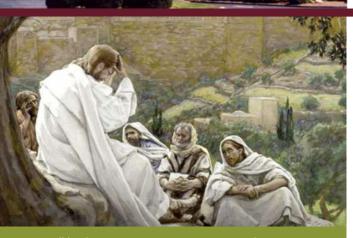
St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 16, 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.



"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

Resources for Gift Giving......6

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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/	2 Mc 6:18-31/ Ps 3:2-7/	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/ Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,15/	1 Mc 2:15-29/ Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/ 1 Chr 29:10bcd- 12bcd/	1 Mc 6:1-13/ Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16,19/	2 Sm 5:1-3/ Ps 122:1-5/
Lk 18:35-43	Lk 19:1-10	Lk 19:11-28	Lk 19:41-44	Lk 19:45-48	Lk 20:27-40	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 thoughtprovoking 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



Mass Book Opening

The Mass Book will open
THIS Thursday, Nov 20 to

schedule for the months of January thru April 2026. Requests will be by telephone (no in-person requests on Nov 20) from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please know that this is not the only day you can call to schedule a Mass for these months but it's the first date/time you can do so. Thank you.



A SWEET Reminder

For those who ordered pies through our parish fundraiser, the day to pick up your order is THIS Monday, Nov 17, in the Parish Center from Noon until 2 PM OR 4:15 PM until 6:15 PM. There may be some extra pies available for sale so if you're interested, please check

with the person when you go to pick up your order.

Thanks to all for your support!!

Masses for the Week—Nov 17—Nov 23

MONDAY, November 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:15 AM + *Thelma Neary-Lochner* by Debbie Stanton

TUESDAY, Nov 18 Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:15 AM + Raymond Parsons Šr by Ray & Marcia

WEDNESDAY, November 19 Weekday

8:15 AM + Mary Crocetta

by Nieces, Angela & Pamela

THURSDAY, November 20 Weekday

FRIDAY, Nov 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM + Bob Schenkel

by Carol Halloran

SATURDAY, November 22 St Cecilia

4:00 PM + Helena Serwah

by Son, Father Peter

SUN, Nov 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

10:00 AM (Living) Salome Musembi

by Daughter, Bena Musembi

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
All Deacons	Alexander Bradshaw		Philip Brockmyre		Timothy Brown	Brendan Buckley

Preparing a Special Welcome for Our Newborn King

Calling all children to join in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior by participating in our Children's Christmas Pageant during the 4:00 PM Family Christmas Mass on Wednesday.

December 24, 2025.

Rehearsals will be held at 11:15 AM on Sunday, November 30 in the Parish Center, and in the church on Sunday, December 7 and 21.

If you would like to play a part in this joyous celebration, please contact Melissa Kabasin at 315-731-7454 by Friday, November 21.

We sincerely hope you will join us to re-enact the miracle of Christ's Birth!

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 16

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room

Coffee Hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in Parish Center

Monday, November 17

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Noon-2:00 PM Pie Pick-Up in Parish Center

4:15–6:15 PM Pie Pick-Up in Parish Center

6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center & Church

Wednesday, November 19

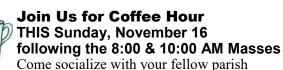
10:30 AM-Noon Bereavement Gathering

Thursday, November 20

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Sunday, November 23

9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room



members and your hosts for this month, our Women's Guild. We look forward to seeing you there!

Consider Attending the Next Bereavement Gathering

Coping With Grief During the Holiday Season Offered by Deacon Lon Smith in the Parish Center here at St. John the Evangelist Church THIS Wed, November 19, 2025, from 10:30 AM until 12 noon.

Holidays are often difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Rather than being times of family togetherness, sharing and thanksgiving, the holidays can bring feelings of sadness, loss, and emptiness.

Society encourages you to join in the holiday spirit but all around you the sounds, sights and smells trigger memories of the one you love who has died. There are no simple guidelines which exist that will take away the hurt you are feeling.

Deacon Lon has some suggestions and the group may have some ideas to help you better cope with your grief during this joyful, yet painful, time of year.

You are invited to have some refreshments and talk





It's that time of year again to start preparing for our Advent Giving Trees and many hands will be needed.

Here are a few ways you could help.

- Preparing the Gift Tags –
 THIS Saturday, November 22
 10:00 AM 12:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Setting up the Advent Giving Trees and Decorating for Advent—Friday, November 28
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in Church
- Moving donated gifts to a secure location— Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 After the 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM Masses And/Or Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 after each Mass
- Check and Sort gifts by organization—
 Monday, December 15 9:00 AM 12:00 PM Parish Ctr
- Distribution of Gifts—Tuesday, December 16 9:00AM – 3:00PM Parish Center

If you are interested in participating in any of these projects please contact Patty Hoag (585)880-2426, Arts and Environment Ministry.



Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon Now Taking Reservations

Our Christmas Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at Noon in the Parish Center here at St. John's – close, convenient, and inviting to everyone!

The food will be catered by Battatini's Family Style Catering; they come highly recommended by a parishioner. The buffet meal will include Chicken French, Tender Sliced Sicilian Style Beef, Baked Ziti, Roasted Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, non-alcoholic beverage and, of course, Dessert –all for \$20.

We hope you will plan to attend. This Luncheon is **open to all women of the parish (not just Guild members), your women friends, and/or relatives.** As is tradition, for those who wish to take part, there will be a gift exchange (\$10-\$15). To make your reservation, please make your check payable to St. John's Church and in the memo section write: Women's Guild Luncheon. Please include your name, your phone number and any additional names of those you are submitting a reservation for. Each reservation is \$20. **Please put your reservation in an envelope and on the outside write: Women's Guild Luncheon.** You can drop it into the collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Office, or mail it to St. John's Church, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626.

For planning purposes, paid reservations are **due on or before November 26.** We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Kerhaert at 225-7425.

Giving Thanks

At this special time of year when we prepare for the special Thanksgiving holiday, we think about our holiday plans and give thanks for all our blessings from God. As we know, this time of year also brings to mind those who go without enough to eat leaving them hungry. There are so many who can use a helping hand and this is another opportunity for us to step in and do what we can to help our brothers and sisters in need.



As is our tradition here at St. John's on Thanksgiving Day, we collect non-perishable food items that will be blessed by Fr. Peter at our 9:00 AM Mass and subsequently the food will be donated to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. For those who'd like to make a money donation for this particular food collection, please

make your check payable to St. John's Church and in the memo section please be sure to write: Thanksgiving for GEFS*

*GEFS is: Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf



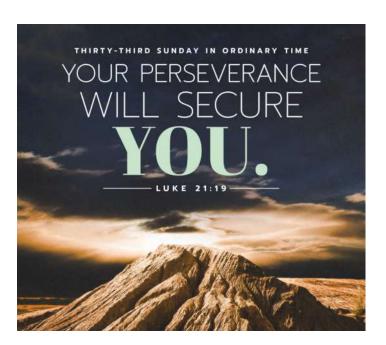
Dady Advent Concert SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 14, 2025.

This year it will be held at 3:00 PM in St. John the Evangelist church.

The concert is free. But a free will offering will be taken up at the concert.

Tickets will be available from Saturday, November 15 until they are gone. Don't procrastinate!

See Deacon Lon or a member of the Knights of Columbus for your tickets before they are gone.



Together We Bring Hope ...and Hope does not disappoint



The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal Continues. The goal for St. John's is \$80,000.

As of Friday, November 7, 184 households have pledged \$57,712 taking us to 72.14% of our goal.

Please see next weekend's bulletin for an updated list of our CMA donors.

Every dollar received in the CMA is used directly or indirectly to fund ministries affecting every Catholic and faith community in the diocese.

Supporting the CMA means you are providing pastors, other clergy, and lay ministers with the tools needed to minister to you. Diocesan supports funded by the CMA and used by both parishes daily include:

- Information Technology
- Human Resources

Also, as a Diocesan Church, we are called to support the mission of our local Church. Among many other activities, contributions to the CMA:

- Helps with the Formation of Seminarians
- Provides needed funding to Catholic Charites so that refugees can have the support they need in creating a new life for themselves and their families.

Please pray about making a gift that will support this important appeal in the life of our local church. If you have not given in the past, please consider doing so this year. Every gift helps our local Church, reminding all that *Together We Bring Hope*.

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!



Some Notes of Thanks

A special thank you to those of you who so generously donated items for our recent Food Drive to support the ministry of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. Times are especially tough for many in the community so this generous donation you have provided will be of great benefit to many families in the Greece Community. TOGETHER, we donated 542 lbs. of food, household, and personal care items. God bless those who provided donations, those who helped box up the items, and those who delivered them on October 20, 2025. Thank you, Fr. Peter, for your support of this food drive! God is good ALL the time!

Pam Tofany-Kern, Food Drive Coordinator



Thank You for All Your Support This Season!

On behalf of our CYO Holy Cross Bombers Soccer Team, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for allowing us to use your field throughout this season. Your generosity and support as our wonderful community partner made this season a tremendous success and we couldn't have pulled it off without you.

We are already looking forward to next Fall! Mike & Cori Horn, *Athletic Directors Holy Cross Bombers*





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- **Tabernacle I Special Intention for** a 90th Birthday
- Tabernacle II Richard A. D'Imperio
- Marian I Raoul & Elisa Subrani
- TMarian II George Scialdone

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



November 8/9 Week 19	ATTENDA	NCE418
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	6,894.48
ONLINE Giving	\$	2,586.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering		9,480.48
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFER	RING(\$	469.52)
2nd Collection		
Boiler Maintenance/Capital Improve	ment \$	2,761.00
ONLINE Giving	\$	150.00
TOTAL Offering	\$	2,911.00

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as November 9, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET		•
BUDGETED TO-DATE		
ACTUAL COLLECTED	.\$	195,331.23
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$	6,281.23

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,

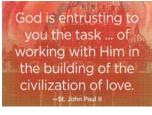
Fr. Peter

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! Find the link to Online Giving on our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



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



ROC Catholics Northwest

Are you looking for gift ideas for the toddler, child or teen in your life? For Christmas? A birthday? A sacramental celebration?

The Roc Catholics Northwest Evangelization Committee has prepared a list of resources for sharing our faith ranging from play sets to board books to early readers to children's bibles to podcasts. You can find these on the Roc Catholics Northwest website ROC Catholics Northwest or https://

<u>www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org</u> or by using the QR code.



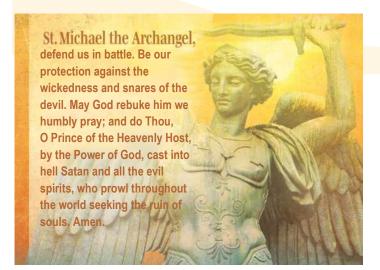
ROC Catholics Northwest Update

Have you wondered how our 7 parishes are working together since the Pastoral Planning Task Force sent its recommendation to Bishop Matano? Collaboration is

alive and well! A Steering Committee coordinates collaboration among the parishes. Its members are our two Deans (Fr. Lee Chase and Fr. William Coffas), our Pastoral Administrator (Dcn. Frank Pettrone) and representatives from the Evangelization Committee (Marianne Katz), Vocations Committee (Dcn. Edward Giblin) and the Roc Catholics Northwest website (Dcn. David Squilla). You'll soon get a flyer of Advent events created by the Evangelization Committee; our Vocations Committee will sponsor the next diocesan Fisher Dinner for young men exploring the priesthood with food prepared by the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus. You can find minutes from all these committees on the Roc

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Catholics Northwest or https://
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use the OR code.

NORTHWEST





Senior Home Communion Service Ministers November 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 23, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

November 16, 2025 Tom Grieco

November 23, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 16, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert November 23, 2025 Chris Hoefler

November 30, 2025 Dan & Melissa Kabasin



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