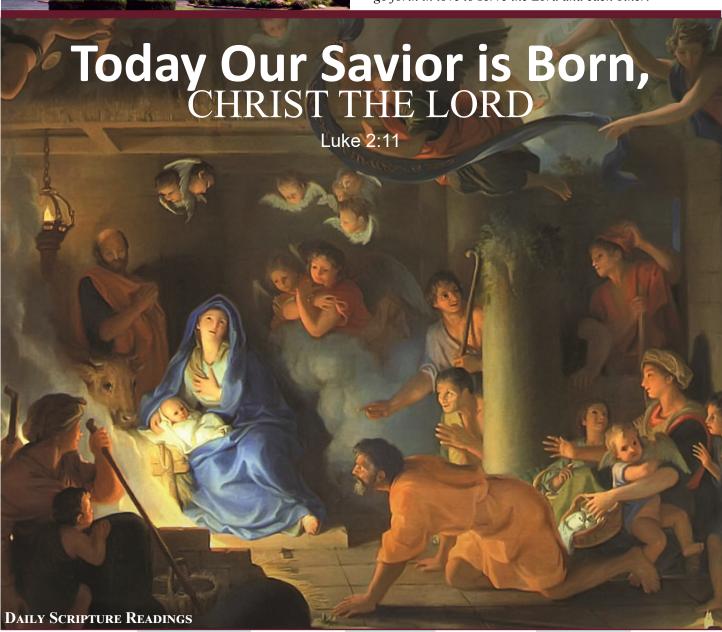
## St. John the Evangelist Greece

**December 25, 2022** 

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.



#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

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

#### **Thursday**

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

### Friday

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

#### Saturday

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

#### **Sunday**

Nm 6:22-27/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

### 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 if you will please 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.

### Dear Parishioners,

In 2023, I will have been in the U.S. for 36 years and in Rochester for 31 years. I never thought there would come a day or moment when I would have little time to myself. Nearly ten and a half years as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church has taught me how precious time is. My experiences this year have been engaging and challenging, in sickness as well as in good health. I have come

to understand the words "each day is a gift from God."

We all deserve a day where worries don't get in the way of anything. Days where, even if some people are insensitive or unkind, we are not going to mind because the blessings received are far greater than the burdens we experience.



May the Season of Christmas and the New Year bring you love and peace. This year I want to celebrate the best Christmas ever as the events of growth experiences have helped me to accept the will of God more spiritually. More deeply, I have come to realize that the secret of my joy in ministry is Jesus, such that no amount of setbacks and challenges can take me away from the faith and joy that Jesus gives me.

I am praying that your home is wrapped in the Savior's love; blessed with his peace; and warmed by his abiding presence throughout the coming year.



Have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely, Father Peter

### **Prayer for Christmas Morning**

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wisemen. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world... Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

We culminate our Advent time of preparation with the JOYFUL celebration of the arrival of God's Son, born Divine and also human of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Joseph by their side. We rejoice as Jesus our Savior has come—the greatest gift of all time to all people! Merry CHRISTmas! We are joyous, we are grateful, we are blessed. Let us share our CHRISTmas joy with everyone we meet; family, friends, and strangers alike.

Let us take time to give thanks for the gifts we have been blessed with; no, not the gifts that come wrapped and decorated, but the true gifts—the gift of our faith and the gift of our family and our friends. As your Pastor, I take this opportunity to say thank you to each of you for your support as well as your support of the parish financially and through stewardship. A special thank you to those who offer their time and resources to maintaining parish life in so many ways. Your efforts don't go unnoticed and are appreciated by me and my staff. As we look forward to the upcoming new year, let us thank God for the gift of His Son and the gift of one another. May God continue to bless us and strengthen us on this journey of life and let us continue to pray for one another. Merry Christmas from Fr. Peter, Deacon Elmer, and Staff.

### Masses for the Week—Dec 26—Jan 1

MONDAY, December 26 St Stephen, First Martyr

8:15 AM + Francesca Paiano

by Family

2:30 PM + Mass at The Village at Unity

TUESDAY, Dec 27 St John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:15 AM + The People of St John's Churh

**WEDNESDAY, December 28** The Holy Innocents

8:15 AM + Rose Marie Skrypek

by Family

THURSDAY, December 29 St Thomas Becket

8:15 AM + Rose Marie Skrypek

by Fr. Peter and Staff

FRI, Dec 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:15 AM + John & Adelaide Freitas

by Daughter, Nidia

**SATURDAY, December 31** Vigil Solemnity of Mary

4:00 PM + Nick DiPonzio

SUNDAY, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 AM + Ronald Sweet

by Mike & Patty Fredericks

10:00 AM + Deacon Bob Burke

by Family

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

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

Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31
All	Joseph	Joseph	Michael	Joseph	Kevin	Deceased
Missionaries	Marcoux	Maurici	Mayer	McCafferty	McKenna	Priests



### **Parish Office Holiday Hours**

Monday, December 26 Parish Office is CLOSED Office will re-open on Tuesday, December 27 at 9:00 AM Monday, January 2 Parish Office is CLOSED Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00 AM

#### This Week's Schedule

### Monday, December 26

Parish Office CLOSED

2:30 PM Mass at The Village at Unity

A reminder that there are two collections for The Solemnity of Mary. The Ushers will pass the basket twice. The First Collection is for your regular Sunday Offering and the Second Collection is for offering for the Solemnity of Mary. Thank you and God bless.



### Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist Feast Day – Tuesday, December 27

O Glorious St. John, you were so loved by Jesus that you merited to rest your head upon his breast, and to be left in his place as son to Mary.

Obtain for us an ardent love for Jesus and Mary.

Let me be united with them now on earth and forever after in heaven. Amen.

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. ©LPi

### Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Readings for 4:00 PM Mass on December 24 can be found in the missalette on pages 110-115. Readings for 10:00 PM Mass on December 24 can be found in the missalette on pages 116-119.

### First Reading Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!"

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

### R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

### R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

### R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

### R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

### R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

### Second Reading Heb 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Continued above.

For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are my son; this day I have begotten you?

Or again: I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

#### **Alleluia**

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel** Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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

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#### BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>December 7/8</b> ATTENDANCE	246
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Offering	\$ 1,906.00
ONLINE Giving.	\$ 135.00
TOTAL Holy Day Offering.	\$ 2,041.00
December 10/11 ATTENDANCE	416
BUDGETED Sunday Offering\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering\$	7,830.53
ONLINE Giving\$	1,848.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering\$	9,678.53
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING (\$	27.47)

<b>Fiscal Year 2022-23</b> as of December 11, 2022					
YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 495,000.00				
BUDGETED TO-DATE	\$ 232,944.00				
ACTUAL COLLECTED	\$ 225,552.87				
SHORTAGE TO DATE(	\$ 7,391.13)				

### BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL Sewardship

Due to early bulletin deadlines for the Advent and Christmas Holidays, our December 17/18 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in the December 31/January 1 bulletin.

#### Thank you!

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.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Rose Marie Skrypek
- Tabernacle II Rose Marie Skrypek
- Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek
- <sup>†</sup> Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

### Attention Those Who Contribute Electronically Online

For those who contribute to the support of our parish through electronic online giving, we will soon have available a card for you to drop into the collection basket indicating you contribute electronically and, therefore, do not have a church envelope to drop into the basket. Beginning NEXT weekend, December 31/January 1, 2023, we will have these cards available in the back of church. If you donate electronically, please take one as you come in and drop it into the basket during the Offertory. Please see an Usher if you need assistance. Thank you!





### For those who have already made a pledge/donation, THANK YOU!

As of Tuesday, December 13, 268 households have pledged \$56,333 taking us to 67.87% of our \$83,000 goal. Please fill out your envelope, be sure to make your check payable to: *CMA* and put 039-St John's—Greece in the check memo.

The following are **new** donors since the last publishing of donor names. A full listing will appear in next weekend's bulletin, January 1, 2023.

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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.

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January 22, 2023	Ron LaForce	January 1, 2023	Chris Hoefler	