

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 13, 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.*

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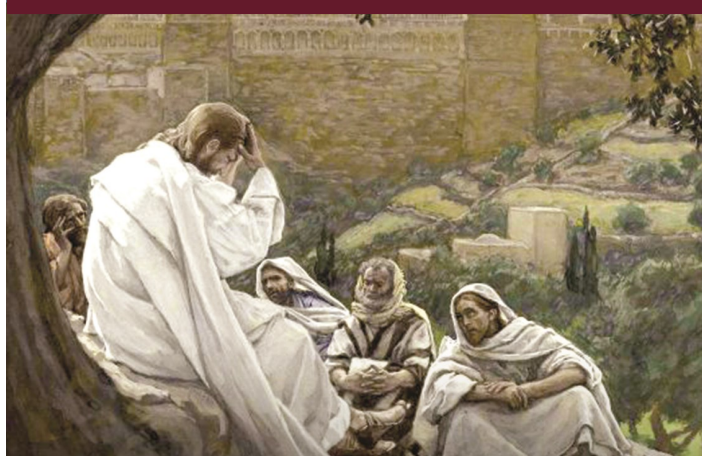
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"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

## 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

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/  
Ps 1:1-4, 6/  
Lk 18:35-43

### Tuesday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/  
Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/  
Lk 19:1-10

### Wednesday

Rv 4:1-11/  
Ps 150:1b-2, 3-6/  
Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday

Rv 5:1-10/  
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/  
Lk 19:41-44

### Friday

Rv 10:8-11/  
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/  
Lk 19:45-48

### Saturday

Rv 11:4-12/  
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/  
Lk 20:27-40

### Sunday

2 Sm 5:1-3/  
Ps 122:1-5/  
Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43

## 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.

## Prayer and the Cross

As Christians we believe firmly that the Lord always listens to us and wants to give us what we ask for. Scriptures invite us to pray unceasingly to the Lord. We are told by the psalmist that: "Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Unfortunately, some people do not believe in the power of prayer. We know this because sometimes we hear them say, "I do not pray to God. Why should I? He never listens to my prayer! Anyway, he knows what I need, and I do not get it." It is, certainly, a great mistake to perceive God this way. The Lord is always attentive to our prayers and petitions. We know that when we persevere in prayer as our Lord Jesus Christ asks us to do, we encounter more peace and calmness in our lives. Against prayer nothing can stand up, not even the power of Satan.

More than sixteen years ago, a friend of mine sent me this story about the CROSS. It is thought-provoking as it presents us with God's grace which is free. The story goes like this:

A young man, at the end of his rope and seeing no way out, dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open that other door and pick out any cross



you wish." The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you Lord," and did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not even visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined. YOUR CROSS, whatever your cross, whatever your pain, will always be followed by sunshine after the rain. Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps you may even fall, but God is always there to help you through it all in PRAYER. May God give you the strength to bear whatever Cross is yours in prayer. According to St Paul, faith creates a desire for God and a longing to be with him. This desire for God is the reason why people choose to "walk by faith, not by sight," even when walking by "sight" seems so much easier.

2 Corinthians 5:27.

Blessing and peace to all.

Father Peter



## Honoring Those Who Have Remembered Us

At last weekend's Annual Parish Memorial Mass, the following names were dedicated to our Benefactors' and Memorial Gifts Plaque.

**Carolyn Selbig**  
**Evelyn Gotham**  
**Florence Cally**  
**Mary Smulka**

**Nick Lippa**  
**Angelo Zegarelli**  
**Deacon Robert Burke**

I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the families of the persons listed here, gone before us marked with the sign of faith, who have directed memorial contributions to our beloved St. John the Evangelist

Church in their loved one's memory. Through the generosity of many who sent contributions in memory of each of the persons listed, our parish has been blessed in our efforts to sustain Church ministry; these particular donations cumulatively total \$13,460. When multiple donations are received in memory of someone and they total \$500 or more, we place the name of the deceased person onto our Benefactors' and Memorial Gifts Plaque. As your Pastor, I not only encourage you, but I will be grateful if you please remember St. John's in your funeral planning. *God bless, Fr. Peter*

**Masses for the Week—Nov 14—20**

**MONDAY, November 14** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM *Special Intentions f Eileen Zegarelli*  
 by Family

**TUESDAY, November 15** *St Albert the Great*  
 8:15 AM + *Deacon Bob Burke*  
 by Eileen Zegarelli

**WED, Nov 16** *Ss Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude*  
 8:15 AM + *Arlene & Dominick Ennocenti*  
 by Family

**THURSDAY, November 17** *St Elizabeth of Hungary*

**FRI, Nov 18** *Dedication of Basilica pf Ss Peter & Paul,  
 And St Rose Philippine Duchesne*  
 8:15 AM + *Tom D'Ambrosio*  
 by Todd Mattle

**SATURDAY, November 19** *Weekday*  
 4:00 PM + *Anthony Battisto*  
 by Family

**SUN , Nov 20** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
 8:00 AM + *For the People*  
 10:00 AM + *Robert & Joan Meiller*  
 by Elaine Angie

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

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

Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
Paul Gitau	William Graf	Joseph Hart	John Hayes	John Healy	Frederick Helfrich	All Deacons

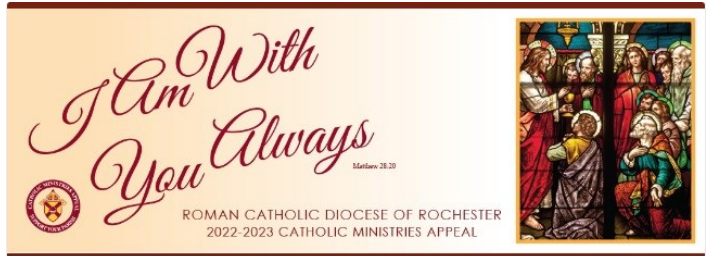


Our Mass Book will open via *telephone* beginning **THIS Wednesday, November 16, 2022**, for those who will like to schedule Masses during the months of January through April, 2023. Please call the Parish Office at (585)225-8980 on November 16 between 9:00 AM and Noon and 2:00 PM 'til 4:30 PM. After November 16, you can call during regular office hours. We are not accepting scheduling requests before November 16. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that have been in place.

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, November 13**  
 Confirmation Meeting in Meeting Room following 10 AM Mass

**Monday, November 14**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center



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

As of Tuesday, November 8, 156 households have pledged \$28,441, taking us to 34.27% of our goal.

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards”*

1 Peter 4:10

Our Catholic Ministries Appeal is based on that command. Each of us can use our gift to serve others through the CMA. We can **pray** for the success of the CMA. Our prayers are meaningful and critical to our success as a Church family. We can **donate** to the CMA. Use the pledge card you received in the mail or use the envelopes found at the back of church. How will you share your gift?

**Sanctuary Candle Scheduling for 2023** will begin via telephone (585-225-8980) starting Wednesday, **November 30, 2022**. We are blessed with 4 Sanctuary Candles – two red candles on either side of the Tabernacle and two blue candles on either side of the Marian Shrine. These candles burn for a week from Saturday thru Friday. You can reserve these candles in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion (birthday, wedding, anniversary). Reserving for multiple family members in the same week is also a nice idea. Each Candle stipend is \$10. If you are reserving for someone who has recently passed on, please let us know and we can, with enough notice, prepare a card for you to present to the family of the deceased letting them know about the candle that will burn in their loved one's memory, and that our parish family will remember him/her in our prayers during that week.

**Sunday, November 6** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Mal 3:19-20a

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts.

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9**R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

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. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Let the sea and what fills it resound,  
the world and those who dwell in it;  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
the mountains shout with them for joy.

**Second Reading** 2 Thes 3:7-12

Brothers and sisters: You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

**Alleluia** Lk 21:28**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.****Gospel** Lk 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

**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.

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes—October 17, 2022

**Opening Prayer:** Rick Paoletti

**Attendance:** Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Karen Bessette-Sec, Rick Paoletti, Pam Tofany-Kern, Nick Sassano, Tod Simone, Alan Christodaro, Paul Parkman, Jill Bailey, Wayne Howard, Sharon Miller, Gary Kern,  
**Visitors:** Marcia Parsons. **Excused:** Deacon Elmer, Patty Hoag, Melissa Ryan, Nick Verdino

**Approval of Agenda:** for tonight's Meeting (Emailed, 10/7/2022) Approval: Alan Christodaro, Second Nick Sassano

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** from September 12, 2022 Meeting (In bulletin on 9/25/2022) Approval Alan Christodaro, Second Karen Bessette

### Chairperson's Comments:

- Coffee Hours – We still need a ministry to Host the Month of May coffee hour. The December coffee hour date has been moved to December 18, 2022
- **Council Member Update** – Karen Bessette has graciously accepted the secretary position. We need to fill the open council position now that Christine Paoletti has moved to Cleveland. Please provide me with names of people in our parish that you think would be a good candidate for our council. Father will review the names and have the final approval.
- **CMA Update** – Our goal this year is \$83,000 which is \$1,111 higher than last year. Our average donation so far this year is \$186.00. We have lost 51 parishioners since last year. Our parishioners may need to up their donation a little bit more this year for us to make our goal. Please talk up the CMA and encourage the importance of their donations.
- **Lawn Care** – We have 4 parishioners who care for the lawn, this includes mowing the grass and weed whacking. Hours of time go into this weekly. One week this summer 2 of the volunteers were not available, and the extra work was a lot for 2 people. This leads me to believe that each of our ministries should have a co-chair or a back up person in case the point person should not be available.

### Fr. Peter's Update:

I would like to thank all of you for the support of the parish while I was away. I was able to view the photos online of our first coffee hour and I appreciate you keeping me informed. I was sad to hear when I returned that Christine was moving to Cleveland. She will be missed very much and I pray for her to be a shining light in her new parish.

I am trying to decide when it is a good time to do an Adoration for the Eucharistic Revival. I am thinking of ideas to incorporate into the adoration such as music, we could sing traditional songs about the Eucharist from the old hymnals. I am also looking for priests from other parishes to come to St. John's to talk to us about the Eucharist. We need to pray and evangelize across the United States per the USCCB. We need to energize our faith, encourage our young people, and pray for the Catholic Church. We need parishioners to step it up and be there for each other. Together we can make it happen.

St John's has seen great things happen in our church. We currently are looking into the skylight that has been

leaking. I am also very pleased that the repairs on the roof worked, and we have not had any more leaks.

**Faith in Action Committee:** Marcia Parsons - There are 5 members in this ministry that include herself, Rick Paoletti, Kathy Paoletti, Jill Finan and Eileen Zegarelli. A Rosary workshop was held on Wednesday October 12. 11 people attended and there was very positive feedback. The new practice of praying the rosary ½ hour before each Mass began this past weekend and there were 7 parishioners for the 4:00 PM Mass, 10 for the 8:00 AM Mass and 11 for the 10:00 AM Mass. The committee is hoping these numbers will grow.

**Arts and Environment:** Marcia Parsons (in Patty Hoag's Absence) – Patty Hoag and Marcia have met once, and they are trying to get a baseline on what is required for preparing the church for different celebrations. Patty is the leader of this ministry and is currently working on recruiting new members, both men and women, to work alongside those who have been decorating in previous years.

**Certificates of Appreciation:** Sharon Miller – There are three certificates that are ready to be presented.

**Liturgy Committee:** Tod Simone – All Saints Day, November 1 there will be a 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM Mass. The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners will be on Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 AM. Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM. The Word Among Us books have been ordered for Advent. Effective the first weekend of Advent the baskets will return and be passed for collection. The donation boxes will be removed.

**Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update:** Tod Simone – The hospitals have lifted their restrictions and clergy can now visit a parishioner any time during the day, which makes visitations much easier.

**Knights of Columbus Council 3892 Update:** Rick Paoletti – The 40 days for life campaign is going on now. The ultrasound van has been a huge success and has saved 20 babies. Marcia mentioned that Father Jim Hewes recently shared with her that since the ultrasound van has been in use for about a year now, 20 women have decided to choose life for their babies and not proceed with an abortion. One of the moms who chose life for her baby brought the baby back to the van to show the volunteers her new baby. The Knights will be having a memorial Mass for deceased members on Sunday, November 6 at St. John's.

### Outreach – Social Media/ Communications Committee Update:

Gary Kern – No update at this time

Christine Paoletti – Will continue to monitor our FB page and let Bob know the update on the likes which is now up to 563.

Paul Parkman – The poster in the back of Church that highlights Eucharistic Miracles is about to change, stay tuned for new updates frequently

**Safety and Security Update:** Nick Sassano – All 3 Masses should be following the same guidelines that have been put in place. There will be a meeting with Father Peter

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This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Gino Capogreco
- ✚ Tabernacle II First Responders
- ✚ Marian I Pasquale and Irene Fiorica
- ✚ Marian II Newly Elected Officials

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



<b>November 5/6</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	392
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	11,524.63
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,543.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	14,067.63
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	4,361.63

<b>All Saints Day</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	247
Offering.....	\$	1,633.86
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	160.00
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TOTAL Offering.....	\$	1,793.86

<b>Fiscal Year 2022-23</b>	as of November 6, 2022
YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$ 495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 184,414.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 179,128.35
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 5,285.65)

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

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to talk about what the guidelines will be and how to put a plan in place for them to be followed at each Mass.

**Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish**

Rick – RCIA We did not have anyone sign up. Please consider this a year long effort to encourage people to join the Catholic faith. Also encourage those who don't attend Mass to return. If you're a Catholic, do you need a refresher?

Marcia – A couple of parents of younger children asked me if/when we will resume Children's Liturgy. Father said if we have enough kids and volunteers to make this happen, he is open to starting it again.

Wayne – Asked Father if we can have parishioners bring up the gifts. Wayne said he knows of other parishes that have returned to this. Father said that he will have to look into it.

**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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



**Much to Be Thankful for as We Help Those in Need**

With the month of November underway,

we will soon be preparing for a very special day— Thanksgiving Day. At this time of year, let us take a moment or two and reflect upon the blessings we have been given by our good and gracious God. Sometimes we can be clouded by our everyday crosses and struggles, that the blessings seem to be missing, but if we take time to truly reflect, it's safe to say we will be lifted up in spirit by the blessings we come to recognize given to us by a loving God.

In gratitude for our blessings, let us share with our brothers and sisters in need what we can so they, too, will be lifted in spirit through our generous support. We recognize this year may be more challenging for us, but our sacrifice will not go unnoticed and will be pleasing to God.

We kindly ask you to bring your donations of non-perishable canned goods (*especially canned veggies and fruit, chunky soup, cold cereal, mashed potato flakes, canned pasta and beef stew. Regular sizes please; not large*), paper products, or a monetary donation when you come for the 9:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please place your donations on the table set up in church. These donations will be delivered to the **Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf**. If writing a check, please make it payable to St. John's Church and in the memo section please write: Greece Food Shelf.

### Praying the Rosary Before Weekend Masses Continues

It was brought to our attention recently that some people were not aware of our ongoing practice of praying the Rosary before each weekend Mass; apparently some thought it was just during the month of October dedicated to the Holy Rosary. In cooperation with our Blessed Mother’s direction at Fatima in 1917 to pray the Rosary daily, we continue to pray the Rosary beginning ½ hour prior to each weekend Mass. We gather in the pews in front of the Tabernacle and we invite more people to join us. If you’re a beginner, no worries as we can offer you

guidance as you become more familiar with this most beautiful prayer.

We find our world, our nation, our communities, and sometimes our homes in the midst of turbulent times, so all the more reason to get on our knees and pray to our dear Mother for her powerful intercession for peace in the world, an end to abortion, vocations to the Holy Priesthood, our families, and our own personal intentions. For those who need a Rosary and/or pamphlet on how to pray the Rosary, we have them available.

### Our Collection Baskets Are Returning



Beginning the weekend of **November 26/27**, our Ushers will resume passing the collection baskets for our regular collection as well as any second collection that is taking place. We will, therefore, no longer be depositing our offerings into the

collection boxes as we have been doing for the past year or so. If you are not currently receiving church envelopes, nor contributing via online giving, please contact the Parish Office for assistance in obtaining envelopes or signing up for online giving. Please know everyone’s financial support of the parish is vital and your sacrificial giving is very much appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

### Senior Home Communion Service Ministers, November 2022

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE		ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE	
November 13, 2022	Ron La Force	November 13, 2022	Carolyn Kerhaert
November 27, 2022	Steve and Mary Ann Donato	November 20, 2022	Chris Hoefler
		November 27, 2022	Dan & Melissa Kabasin