

St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 17, 2021



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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

CONFESIONS By Appointment Only. Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.

BAPTISMS For couples requesting Baptism for their child, please contact the Parish Office at (585)225-8980.

MARRIAGE Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

PRAYER LINE When prayers are needed for yourself or others contact Nick Lippa 227-0549.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday
Heb 5:1-10/
Ps 110:1- 4/
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday
Heb 6:10-20/
Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/
Ps 110:1- 4/
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday
Heb 7:25—8:6/
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday
Heb 8:6-13/
Ps 85:8 and 10-14/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday
Jon 3:1-5, 10/
Ps 25:4-9/
1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20

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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.

Avoid Close Contact with Others

Stop the Spread

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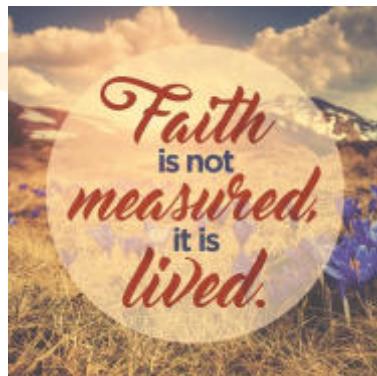
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God Will Not Save Us Without Our Help

Faith is a simple word, yet it contains a powerhouse of potential for our happiness and even our survival as people. Faith cannot be scientifically measured or quantified; yet we know it exists. Countless people throughout time have witnessed to the importance of faith in their lives. Some have taken their faith to the limits of martyrdom because they remained steadfast for what they believed. For the most of us, our faith sustains us in the daily routine of life. As well as for others, faith is the driving force that carries us through our most difficult times.

St. Paul once wrote: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 The creed we recite every Sunday at Mass is our statement of faith. So, we can trust that salvation is ours as we "confess" this creed and as we place our faith and trust in the truths that this creed announces.

St. Augustine said God created us without our help, but he will not save us without our help. While Jesus' death and resurrection have brought about our redemption, we will have a role to play



A Time for Unity and Healing in our Country

*In every community, there is work to be done.
In every nation, there are wounds to heal.
In every heart, there is the power to do it.*

--Author unknown

Let us never forget our country was founded as one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

We all recognize our country's turmoil and the great need to become a more unified nation once again. Let us not place this task solely into the hands of our government and political leaders but also into the hands of each and every one of us—WE are the United States of America and we EACH have a moral responsibility to bring about peace; one grace-filled effort at a time. At the same time let us never forget that, although we are currently experiencing division, we are forever rooted in unity—the Unity of the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Let us turn to our Blessed Mother for her intercession as we pray daily—A Prayer for our Country.

in letting that redemption penetrate our hearts and minds.

The way to help ensure that our lives and hearts are truly focused on serving the Master, the Lord our God who promotes our greatest good, is through prayer and reflection. That is right—good, old fashioned prayer and reflection. This means that we need to clear away the clutter, and perhaps, shut off our cell phones, televisions, and computers so we can make time to pray each and every day.

It can be easy to forget that we depend on God's mercy for every breath we take. Every good attribute we have is a gift from his generous hand. It can be easy to think that Jesus "owes" us a favor because of our faithfulness, but in reality, we owe him for everything we are and everything we have. He is our Savior, not our business partner; he is our Lord, not our next door neighbor. Connected to the Lord Jesus in faith, we really can move mountains!

May we pray to serve our God and him alone and not rely solely on material things that do not endure forever.

Peace and may God bless us all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

Masses for the Week—January 18—24

MONDAY, Jan 18 Martin Luther King Jr Day

8:15 AM + Gail Grierson
by James & Donna Sauers

TUESDAY, January 19 Weekday

8:15 AM In Thanksgiving
by The Miller Family

WEDNESDAY, January 20 Sts Fabian & Sebastian

8:15 AM + Vincenzo, Elvira, & Salvatore Ragonese
by Bruna

THURSDAY, January 21 St Agnes

FRIDAY, January 22 St Vincent
8:15 AM + James J. Fleming
by Wife

SATURDAY, January 23 Sts Marianne Cope

4:00 PM + For the People

SUNDAY, January 24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Mark Shoen
by George & Nancy Weinmann
10:00 AM + Connie Rucinski
by Lisa & Jeff Pasderski

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM Faith Formation Class in Parish Center

Important Covid-19 Guidelines

- If you are sick/not feeling well, please DO NOT come to Church.
- Everyone must wear a mask while in Church.
- Use of hand sanitizer is necessary as you enter Church.
- Please be seated socially distanced as guided by the Ushers
- No contact for sign of peace and no hand holding during The Lord's Prayer (even between family members).
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before going up for Holy Communion is recommended.
- Ushers will guide parishioners in a socially distanced line for Holy Communion.
- At the conclusion of Mass, after the Final Blessing, the Ushers will dismiss people starting from the back pews to the front pews.
- We cannot have people congregate in Church following Mass as the Volunteers need to get underway with sanitizing the Church.
- For those unable to come to Church yet, and instead, are viewing Mass on our Facebook page or TV, please know we remain spiritually connected.
- Please know how important everyone's financial support of our parish is and we ask that you contribute according to your household's ability.
- For those unable to come to Church, you can mail in your contribution or drop it through the mail slot in the front door of the Parish Office.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23
Edward Dillon	Bernard Dollen	William Donnelly	Clifford Dorkenoo	Thomas Dugan	Frederick Eisemann	William Endres

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am."

Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me."

Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.



Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

ALLELUIA Jn 1:41, 17b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

*"God loves us.
May we discover
the beauty of loving
and being loved."
Pope Francis*

Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

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heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. ©LPI

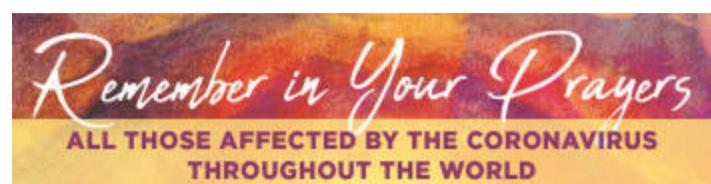


I do not expect a high place in heaven. I will be very grateful to have a little corner where I can love God for all eternity.

St Marianne Cope

"The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction."

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen





Angie Crupi Sister of Bill D'Ambrosio
Rosemary Carsone Mother of Janet Pencola



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
**Tabernacle I Living & Deceased Benefactors
of St John's Parish**
Tabernacle II Special Intentions of St John's
Marian I Deceased from Coronavirus
Marian II Souls in Purgatory

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



January 9/10

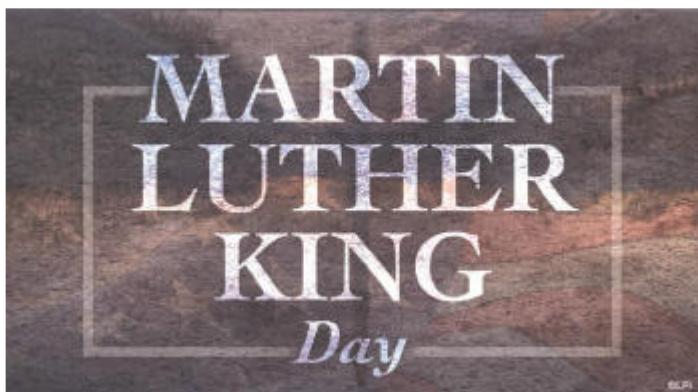
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BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,419.10
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,063.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 10,482.10
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....(\$	776.10)

Fiscal Year 2020-21 as of January 10, 2021

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 271,768.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 272,823.14
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$ 1,055.14

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



**Parish Office is closed THIS Monday,
January 18, 2021, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr., Day.**

*"The time is always right
to do what is right."*



If your name does not appear here this weekend, look for it in the January 23/24 bulletin next weekend.

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

The most recent report at the time of this bulletin printing shows **325 households have pledged \$ 67,325, taking us to 76.72% of our \$87,757 parish goal.** In this season of thanksgiving, let us turn our hearts to the Lord and to those in need.

We are so thankful to the households who have pledged to date. In an effort to reach our parish goal, **we need the support of ALL households who have not yet pledged,** so please do so very soon. *Remember to write "039-St. John's Greece" in the memo section of your check!*

As furnished by the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, these are the latest additions to the listing of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Ministries Appeal Donors since the last CMA update listed in our January 10 bulletin:

Anonymous	Mr. Tom Nicchitta
Anonymous	Mr./Mrs. Joseph Petrella
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Mrs. Michelina Corsi	Mr./Mrs. James Ryan
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If you have contributed and your name does not appear here this weekend, in a prior bulletin, or in an upcoming bulletin, please contact the parish office at 225-8980.

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

Order yours today---a customized face mask depicting St. John the Evangelist Church—Greece, NY

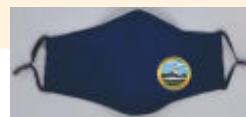
Sales are off to a fine start so get your order in soon to purchase your very own *St. John the Evangelist Church* face mask(s).



As a parish fundraiser, we have ordered these customized masks with the beautiful logo of our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church and they are available at the reasonable cost of \$5.00 each. At this price why not buy more than one—they make a nice little gift.

These masks measure 9 ½" x 5", are made of 100% cotton and for your added comfort they have adjustable ear-loops. Color options include: dark blue, black and white.

To purchase masks, please complete the order form at right, place it in an envelope marked: MASKS along with your payment, and drop it off through the mail slot in the front door at the Parish Office, drop it into the Collection



Box in Church, or you can mail it in (2400 West Ridge Road, 14626). We will contact you to arrange for you to receive your order.



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