

St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 20, 2022

2400 West Ridge Road
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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.



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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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

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/
Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Rv 14:14-19/
Ps 96:10- 13/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Rv 15:1-4/ Rv 10:8-11/
Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/
Ps 100:1b-5/
Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/
Ps 84:3-6a, 8a/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Rv 22:1-7/
Ps 95:1-7ab/
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

Is 2:1-5/
Ps 122:1-9/
Rom 13:11-14/
Mt 24:37-44

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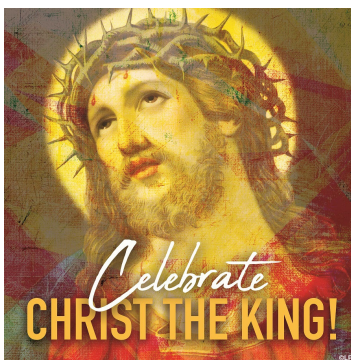
Welcome!

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.

Feast of Christ, the King of the Universe

As the month of November winds down, so too is the Church's liturgical calendar. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Today, Jesus continues and reaffirms his message that he is to be found among the poor and suffering—and he continues to suffer in them. Jesus tells us we should show our love for those in need. This love isn't just expressed in words, but also in concrete actions. On this Feast of Christ the King, we are invited to pledge our loyalty to Jesus, the image of our all-compassionate God. He is our king, whose symbol of kingship is the Cross. Soon we will begin a new liturgical year with the blessed season of Advent. During these final days of the Church year, the readings often challenge us to reflect about the last things; that is, the winding down of life itself and our need to be prepared to stand before Jesus one day and give an account of our lives.

In the course of this week we will also celebrate Thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving is a time for family to gather and share moments of grace and catch up with each other. Thanksgiving is a time to think about one another. Thanksgiving is a time to seize the moment and tell a family member or relative how much they mean to us. If you love someone, tell them. Do not be afraid to express yourself and embrace a family member. Reach out and tell them how much they mean to you, because when you decide that the time is right, it might be too late. Seize the day, the time, and the moment. Celebrate thanksgiving! Praise God.

Thanksgiving is a time so many of us can tell stories about ourselves or about people we know whose lives have had a sudden turn for better or worse with the report from a CT scan, accident, family crisis, world event, financial downturn, etc.

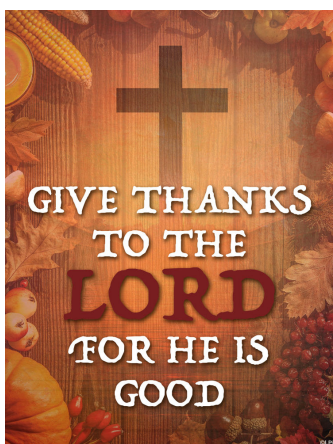


Happy Feast of Christ the King!
Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessing and peace to all.
Father Peter

Celebrating Thanksgiving Day

The ways in which to celebrate Thanksgiving vary from family to family; everyone has their own special tradition. We tend to think of **tradition** as something that has been done over a period of many years but in reality, a tradition can begin at any time and be kept alive into the future. Does your family have a **tradition** of giving thanks to God for EVERYTHING HE provides? If not, why not start by doing so this Thanksgiving? Begin by giving thanks at Mass—after all, Eucharist means just this—thanksgiving! On Thanksgiving Day, THIS Thursday, November 24, Fr. Peter will celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM and it will be good for all of us to gather together as a community of faith along with our family members.



Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all we have been blessed with and let each of us share something from our bounty to help our brothers and sisters in need. Our **tradition** here at St. John's has been sharing our bounty with the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. We kindly ask you to bring non-perishable food items (not yet expired) and paper goods to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please bring them into church where you will find a table set up to receive the items. Have the children and grandchildren help by carrying some items to the table so they can share in the **tradition**. Fr. Peter will bless the items during Mass. We hope to have many of

you join in this special Eucharistic celebration.

Masses for the Week—Nov 21—27

MON, Nov 21 *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:15 AM + Mary Margaret Chatterton
 by Jean DePetres & Family

TUESDAY, November 22 *St Cecilia*
8:15 AM + Helina Serwaa Enyan
 by Son, Fr. Peter

WEDNESDAY, November 23
Sts Clement I, Pope, Columban, Miguel Augustine Pro
8:15 AM + Michael Yax
 by Wife, Dottie

THURSDAY, November 24 *St Andrew Dung-Lac*
9:00 AM + For the People

FRIDAY, November 25 *St Catherine of Alexandria*
 NO Mass Today

SATURDAY, November 26 *Weekday*
4:00 PM + Marji & Cosmo Lombardini
 by Family

SUNDAY, November 27 *First Sunday of Advent*
8:00 AM + Michael Pino
 by Stacy & Mary Ann Pavone
10:00 AM + For the People

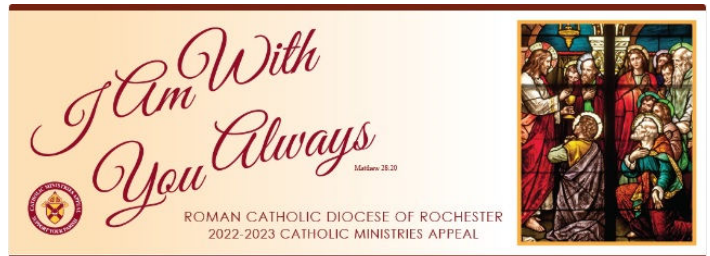
**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
 Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 21
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass & Food Collection
 Parish Office CLOSED

Friday, November 25
 NO Mass Today
 Parish Office CLOSED



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

As of Tuesday, November 8, 180 households have pledged \$37,941, taking us to 45.71% of our goal.

To Our Donors and to Those from Whom We are Waiting to Hear

As indicated by the numbers above, there has been a fair amount of activity in CMA donations within our parish and we are grateful to those who have given generously. For those who have not yet contributed, we need everyone's support and hope that you will discern your appropriate level of support.

To consider your level of giving, first PRAY about it and then take a moment to reflect on what you gave last year. Ask yourself if there's any way you can increase that amount. Many times we will find it is possible to offer an increased donation. Consider for a moment where we spend our money for the smaller things. If we were to forego our daily/weekly/monthly "simple pleasures", we might be surprised how the savings add up, allowing for that increase in giving this year. Your pledge is due by the end of December. However, we remind you that payment of your pledge is due at the end of May, 2023—appx 6½ months from now. This means you can break down that pledge into 6 equal payments, making it a little easier for you complete payment of your pledge.

The deeper issue is not really about the money, but our faith and the participation that flows from it. So, you are invited to consider ways you can respond with a grateful heart. In living this way, we demonstrate — "God is with Us Always."

In the memo area of your check, please indicate that your contribution goes towards the goal of *St John the Evangelist Church, parish # 039.*

Please continue to pray for the success of the CMA.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

| Nov 20 | Nov 21 | Nov 22 | Nov 23 | Nov 24 | Nov 25 | Nov 26 |
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| Inactive & Sbbatical | Peter Helfrich | James Hewes | Daniel Holland | Timothy Horan | James Jaeger | Francis Jones |



The Parish Office will be CLOSED THIS Thursday, November 24 and THIS Friday, November 25 for THANKSGIVING

Wishing you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. May God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Peter



Sunday, November 20 The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'"

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



Second Reading Col 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Alleluia Mk 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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.



Sunday, November 27—Sunday, December 25, 2022

Spirit of Giving Trees—Up on Saturday, Nov 26
All donations are due back on or before Sunday,
December 11, 2022

First Friday—December 2, Mass at 8:15 AM
8:45 – 10:00 AM Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration,
concluding with Benediction at 10:00 AM

First Saturday—December 3, Mass at 8:15 AM
Followed by Rosary, Meditation, and Devotional Prayers

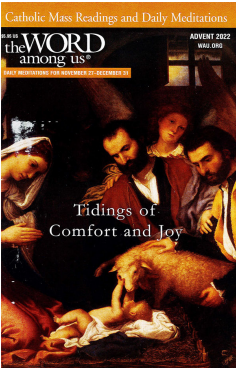
Feast of the Immaculate Conception—
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, Dec 7, Mass of Anticipation at 4:00 PM.
Thursday, Dec 8, Masses at 9:00 AM and 12:05 PM

Confessions—By appointment.
Please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Eve—Saturday, December 24
4:00 PM Mass with Children’s Choir and
prelude music/carols beginning at 3:45 PM.
10:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir and
prelude music/carols beginning at 9:30 PM.

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25
8:00 AM Mass with Cantor
10:00 AM Mass with Adult Choir and
prelude music/carols beginning at 9:45 AM.

Hope . Peace . Love . Joy



Advent—A Time for Deeper Reflection and Prayer

With Advent soon upon us, let us begin to prepare ourselves spiritually for this season of Joy. At this time of year, as we have done previously, we offer each parish family a booklet to help us on our Advent journey. This year we are offering the *The Word Among Us* for Advent 2022. In this booklet you will find daily meditations and readings beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, November 27 and concluding on December 31, 2022. Again, due to limited supply, we ask that you take one booklet per parish family. You can pick up your copy today on the table/counters in the narthex (by the center and the two far end doors).



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



James Vilar *Brother of Maria Seelman*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Betty Garney**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Helina Serwaa Enyan**
- ✚ Marian I **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Marian II **The Homeless and the Hungry**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, our November 12/13 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin along with our Boiler Fund Collection from Nov 12/13.

Thank you!

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

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.



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

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY of AMERICA



2nd Collection NEXT Weekend, November 26/27

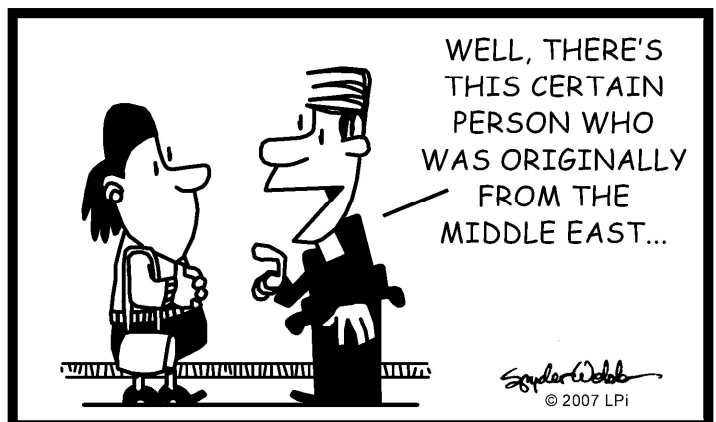
The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National Collection for The Collection for the Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

Our Collection Baskets Are Returning



Beginning NEXT weekend, November 26/27, our Ushers will resume passing the collection baskets for our regular collection as well as any scheduled second collection. 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 our parish is vital and your sacrificial giving is very much appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

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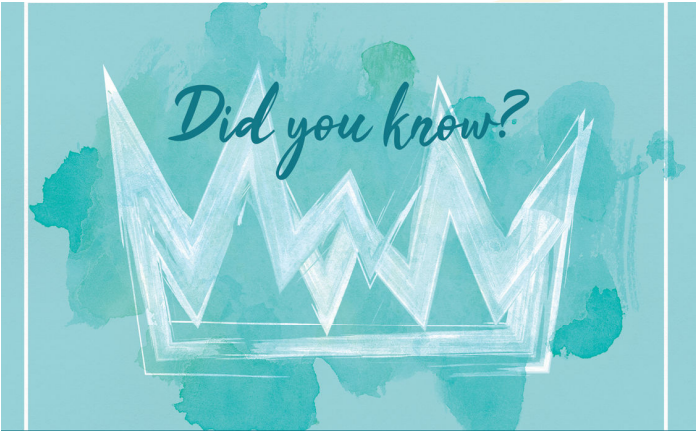


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Praying the Rosary Before Weekend Masses Continues

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. 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.



The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers, November 2022

| HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE | ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE |
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November 27, 2022 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

November 20, 2022 Chris Hoefler
November 27, 2022 Dan & Melissa Kabasin