074.81)

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

Due to early bulletin deadlines for the upcoming Christmas Holidays, our December 16/17 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin.

Thank you!

Reminder on Qualified Charitable Distributions as a Way to Donate to St. John's Parish

Under the legislation, donors aged 70½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA's directly to qualified charities without having to pay income taxes on the money.

Here is a quick recap of the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution rules. Gifts qualify under the law if:

- The donor is age 70 ½ or older on the day of the gift.
- The donor transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities. This opportunity applies only to IRA's and no other types of retirement plans.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact your financial advisor. If you have other questions, please call or email Joe Spurrier: Business Office at St. John's, at 585-225-8980, or joseph.spurrier@dor.org



A Time for Every Purpose *A Time Management Workshop* January 10, 2024

As the new year begins and you reflect on the past and look forward to the future, a consideration of how you spend your time might be in order.

Ask: Do you have enough time for yourself? Enough time for others? Enough time for God? This workshop will provide practical strategies for managing your time as seen through a Christian lens. We will explore current thinking on planning and scheduling, confronting distractions, saying 'Yes' and saying 'No', taking breaks from busy-ness, and rethinking time for spiritual contemplation. You will take inventory on how you presently spend your time and consider small changes that may give you better results. Giving yourself a day in a retreat house like Notre Dame will provide great space and some precious time to rethink your priorities and recommit to what is most important to you.

Day begins at 9:00 AM and Ends at 3:00 PM
Cost of day is \$35 and lunch is included
To register, please call 585-394-5700 or email
staff@notredameretreat.org

Presenter: Dr. Mike Wischnowski is Professor Emeritus from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. School of Education at St. John Fisher University. He has taught classes in teacher and administrator preparation programs there and at the University of Rochester and SUNY-Geneseo. He has a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He is a member of St. Benedict Parish in Canandaigua and serves on the Program Committee for Notre Dame Retreat House.

(QCD, sometimes referred to as "IRA Charitable Rollovers")

- The donor does not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.
- The gift/check must be dated on or before December 31, 2023 to qualify this year.
- The gift needs to be sent directly to the charitable organization which also has to be the payee for the gift.
- The official name and address to use for the receiver of the donation is: St. John the Evangelist Church
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Resumes in January

THE VILLAGE AT UNITYDecember 17, 2023 Tom Grieco
December 24, 2023 Bob & Barb Gotham**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**December 24, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
December 31, 2023 Chris Hoefler