

St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 7, 2024

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.



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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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 55:1-11/
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
1 Jn 5:1-9/
Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20/
1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a-10/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11/
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/
Ps 89:16-19/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/
Ps 21:2-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

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.

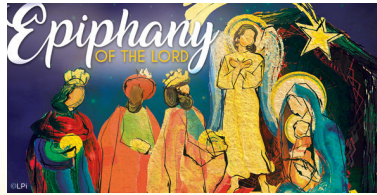
Epiphany

In western Christian tradition, January is celebrated as Epiphany month. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as the Three Kings' Day.

Christmas celebrates a family that could not get a home to stay in; a family that was homeless, with no place in the inn. Mary had to give birth in a stable. The angels came and glorified God. Then the people of the East came and found the Wonder Child that King Herod had sought to eliminate because he felt Jesus was a threat to his parochial sense of kingdom.

Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world. As Christians, how can we manifest our faith to others who are less fortunate in our lives? I am very happy and thrilled with the immense response and support we had as a parish to the many charitable organizations that were displayed on our Giving Trees. The many gifts of your generous donations were a welcomed gift indeed in support of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

As your Pastor, I realize we have so many good things within our faith community here at St. John's, that we do not talk about or share to



let others know of our parish's immense outreach. We each have a hidden talent which we may consider ordinary in itself, but which turns out to be the basis for a new hope, a new lease of life for others. Thanks to all who gave generously to the Giving Tree Project as well as the outreach done in the parish throughout the year, even amidst these challenging times and not to mention the huge success of our parish CMA!! May you all receive tenfold what you have given in God's name to assist the needy of our community.

True joy, the protection of God and a deepening knowledge that God wants to provide us with every good thing, are among the gifts we also can become more aware of at this time of year. To open our awareness, we may *need to pause, to be silent, and quietly* contemplate our gracious loving God, and feel deeply that the *Emmanuel* is with us, in whose name we too, have shared ourselves with others.

As we enter into the new year, may we remember our responsibility to carry on with the mantle of discipleship to which each one of us is called.



Happy New Year and God Bless All!
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

I take this opportunity to say *thank you* to those of you who remembered me this Christmas with a card, a gift and/or your prayers. It's a special time of year and being remembered in these special ways is uplifting and adds to the Joy of Christmas!

To our **Music Ministry** for all your beautiful voices and music that added to the beauty of our Christmas Liturgies. I know many hours were dedicated to bringing all the notes together just right as we welcomed the coming of our Savior—music fit for our King! I also wish to thank our Music Ministry for embracing, once again, our annual Coffee Hour with Santa. This is fun-filled annual family event that is enjoyed by young and old alike and this year was no different! Your spirit of giving to bring this event about is a bright spot in our

thank you

parish and again, I am very grateful for your ongoing support.

To our **Arts and Environment Ministry**, for all your planning, time, and talent that went into decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas. This year was a challenge with the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas taking place in a short span of days and I appreciate your dedication in making sure everything came together timely resulting in a beautifully decorated Church. A special thank you to Marilyn Butler for your handmade Advent and Christmas banners and to Patty Hoag's son-in-law, Scott, for building a base for our creche. I am blessed with everyone's spirit that keeps on giving from the heart. Peace and Blessings to all in this New Year! *Fr. Peter*

Masses for the Week—January 8—14

- MONDAY, January 8** *Baptism of the Lord*
8:15 AM + **James Scantlin**
by Ron, Judy, & Family
- TUESDAY, January 9** *Weekday*
8:15 AM + **Catherine Adelaide Priess**
by Kathy & Bill Mapes
- WEDNESDAY, January 10** *Weekday*
8:15 AM + **Erle Jackson**
by Ray & Marcia Parsons
- THURSDAY, January 11** *Weekday*
- FRIDAY, January 12** *Weekday*
8:15 AM + **James Scantlin**
by Don & Bev Frank
- SATURDAY, January 13** *St Hilary*
4:00 PM + **Deceased Members of the Kabasin & Kadgis Families**
by Dan & Melissa Kabasin
- SUNDAY, January 14** *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM + **The People of St John's, Living & Deceased**
10:00 AM + **Barbara & Christine Cottorone**
by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

- Sunday, January 7**
9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center
- Monday, January 8**
9:00 AM Bible Study
5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in Parish Center
- Sunday, January 14**
9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center



Share a Prayer

With the holiday rush behind us and as we enter this new year with the hope of deepening our prayer life, we will continue to include some special prayers shared by you, the parishioners, that some may find helpful in their spiritual journey.

The person submitting the following prayer shares with us: *"This is a prayer I like to say when I turn out my lights at night. It is from an ancient Jewish "shema" or blessing. It's a prayer that Jesus himself likely learned at Mary's knee and said throughout His life".*

**Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe,
who brings sleep to my eyes, slumber to my eyelids.
May it be Your will, Lord my God
and God of my ancestors,
that I lie down in peace and that I arise in peace.
Let my sleep be undisturbed by troubling thoughts,
bad dreams, and wicked schemes.
May I have a night of tranquil slumber.
May I awaken to the light of a new day,
that my eyes may behold the splendor of Your light.
Praised are You, Lord
whose glory gives light to the entire world.
Amen.**



Our Baptismal Anniversary; A Day Worth Celebrating

As the Church celebrates the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord THIS Monday, January 8, let us also pause to reflect on our own Baptism.

We know our date of birth but not the date of our Baptism. Pope Francis tells us *"To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day. The danger of not knowing is that we can lose awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received. Thus, we end up considering it only as an event that took place in the past."*

We are encouraged to learn the story of our Baptism—when, where, and who our god-parents are—then mark our calendar and decide how to commemorate this day each year. It may be as simple as going to Mass, spending extra time in prayer, or gathering with friends for a special meal. No matter what you do, resolve to make it a day of gratitude and celebration for the great gift of God's grace in your life!

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13
Pope Francis	James Jaeger	Philip Judge	Stanley Kacprzak	Stephen Karani	Deceased Priests	Aaron Kelly



Diocesan Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life
Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Peace of Christ – St. James Church
130 Brett Rd., Rochester, NY 14609

In this New Year we invite all courageous prayer warriors to join Bishop Salvatore Matano for a Diocesan Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life. Before the Blessed Sacrament let us pray together as one voice in solidarity with the National Prayer Vigil for Life taking place at the same time at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. to pray for respect of life from conception to natural death.

Finance Council Meetings—October 4, 2023

Finance Council met for 2 Meetings:

Annual Corporate Meeting - required by the Diocese.

The purpose of the Annual Corporate Meeting is to prepare and submit to the Diocese a variety of forms, files and Reports for the previous and current Fiscal Year.

In addition, a summary of the Financial Results for the past Fiscal Year Parish is prepared and approved for publication to members of the Parish. This summary will be published as an Insert in the St. John the Evangelist Bulletin of 11/19/23.

Attendees: Fr. Peter, Chris Frontale (Finance Director), Bob Skrypek, Jerry Dominik, Mary Speer (Trustee), Mary Grace Paoletti, Nick Verdino (new Trustee) Joe Spurrier

Regular Finance Council Meeting

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Excused: Fr. Peter - who gave Chris permission to conduct the meeting.

Regular Finance Council Meeting Agenda

- Review and Approve Meeting Agenda
- Review Financial Report to Parishioners
- Review Year-end Communis Accounts
- Review Financial Statements for 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year to-date (7/1/23 to 9/30/23)
- Collections and Attendance
- Income / Expense Statement
- Catholic Ministries Appeal Update
- Buildings and Grounds Update
- Other Business or Comments
- Closing Prayer

Notes and Actions from

Regular Finance Council Meeting

- **Review Financial Report to Parishioners** – done and unanimously approved during the Corporate Meeting; will be published in an upcoming November Parish Bulletin.
- **Review Year-end Communis Accounts**
 - Good discussion of investment strategies followed by DOR Finance Office
 - The current mix consists of both Equities/Bond and is a bit more weighted to equities than the previous year.
 - Chris Frontale commented that the Communis fund returned 11% for the Fiscal Year ended 6/30/23.
 - St John's does have access to some of the money if needed.
- **Review Financial Statements for previous Fiscal Year and current Fiscal Year (7/1/23 – 9/30/23):**
 - Previous Fiscal Year – reviewed during Annual Corporate Meeting
 - Balance Sheet –
 - It was noticed that the balance in the General Checking Acct was too high – beyond FDIC limits.

- Discussion was held and the Council agreed to transfer some money to interest-bearing accounts:
- Income / Expense Statement – discussed details around line items which showed significant increase or decrease.
- Chris Frontale prepared a 2-page summary of key line items but also distributed a 6-page line item report; good discussion on key items of expense.
- The council appreciated the presentation.
- **Review of Current Year - Collections and Attendance:**
 - Our budget of \$486,000 (Regular Sunday + online contributions) is down from last year's \$495,000.
 - collections vs budget is negative for 1st 13 weeks, but better than last year at this time.
 - Avg attendance is holding at about 404 per weekend, a bit up from last year.
 - Mass streaming usually has about 15 – 20 viewers.
 - overall, we are doing OK
- **All Financial Statements unanimously approved during the Corporate Meeting**
- **Catholic Ministries Appeal Update:**
 - St. John's target (not goal) for 2023-24 Campaign is \$81,000, down \$2,000 from last year.
 - As of 10/10/23 60 Donors have Pledged \$14,075, taking us to 17.38% of our Target.
- **Buildings and Grounds Update** – discussion focused mainly on the results of previous work done by Elmer Davis Roofing under a \$16,500 contract to assess current condition and possible path forward:
 - **Silo and Skylight:**
 - After reviewing architectural drawings that were found at the Rectory, Flower City Glass said we could use current framework and just replace the "glass" panels.
 - Discussion at meeting centered on whether we should undertake the project:
 - Yes - we should do it due to current and future danger presented by the leaks
 - No - we should save the money and hold off until we know more from the Charlotte / Greece / Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force
 - **Skylight Walls**
 - Masonry contractor said the walls are in fairly good shape but could use some cleaning.
 - The flashing between roof and silo wall appears to be in good shape so the flashing is probably not the source of the leak on to the Altar area.
- **Follow-up Audit by Bonadio** due to issues noted during late 2022 Audit –
 - no discussion at the meeting.
 - it will probably happen in Nov – Dec.





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I Walter Eisenberg
- ✝ Tabernacle II Edward Bridgeman
- ✝ Marian I Those Listed at the Marian Shrine
- ✝ Marian II Our Hospitalized and Nursing Home Parishioners

Francesco Modica Amore *Father of Carmelina Crowe*

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



December 23/24	ATTENDANCE.....343
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 9,486.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,201.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 11,687.03
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 2,157.03

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as December 24, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$ 486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 247,780.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 246,852.38
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$ 927.62)

December 25	ATTENDANCE.....756
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 7,905.75
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,010.00
TOTAL Christmas Offering.....	\$ 8,915.75

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

Due to our New Year's holiday, our December 30/31 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin.

Thank you!



Remembering Our Loved Ones at Christmas

So many of you took the opportunity to remember your loved ones this Christmas with your generous donation toward the poinsettia plants purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. This time of year can be difficult without all those we love here to celebrate with us so this is a special way to keep them close at heart. The church was beautifully decorated and I'm grateful for your generosity in helping us do so. God Bless,

Fr. Peter

HOUSEHOLD CMA DONORS *Continued from page 5*

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| Mr./Mrs. Filippo Sorce | Mr. Kenneth Volkmar |
| Ms. Mary Speer | Mr./Mrs. Edwin Voll |
| Mr./Mrs. Joseph Spurrier | Ms. Allison Vorndran |
| Mr./Mrs. Anthony Stagnitta | Mr./Mrs. Kurtis Walker |
| Mr./Mrs. Casimer Stanchus | Ms. Mary Walz |
| Mrs. Deborah M. Stanton | Mrs. Jean Ward |
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| Mr./Mrs. Ralph R. Taccone Jr. | Mr./Mrs. Paul Westlak |
| Mr./Mrs. Nikolai Terpak | Ms. Annette Wiesner |
| Mr. Anthony Testa | Ms. Joan E. Wiesner |
| Ms. Susan K. Thiele | Ms. Ida Wilder |
| Mr./Mrs. Victor Tifone | Mrs. Carol Wigton |
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| Mr./Mrs. Richard Vincelli | Mr./Mrs. Dominick Zarcone |
| Mr./Mrs. William M. Vogt | Mr./Mrs. Michael Zadorecky |

Celebrating St. John the Evangelist —the Beloved One

I'd like to thank those who devoted special time in Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, December 27, in celebration of our parish patron saint, St. John the Evangelist whose relic was present during Mass and at our gathering. This was a special opportunity to be with our Lord and ask for St. John's intercession for our prayer intentions. Afterward we watched the movie about the oldest Eucharistic Miracle that took place



in Lanciao, Italy. We enjoyed time in fellowship, and a nice lunch of homemade soups and submarine sandwiches.



Thanks to each of you who took part and those who helped bring our gathering together so nicely. God bless,



Fr. Peter

Join Us for a Life-Saving, Life Changing Experience
March for Life

January 18-19, 2024

Buses Depart: 10:00 PM; Return: Approx. Midnight

\$80 per person - Cost Includes:

- Bus transportation from Holy Spirit Church in Penfield, NY, to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of Catholic University in Washington, DC
- Two comfortable coach buses with restrooms and WiFi
- Entertainment and spiritual reflection during bus trip

Make Your Reservations Now!

Spots Are Filling Up Fast! Visit our web site:

march4life.gmsander.info

for optional event participation.

Contact: Gerry Sander 585.503.3256
webstercommitteeoflife@gmail.com



**Not Able to Attend?
You can still help; Please read on.**



What is Spiritual Adoption?

Spiritual Adoption is an opportunity for us to intercede on behalf of a child in danger of abortion who may not have anyone else to pray for them, "that they might have life and have it to the full." John 10:10. While this child will remain unknown to his or her "spiritual parent," God knows each of them. Many people find it helpful to name their spiritual baby to keep them focused in prayer. Bishop Fulton Sheen promoted this adoption with the following prayer:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.

I beg you to save the life of the unborn baby

whom I have spiritually adopted,

and is in danger of abortion.

Mary, our Mother in Heaven, pray for us,

and especially for your little ones in danger of abortion!

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers January 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 7, 2024	Steve & Mary Donato
January 21, 2024	Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

January 7, 2024	Tom Grieco
January 14, 2024	Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 7, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
January 14, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
January 21, 2024	Chris Hoefler
January 28, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin