

St. John the Evangelist Greece

December 7, 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.



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4



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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.

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

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

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11/
Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31/
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20/
Ps 145:1, 9-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Zec 2:14-17
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/
Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10/
Ps 146:6-10/
Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11

Welcome!

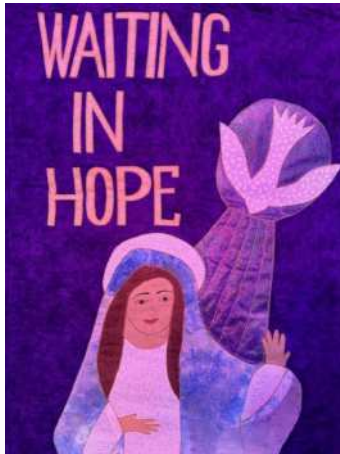
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass,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

This is My Advent Prayer...

That WE ALL BECOME "THE CHURCH THAT WITNESSES" as we journey in faith during the season and share our hearts with others through the Jesse Giving Tree.

John the Baptist went throughout the whole territory of the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance and the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the Prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Advent is a time of expectation, a time of preparation and a time of renewal in the Lord. Our God, the spirit of Advent declares, is a God who comes in a historical moment, in the midst of this present time, and in an unknown future time.

Already since our celebration of Thanksgiving, our world is ablaze with lights and the noisy clamor of commerce that the season brings. Stores and malls ring with the fervor of the busy shopper in the midst of unemployment and financial strain. Our Advent, to the contrary, is "STILL WITNESSING" even as we wait in hope in the darkness of the early dawn for the coming of the "LIGHT OF NEW HOPE, THE WORD MADE FLESH."



As we go about our daily lives, one day melts into the next. We may find out that the noise that competes with the inner voice has picked up the "commercialism of the season." Amid all that noise, we struggle to hear another voice. Sometimes it is difficult to hear it amid all the jingle bells around us. Advent invites us to prepare, be ready, and renew ourselves in the grace of God. Amid all the noise we strive to find at least some moments with the Lord. We can do so by

inviting ourselves and family members to understand this season of GRACE. All in all, the Advent voice of John the Baptist has our best interest at heart. It is not as if the voice of John is going down hard on us to make us feel guilty or to require us to make some unrealistic changes in our lives, it ONLY wants us to give equal the time we spend in shopping to the Lord. Let's face it, we all need to change, and maybe for some of us, a lot of change may be necessary if we want to get a better grip on our lives.



Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Advent season.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will take place here at St. John's **THIS Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM** with Fr. Pius Pathmarajah as the Mass celebrant. All are welcome, friends and family alike, as we pray for and receive a blessing for healing of body, mind, and soul.

Our Music Ministry Goes on the Road! *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!*

On **Friday, December 19** our Music Ministry will head over to The Village at Unity to share their beautiful voices and music with the residents at this special time of year. We are so grateful to Consuelo and those taking part in this concert for sharing their time and talent with our friends at The Village. A special thank you to Bob Gotham for getting this underway and set in place.



Advent Jesse Giving Trees

As you can see our Jesse Giving Trees are up and ready for you to choose an ornament indicating a gift requested by a particular organization. This year's list of recipient organizations include:

Margaret Home, House of Mercy, Holy Apostles, Nazareth Academy, St. Michael's Woodshop, Focus Pregnancy, Mary's Place, Daystar Kids and Friendship Center

Please know your kindness and generosity will go a long way in helping to make the holiday season brighter for our brothers and sisters in need.

God bless you for your goodness and generosity.

Masses for the Week—December 8—14**MONDAY, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception**

6:30 AM *Living & Deceased Members
of St. John's Parish*

9:00 AM + **Paolo Salzetta**

by Mary Ann Proia and Victor Tifone

12:05 PM + **Jeff Lader**

by Family

TUESDAY, December 9 *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

8:15 AM + **Joseph McKee**

by Rick & Kathy Paoletti

2:30 PM *Mass at Hamilton*

WEDNESDAY, December 10 *Our Lady of Loreto*

8:15 AM + **Jim Wenskus**

by Judy, Tim, & Ted

THURSDAY, December 11 *St Damascus I, Pope***FRIDAY, December 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:15 AM *Intentions of the
Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry*

by Marcia

SATURDAY, December 13 *St Lucy*

4:00 PM + **Martha & Charlie DiPaola**

by Louise Dominik

SUNDAY, December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St. John's Parish*

10:00 AM + **Bonnie Ward**

by Bill & Sue D'Ambrosio

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—

Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

This Week's Schedule**Sunday, December 7**

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room

11:15 AM Pageant Rehearsal in Church

Monday, December 8

NO Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10

1:00 PM Healing Mass in Church

Thursday, December 11

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Sunday, December 14

NO OCIA

Following the 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Hour with Santa
in Parish Center

3:00 PM Dady Concert in Church



**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Day of Obligation

THIS Monday, December 8

**Masses at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM
and 12:05 PM**

There will be a holy day
collection; your donation can be
made using your church envelope, an online donation or a
loose cash donation. God bless you for your generosity.

**Family Coffee Hour with Santa**

NEXT Sunday, December 14 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 Saturday, December 13** between 2:00
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!

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

Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13
Pope Leo XIV	Daniel Condon	Patrick Connor	Brian Cool	William Cosgrove	All Deacons	Michael Costik

WEEK 2
Advent

Waiting in Hope

A Christmas Concert and Sing-along!

Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM at St John the Evangelist Church, Greece NY

Featuring our Adult Choir and Youth Choir Directed by Consuelo De Los Santos

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, November 25, 225 households have pledged \$68,550.02 taking us to 85.69% of our goal.

Have you turned in your pledge card?

If not, we encourage you to do so soon. By doing so you are reminding everyone that *Together We Bring Hope*. THANK YOU!!

** NOTE: When paying by check, be sure to make it payable to CMA and in the memo section of your check please write 039 St. John's, Greece.*

Remember, you might consider a larger gift since you can pay off your pledge over the next 6 months.

We are required to complete the *pledge* phase of our campaign by year's end. But remember you have until May 31, 2026, to complete full payment of your pledge.

Visit www.dor.org. View the CMA video. See how the funds are distributed. Make your gift TODAY!

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

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Jesus Is Headed Your Way

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North

Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one of our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had caused him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him ... or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Take a Moment to Celebrate Someone Special

You may recall we published a bulletin article at the end of September about St. John's adopting a seminarian by the name of Mr. Joseph Maurer. His birthday of December 18 was included so we thought it would be nice for us, as

members of Joseph's adopted faith community, to send along a birthday card/note celebrating his birthday and that we are praying for him in a special way. Please send your correspondence to: Mr. Joseph Maurer, 127 Lake Street, Brighton, MA 02135. Due to the busy nature of the seminarians' studies, we are not to expect a reply. Thank you for making Joseph's birthday even more special!



Feast of the Immaculate Conception—

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8

Masses at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM

Advent Healing Mass— Wednesday, December 10
with Father Pius Pathmarajah at 1:00 PM in Church



Coffee Hour with Santa— Sunday, Dec 14

Following the 10:00 AM Mass in Parish Center

Advent Concert with John Dady

Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 PM in Church

Free tickets available. Free will offering will be taken.

Advent Concert & Sing-a-long

with members of our Choir Music Ministry

Sunday, December 20 at 5:30-6:30 PM in Church

Followed by refreshments in the Parish Center

Confessions—By appointment. Contact Parish Office.



Christmas Eve

**Wednesday, Dec 24
4:00 PM Family Mass**

with Music led by Youth Choir. Children's Pageant just prior to Mass.

10:00 PM Mass with prelude music at 9:30 PM led by Christmas Choir.



Christmas Day—

Thursday, December 25

8:00 AM Mass with Cantor

10:00 AM Mass with Cantor.

Prelude music at 9:45 AM.



Sister Grace Miller, RSM
Joyce Fike *Mother of Jeffrey Fike*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

† Tabernacle I Baby Joseph DiLorenzo, Jr.

† Tabernacle II Joseph DiLorenzo, Sr.

‡ Marian I Intention of Jonie Trotta

‡ Marian II Intention of Jonie Trotta

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



November 22/23 Week 21	ATTENDANCE..473
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,179.73
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,302.55
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 10,482.28
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 532.78

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as November 23, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 208,950.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 218,467.22
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 9,517.22

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. We are a family and we're in this together to spread the Good News for the greater glory of God! God bless,

Fr. Peter

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Reminder on Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) (sometimes referred to as "IRA Charitable Rollovers") as a Way to Donate to St. John's Parish

In December, 2015, the IRA QCD Legislation was signed into law permanently.

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 transfers up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities (i.e. St John's). This opportunity applies only to IRA's and no other types of retirement plans.
- Since a QCD can potentially reduce a donor's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), please discuss your situation with your Financial Advisor.
- 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 Dec., 31, 2025 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

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 throughout
the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen.





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 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 7, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato
December 21, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

December 7, 2025 Tom Grieco
Dec 14, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham
Dec 21, 2025 Tom Grieco | Dec 25, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham | Dec 28, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 7, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert
December 14, 2025 Chris Hoefler
December 21, 2025 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
December 28, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert

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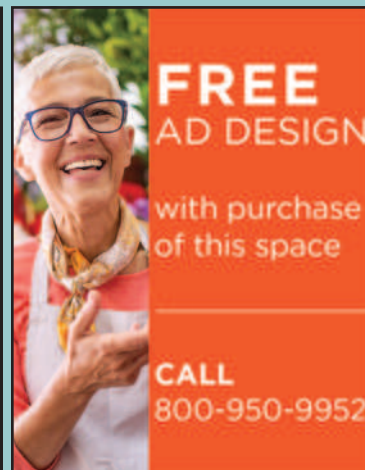
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