

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

December 3, 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.*



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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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

Is 2:1-5/  
Ps 122:1-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday

Is 11:1-10/  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a/  
Ps 23:1-6/  
Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday

Is 26:1-6/  
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday

Gn 3:9-15, 20/  
Ps 98:1-4/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

### Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/  
Ps 147:1-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/  
Ps 85:9-14/  
2 Pt 3:8-14/  
Mk 1:1-8

## The Coming of the Lord Jesus

**T**oday we begin Advent, the season of Holiness and Peace and a new year in the Church's calendar.

Some religious traditions like the Jesse Tree and the Advent wreath that we see in church or have in our homes help us to remember the long centuries that the Jewish people of old waited for the coming of the Messiah. By our sharing in the long preparation in any way we can for the Savior's coming, we renew our desire, anticipation, and hope of the Lord's coming again.

Advent means "coming" and simply put, Advent is the season when we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent means hope for the future. Advent is a time to be ready and alert while waiting for our God's bountiful mercies. What does the church invite us to do during the season? During the Advent season we are invited to celebrate the plan of salvation by which God called the patriarchs, united them to himself in a covenant of love established through Moses, raised up the prophets, and chose David as the one from whose line the Savior of the world was to be born. The books of the Old Testament, in foretelling the coming of Christ, "gradually bring into clearer light the figure of a woman, the Mother of the "Redeemer" *Lumen Gentium* no. 55. She is the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom the Church proclaims as the joy of Israel and the noble daughter of Zion. Mary becomes our model of our "yes" to God. Certainly a disposition like Mary's must be formed in us over time as we turn from sin and place ourselves at the service of God. There is no need to fear the future. Each one of us can impact the future by living according to our faith teachings. By living out the beliefs of our faith, we prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. I believe that Christ comes to us in three ways:



1. Yes, I believe that Christ has come to us already at Bethlehem on that first Christmas.
2. Yes, I believe he comes to us now every day in such mysterious ways, as in prayer, grace, word, and sacrament, and
3. Yes, I believe, like you do too, that there is yet another coming. Christ will come at the end of time as judge of the living and the dead.

This is the reason why we should contemplate the Lord's coming as a blessed season filled with faith, hope, joy, and peace. We should be able to share our faith and tradition with those around us. We live in a noisy world, don't we? Cell phones,

television, radio, e-mails, text messages, web pages—the stream seems unending. And not only is it noisy, it's distracting. By living the spirit of Advent, we can encounter Jesus who can transform us. No matter how embedded we are in our sins, if we look to Jesus, forgiveness is possible. In turn, we become stronger in our faith as we prepare for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Our responsorial psalm today says, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." *Psalm 80:2-3*. So as Advent begins, think about who Jesus is for you. This little baby born in a manger is also the Suffering Servant who gave us his life to set us free from sin and death. He is the Lord of all creation who is coming back to bring his people to heaven. May God open our eyes this Advent season so that we can see Jesus in a new way and be transformed by what we experience in our faith. Let us also pray with Mary, the "favored one" of God, that she may show us all the way to Joy. I pray that some day Advent will open up the hearts of all people to the faith we have in Christ Jesus, and our hope and peace of the Lord in the world will be forever.



May we all have a prayerful and holy season of Advent.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



**Masses for the Week—December 4—10**

**MONDAY, December 4** *St John Damascene*  
 8:15 AM + *Vincenzo, Salvatore & Elvira Ragonese*  
 by Bruna

**TUESDAY, December 5** *Advent Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Cindy Fischer*  
 by Dick & Marty Kyle

**WEDNESDAY, December 6** *St Nicholas*  
 8:15 AM + *Mike Pino*  
 by Wife & Family

**THURSDAY, December 7** *St Ambrose*  
 Mass of Anticipation for Holy Day  
 4:00 PM + *Leon Weise*  
 by Daughter, Eileen

**FRIDAY, December 8** *Immaculate Conception*  
 9:00 AM + *The People of St John’s,*  
*Living & Deceased*  
 12:05 PM + *Connie Corso*  
 by Bill & Sue D’Ambrosio

**SATURDAY, Dec 9** *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*  
 4:00 PM + *Andrew Oliveri*  
 by Wife & Family

**SUNDAY, December 10** *2nd Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John’s,*  
*Living & Deceased*  
 10:00 AM + *George Grimshaw*  
 by Mark & Christine Faulkner

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

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Sunday, December 3** *First Sunday of Advent*  
 9:00 AM RCIA in Parish Center

**Monday, December 4**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
 5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center  
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in Parish Center

**Wednesday, December 6**  
 Priests’ Advent Day of Recollection

**Sunday, December 10** *2nd Sunday of Advent*  
 9:00 AM RCIA in Meeting Room  
**Coffee Hour with Santa** following the 10:00 AM Mass  
 in Parish Center

**Advent Day of Recollection for Priests**

In addition to your daily prayer for our priests, please say a **special prayer** THIS Wednesday, December 6 for Bishop Matano, Fr. Peter, and all the priests of our diocese as they gather with Bishop Matano for their Advent Day of Recollection. We all face challenges of varying degrees but our bishop and priests are challenged in many ways unlike us so it is important that we take a pause and pray for them each day during this holy season of Advent and beyond. This is also a good time to say a prayer for our seminarians and for more vocations to the holy priesthood and diaconate here in our Diocese of Rochester.



**Family Coffee Hour with Santa**  
**NEXT Sunday, December 10** in the Parish Center following the 10:00 AM Mass *hosted by our Music Ministry*

- Toddlers to Teenagers can visit Santa and receive a gift
- Lots of Goodies to Eat!
- Come and Enjoy the Fun!
- Donated homemade cookies would be welcome.

**Drop off homemade cookies THIS Saturday, December 9** between 12:00 and 4:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Come join in the festivities hosted by our Music Ministry. **We look forward to seeing you there!**



We are very grateful for the generosity of an anonymous donor who has blessed us this Advent/Christmas season with copies of the book *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly. This is a wonderful resource for each household to read and share with others during this season of *Holiness in Peace* and *The Eucharistic Revival*.

*“Beautiful Eucharist is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.”*

With limited copies available, we kindly ask that you take one book per household. Thank you.



FEAST OF THE  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

*Holy Day of Obligation*  
**THIS Thursday, December 7,**  
**Mass of Anticipation**  
**at 4:00 PM**

**THIS Friday, December 8,**  
**Masses at 9:00 AM**  
**and 12:05 PM**

*There will be a collection taken at these Masses so we will be grateful*

*for your donation by using your holy day envelope, loose cash, or electronic online giving.*



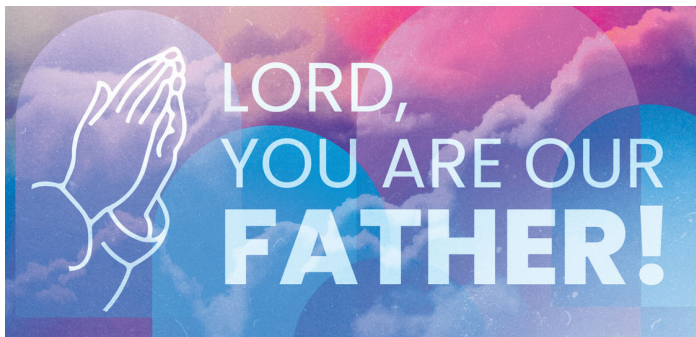
**Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnets**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling “Keep Christ in Christmas” car magnets after all Masses THIS Weekend, December 2/3 and NEXT, December 9/10

or until sold out. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The cost is \$4 or three for \$10.

**Sunday, December 3** First Sunday of Advent**First Reading** IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

**Responsorial Psalm** PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power, and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

**Second Reading** 1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Alleluia** PS 85:8

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,  
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE  
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

— JEREMIAH 33:14

God is entrusting to  
you the task ... of  
working with Him in  
the building of the  
civilization of love.

—St. John Paul II

**Pastoral Planning**

**You're Invited to Enrich your  
Faith this Advent at any of Our  
Seven Parishes**

The 7-parish evangelization team  
has created a flyer which includes

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as well as opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, ways to engage your mind and heart, events for the whole family, and local performances—all to help you to prepare for our celebration of God's entrance into our world as a vulnerable infant. We joyfully anticipate the Lord Jesus' glorious return at the end of time! The flyer is on the parish website, and hard copies are available.

# Go Forth With Christ



2023/2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
www.dor.org/cma



## The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal Continues . The goal for St. John's is \$83,000.

For those who have already made a pledge/donation, we are very grateful!

As of Friday, November 24, 223 households have pledged \$66,019 taking us to 81.50% of our \$81,000 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.

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John McTammany *Husband of Cynthia McTammany*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Stanley Hwalek**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Sisters of St Joseph**
- ✝ Marian I **Jeff Lader**
- ✝ Marian II **Sisters of Mercy**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



|                                   |                 |                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>November 18/19</b>             | ATTENDANCE..... | 453              |
| BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....     | \$              | 9,530.00         |
| SUNDAY Offering.....              | \$              | 7,960.56         |
| ONLINE Giving.....                | \$              | 2,641.00         |
| <u>TOTAL Sunday Offering.....</u> | <u>\$</u>       | <u>10,601.56</u> |
| OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....  | \$              | 1,071.56         |

**Fiscal Year 2023-24 as November 19, 2023**

|                              |           |                   |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| YEARLY BUDGET.....           | \$        | 486,000.00        |
| BUDGETED TO-DATE.....        | \$        | 200,130.00        |
| <u>ACTUAL COLLECTED.....</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>199,170.48</u> |
| SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....        | (\$       | 959.52)           |

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



**Advent Giving Trees**

THIS weekend, December 2/3, our Advent Giving Trees are up and filled with angels; ready for us to take part in our annual parish spirit of giving.

As we have done the past few years, we have created angels with the different organizations that will receive our gifts of generosity to help them sustain their important ministry work throughout our community. Please take an angel of your choice for you and your family to **place your donation into the envelope and return it to St. John's on or before Sunday, December 17.** This is a great way to include children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews in the spirit of giving and at the same time learn more about the different organizations and how they help those in need. The following organizations will be supported through our generosity:

- Daystar Kids
- Focus Pregnancy
- Friendship Center
- Nazareth Elementary
- House of Mercy
- The Margaret Home
- Mary's Place Refugee Outreach
- Families in Need at St. John's
- Mother Teresa Missionary Center at Holy Apostles
- St. Michael's Workshop

**Reminder on Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) (sometimes referred to as "IRA Charitable Rollovers) 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.
- The donor does not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift in order to qualify for tax-fee 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  
2400 W Ridge Road  
Rochester, NY 14626

*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*



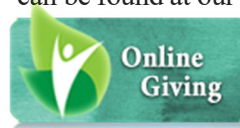
**Save the Date!  
Wednesday, December 27**

We celebrate our parish patronal saint—the Beloved One, St. John the Evangelist.

*Next week's bulletin will provide the details.*

**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. 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.



**Christmas Poinsettias**

During the Christmas season, remember a loved one or honor someone by making a donation for a poinsettia to add to the beauty of our beloved St. John’s Church. Please complete the order form at right.

**Make checks payable to:**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

*Write Poinsettias in the Memo;* and Send your order form and donation to: St. John the Evangelist Church, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626

OR Place your order and donation in an envelope marked “Poinsettias” and drop this into the collection box.

*Please print*

Print your name as you want it to appear in the bulletin.

Phone Number

Would like to donate poinsettias for the holiday season. in memory/honor of:

Please indicate if living or deceased

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers December 2023**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

December 10, 2023    Tod Simone

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

December 3, 2023    Tom Grieco  
December 17, 2023    Bob & Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

December 3, 2023    Carolyn Kerhaert  
December 10, 2023    Chris Hoefler  
December 17, 2023    Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
December 24, 2023    Carolyn Kerhaert  
December 31, 2023    Chris Hoefler