

St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 21, 2021



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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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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.*

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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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/
Dn 3:52- 56/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45/
Dn 3:57- 61/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
Dn 3:62-67/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Dn 6:12-28/
Dn 3:68- 74/
Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Dn 7:2-14/
Dn 3:75- 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27/
Dn 3:82- 87/
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

Jer 33:14-16/
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with family and friends with great appreciation for the blessings received as a nation. Then next week we will begin the Season of Advent.

Unfortunately, many of us have grown to accept this time as a season for rushing, buying, wrapping and giving. Our culture expects us to be stressed and harried at this time of the year as we move from store to store, party to party. Indeed, for many of us, our schedules are full of dates and deadlines. Yet through all of this many people's hearts are touched and enlivened by what we do.

I know through personal experience that when we open our hearts great things can happen. I cannot but be grateful for all you do to support our church here at St. John the Evangelist. We are indeed the beloved disciples of Jesus Christ by our presence here each week and by our support of the church's activities with our time, talent and treasure. Like some of you, I grew up in a family of four children in the fifties, on a different continent called Africa in the Country of Ghana, rich in resources but very poor. For my parents, money at times was tight for food, clothing and shelter. Medical opportunities were rare; at the tender age of four I lost my mother. Together with my siblings we were raised by our grandparents as our father was in the army in Ghana. We were, however, never without the basic essentials of life. We were taught to share with others what little we had and were encouraged to go to Mass every day. Maybe we can't do that today, but I am happy for the many experiences growing up with all its struggles. We were taught to support our local church in any way possible and were made to understand that our church was our responsibility. We were made to understand that European and American priests and nuns



(missionaries) in our country were there only to help. We were to carry the church into the future with all that our baptism calls us forth to do in Christ. The church was ours to support.

As your pastor, I share this experience with you because as this year comes to a close, many of us are in the mood of gift-giving to various causes. I want you to remember our Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). I know that we have been told that times are hard and yes, I am very sensitive to the demands of each of us with financial strain, yet, I write today on this Solemnity of Christ the King asking us all to offer a helping hand of hope, peace and love. I do so not only as one who knows that hardships are out there, but also as one who has contributed personally to the CMA. I kindly ask you to please do the same and help us achieve our goal.

During this time of giving, please think about our CMA; you may have received a second or third letter from Bishop Matano. Reaching our goal will be a blessing for all of us in the Diocese of Rochester. Please do not forget to return your pledge card and keep in mind that you can even make monthly installments. Please be sure to use our Parish ID# 039 in the memo section of your check. If you have misplaced your pledge card, you can find one in the back of church or you can see me for one. As we have done previously, we have just begun publishing the names of those who have pledged/donated thus far to help us reach our parish goal and as more come in, those names will be added. During this season of giving—thank you for your support! May you be richly blessed. You will find in today's bulletin our updated parish numbers.

*Peace and blessings to all,
Father Peter*



Masses for the Week—Nov 22—28

MONDAY, November 22 *St Cecilia*
 8:15 AM + *Helen Sarwah*
 by Son, Father Peter

TUESDAY, November 23 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Dick Colline*
 by Father Peter

WEDNESDAY, Nov 24 *St Andrew Dung-Lac*
 8:15 AM + *Deceased Members of the Garney Family*
 by Judy

THURSDAY, November 25 **Thanksgiving**
 9:00 AM + *For the People*

FRIDAY, November 26 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Michael Yax*
 by Wife & Family

SATURDAY, November 27 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Michael Peck*
 by Gene & Diane Englert

SUNDAY, November 28 *First Sunday of Advent*
 8:00 AM + *Joni Broccuto*
 by Sassano Family
 10:00 AM + *For the People*

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

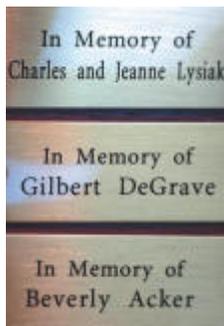
This Week's Schedule

MONDAY, November 22
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

THURSDAY, November 25 **Thanksgiving**
 Parish Office CLOSED

FRIDAY, November 26
 Parish Office CLOSED

Benefactors and Memorial Gifts Plaque



A special thank you to the ladies of St. John's Women's Guild who prepared and hosted this year's Annual Parish Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 6, 2021, celebrated by our Pastor, Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu. Thank you to Deacon Elmer, Tod Simone and Tony Muscato for serving at this Mass. A special thank you to the family and friends of those who were remembered at this Mass, having passed on over the

past year. Lastly, to our parishioners who came to show their love and support; we thank you.

During this Mass Fr. Peter blessed and dedicated the new names added to our Benefactors and Memorial Gifts Plaque. Those honored this year are: Charles and Jeanne Lysiak, Gilbert DeGrave and Beverly Acker.

NOTE: In an upcoming bulletin we will offer information on how names come to be added to this Memorial Plaque that is displayed in our Parish Center.



Give Thanks to God and Assist Those in Need this Thanksgiving

Come to Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November

25, 2021, at 9:00 AM with our Pastor, Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, presiding. I think we all agree Thanksgiving Day is a beautiful holiday and why not begin this special day by attending Mass. This affords us the opportunity to give thanks, praise, and glory to God for his many blessings including the ones we don't always recognize as blessings.

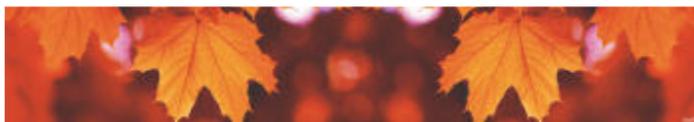
Our Thanksgiving Day tradition here at St. John's will continue once again. We will receive your non-perishable food items and paper product donations to benefit our friends served through the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. A table will be set up in front of church where you can place your donations. For those who prefer to make a monetary donation, you can do so in the box provided at the donation table. If donating by check, please make your check payable to *St. John's* and in the memo section please write: *Greece Food Shelf*. St. John's will collect the donations and issue one check from the parish to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf on behalf of the parishioners of our beloved St. John's. We look forward to your generous support helping our brothers and sisters in need. God's blessings to all!



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

As of Friday, November 12, 218 households have pledged \$42,169 taking us to 51.50% of our \$81,886 Goal. More Donor Names will be Listed Next Weekend.

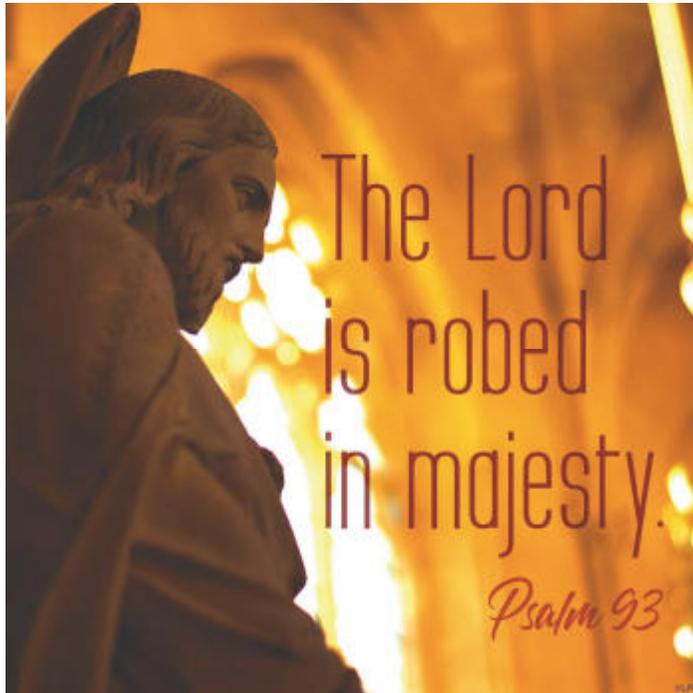
Please fill out your envelope, be sure to make your check payable to: *CMA* and put 039-St John the Evangelist in the check memo and on the envelope.



Sunday, November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed;
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.
Your throne stands firm from of old;
from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, for length of days.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

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 Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Conclusion to the Year of St. Joseph



In the course of the year, the Church has invited us to pray through the intercession of St. Joseph to make us holy, true, and pure to the Gospel message in our individual and family's spiritual lives .

Beginning Monday, November 29, 2021, we here at St. John's Church will have **NINE DAYS** of (Novena) prayers in honor of St. Joseph prior to the celebration of the Feast of The Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8.

At each of the weekend Masses of November 27/28, before starting the Novena on Monday, November 29, we will all pray the Litany of St. Joseph after the reception of Holy Eucharist and before we conclude with our closing prayers.

"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all..."

Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila



ADVENT...A SEASON OF ANTICIPATION.

Sunday, November 28 through Friday, December 24

ANGEL TREES—Up on Saturday, November 27.

As the pandemic continues, please refer to the article above outlining this year's process. **All donations are due back on or before Sunday, December 12, 2021.**

FIRST FRIDAY—December 3, Mass at 8:15 AM

8:45 – 10:00 AM Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, concluding with Benediction at 10:00 AM

FIRST SATURDAY—December 4, Mass at 8:15 AM

Followed by Rosary, Meditation, and Devotion

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 7, Mass of Anticipation at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 8, Masses at 9:00 AM & 12:05 PM
Holy Day of Obligation

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS—

By appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.



FAMILY COFFEE HOUR WITH SANTA

Due to ongoing issues surrounding the pandemic, we are sorry but there will be **NO Coffee Hour with Santa this year.** It is our hope to bring this back in December, 2022.

Advent Angel Tree Project for Christmas '21



With time moving along ever so quickly, we will soon be preparing for our ever-popular and much-loved Advent Angel Tree Project. Again this year we will proceed with last year's format. As much as we'd like to go back to the gift purchasing we did in previous years prior to the pandemic, it has been decided this

is not a feasible option this year for many reasons, especially with so much merchandise caught up in the delays of the supply chain.

Beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 27/28, our Advent Angel Trees will be up in church decorated with the Angels. Each Angel will have a charitable organization listed and there will be an envelope attached. Inside you will place a monetary donation and this can represent what you would have spent if you were purchasing an actual gift.

All donations are due back to St. John's on or before Sunday, December 12, 2021. If you write a check, please be sure to make it payable to St. John's and in the memo section please write the name of the charity listed on the envelope. You can then drop your envelope with Angel attached into one of the Collection Boxes in church, **OR** you can drop it through the mail slot in the front door at the Parish Office, **OR** you can mail it to the Parish Office. The Angels do bend so they will fit into the Collection Boxes in church.

St. John's will issue a check to the charitable organizations included in this year's Angel Tree Project. Thank you in advance for your generous hearts in this season of giving!

Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24

Masses at 4:00 PM (Children's Choir) and 10:00 PM (Adult Choir)

Christmas Day—Saturday, December 25

Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM, both with Organist & Cantor

NOTE: There is no 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass on Christmas Day, December 25.

Feast of the Holy Family—Sunday, December 26

Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve—Friday, December 31

4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/Mass of Thanksgiving for 2021 year-end.

New Year's Day—Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✝ Tabernacle I **Gilbert DeGrave**
- ✝ Tabernacle II **Nick Lippa**
- ✝ Marian I **Jeff Lader**
- ✝ Marian II **Family of Molly & Len Trotta**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, our November 13/14 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin along with our Boiler Fund Collection from Nov13/14

Thank you!

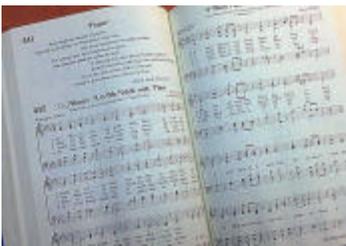
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY of AMERICA



2nd Collection NEXT Weekend, November 27/28

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.



Music Hymnals and the Missalettes Back in the Pews

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, the weekend of November 27/28, you will find the music hymnals and the missalettes back in the

pews. With their return to the pews, please **do not** take a missalette home as you have been doing for several months now. Once again, the hymnals and missalettes are to remain in church.

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! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org. Contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

Reminder on Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) (sometimes referred to as "IRA Charitable Rollovers) as a Way to Donate to St. John's Parish

In December, 2015, the IRA QCD Legislation was signed into law permanently.

Under the legislation, donors aged 70½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA's directly to qualified charities without having to pay income taxes on the money.

Here is a quick recap of the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution rules. Gifts qualify under the law if:

- The donor is age 70 ½ or older on the day of the gift.
- The donor transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities. This opportunity applies only to IRA's and no other types of retirement plans.
- The donor does not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.
- The gift/check must be dated on or before Dec., 31, 2021 to qualify this year.
- The gift needs to be sent directly to the charitable organization which also has to be the payee for the gift.
- The official name and address to use for the receiver of the donation is: St. John the Evangelist Church
2400 W Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14626

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact your financial advisor. If you have other questions, please call or email Joe Spurrier: Business Office at St. John's, at 585-225-8980, or joseph.spurrier@dor.org





Christmas Poinsettias

During this holiday 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,
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Place your order and donation in an envelope marked “Poinsettias” and drop this into the collection box.



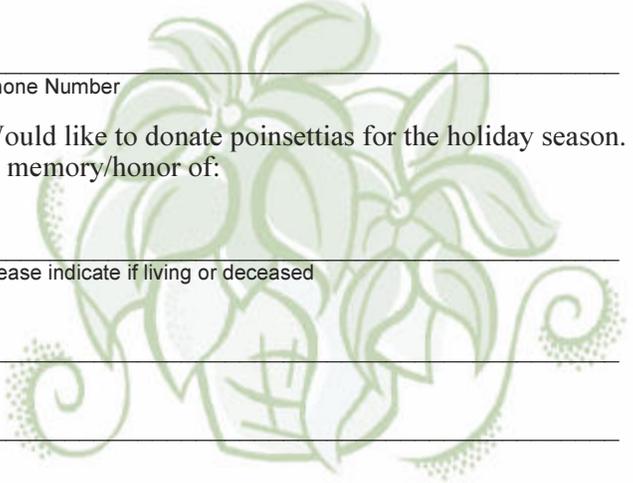
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