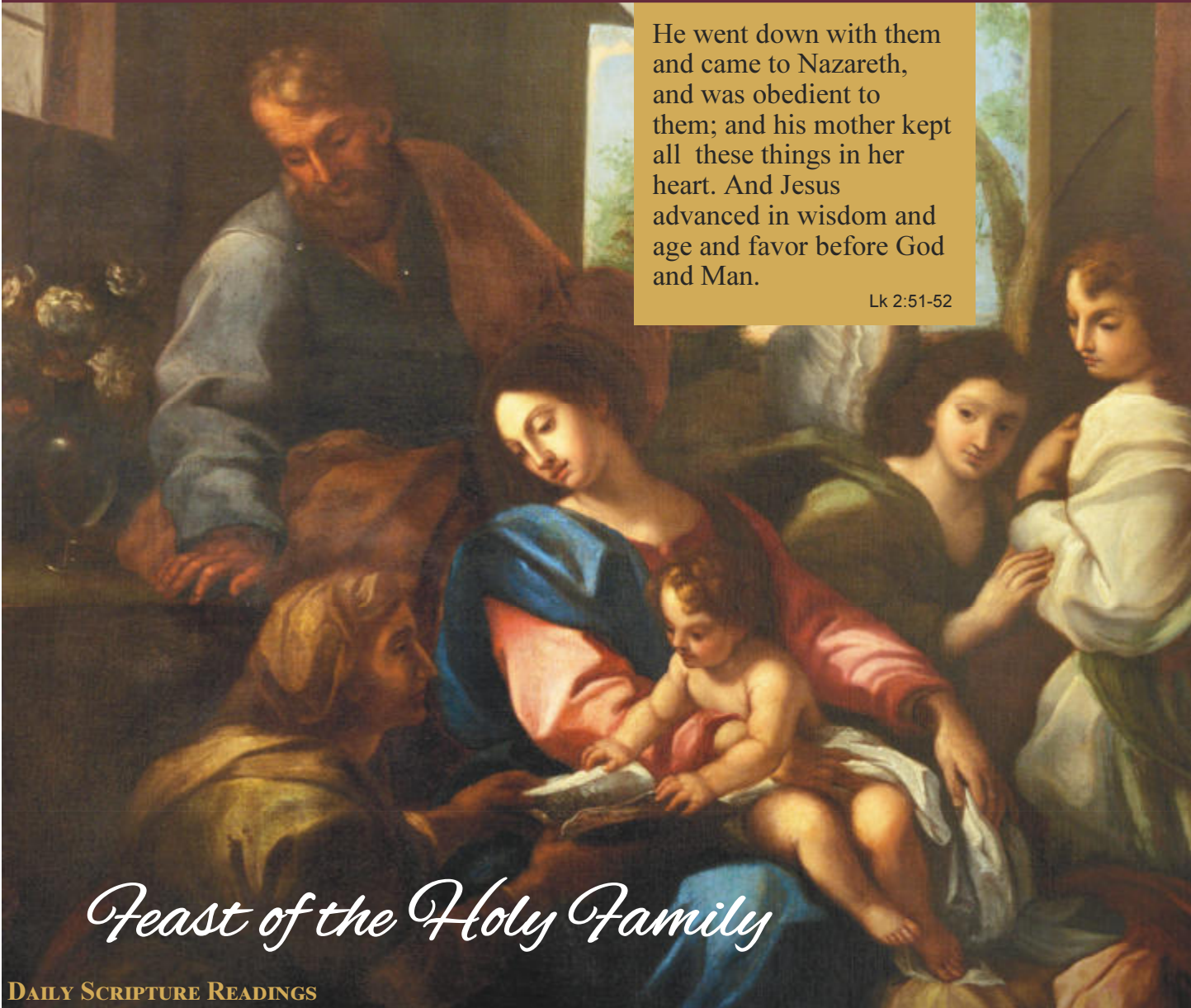


St. John the Evangelist Greece

December 26, 2021

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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 went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and Man.

Lk 2:51-52

Feast of the Holy Family

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

1 Jn 1:1-4/
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/
Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:3-11/
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Thursday

1 Jn 2:12-17/
Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Friday

1 Jn 2:18-21/
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday

Nm 6:22-27/
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/
Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Sunday

Is 60:1-6/
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

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.

The Holy Family is Our Family

It seems natural for us to focus our attention on the Holy Family of Nazareth during the Christmas Season. After all, Christmas is a family celebration. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are projected before us so that we can recommit ourselves to the act of living within the family circle. To live family life well is neither automatic nor easy. It requires effort and practice; it is an art. The teaching of the Church clearly affirms that the family is the basic cell of both the Church and society. This day then, we find ourselves invited by the Word of God to recommit ourselves to the art of Christian family life but we cannot do that realistically if our understanding of the Holy Family or of our own family is unreal. We run the risk of romanticizing the Holy Family of Nazareth. We forget they lived human life as we do.

Jesus, the Son of God, was born into a family. We see him as a baby in the crib but we must not forget that as he grew, he passed through all the stages from infancy through childhood and adolescence into adulthood. Joseph is the model for husband, fathers and workers. He was a just man, a holy man but we should not forget that he experienced the reality of work as a carpenter; blisters on his hands, aching muscles, long days and fatigue. He loved his family and wanted to provide for them, but it was not always easy to do so. And Mary—yes, she was a reflective and



prayerful person, full of grace but as a wife to Joseph and mother of Jesus, she faced the same basic routine chores that wives and mothers experience in

every age and generation.

The Holy Family is a model of Christian family life for us. They loved each other well, but they did not always understand one another. Tension, anxiety, lack of complete understanding, coupled with trust in God, loyalty and respect were all part of the Holy Family's life. These are a part of our family life too.

If we are to recommit ourselves to the art of Christian family life, we must fashion a realistic and holy attitude towards Christian family life; the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We can blend prayer, relationship to God, respect in the way we look at each other, and loyalty into our family life and stick by each other no matter what.

Yes, it's the Christmas Season, a family time. It is good that God turns our thoughts this week to the art of Christian family life by pointing to the Holy Family of Nazareth and inviting us to model our family life after theirs in prayer, respect and loyalty. Our family may not be a perfect one but it will be well-lived because it will be rooted in Christian realism and holiness.



Wishing each of you a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!
Father Peter Enyan-Boadu

Parish Office Holiday Hours

THIS Friday, December 31,
Parish Office is CLOSED. Office will
re-open on Monday, January 3.



Masses for the Week—Dec 27—Jan 2

MONDAY, Dec 27 *St John, Apostle and Evangelist*
 8:15 AM + *Patsy Sciortino*
 by Family

TUESDAY, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*
 8:15 AM + *Bernie VanAppledorn*
 by The Hiler Family

WEDNESDAY, December 29 *St Thomas Becket*
 8:15 AM + *Rose Marie Skrypek*
 by Family

THURSDAY, Dec 30 *6th Day within the Octave*

FRIDAY, December 31 *Solemnity of Mary, Vigil*
 4:00 PM + *Nick DiPonzio*

SATURDAY, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary*
 9:00 AM + *For the People*

SUNDAY, January 2 *Epiphany of the Lord*
 8:00 AM + *Thomas DiPalmo*
 by Mario & Angie Girolamo
 10:00 AM + *Jason Drago*
 by Ange & Eileen Zegarelli

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 27
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Church
 and Parish Center

Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve
 Parish Office CLOSED
 4:00 PM Holy Day Mass of Anticipation and
 Thanksgiving for 2021 Year End in Church

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary
 9:00 AM Holy Day Mass in Church
 NO 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 2 Feast of the Epiphany
 8:00 AM Sunday Obligation Mass in Church
 10:00 AM Sunday Obligation Mass in Church



Friday, Dec 31—Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day Mass of Anticipation & Thanksgiving for 2021 Year End

- **NOTE:** No 8:15 AM Mass on this day
 - Fr. Peter will celebrate **Mass of Anticipation at 4:00 PM**
- Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary**
- Fr. Peter will celebrate **Holy Day Mass at 9:00 AM**
 - **NOTE:** No 4:00 PM Mass on this day.

Sunday, January 2—The Epiphany
 Sunday Obligation Masses at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.



Consecration to the Holy Family

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom, and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.



Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

Sunday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family

First Reading Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
 a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
 Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
 and preserves himself from them.
 When he prays, he is heard;
 he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
 Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
 and, when he prays, is heard.
 Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
 he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
 My son, take care of your father when he is old;
 grieve him not as long as he lives.
 Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
 revile him not all the days of his life;
 kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
 firmly planted against the debt of your sins
 —a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
 who walks in his ways!
 For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
 blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
 in the recesses of your home;
 your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.
 The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see
 the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:
 Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
 heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,
 and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving
 one another, if one has a grievance against another; as
 the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And
 over all these put on love, that is, the bond of
 perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your
 hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one
 body.

Continued above

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you
 richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one
 another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
 with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you
 do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the
 Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
 him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in
 the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any
 bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in
 everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do
 not provoke your children, so they may not become
 discouraged.

Alleluia Col 3:15a, 16a

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of
 Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up
 according to festival custom. After they had completed its
 days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained
 behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.
 Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a
 day and looked for him among their relatives and
 acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to
 Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him
 in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening
 to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him
 were astounded at his understanding and his answers.
 When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his
 mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us?
 Your father and I have been looking for you with great
 anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for
 me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's
 house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.
 He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was
 obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in
 her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and
 favor before God and man.

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.

The Holy Family



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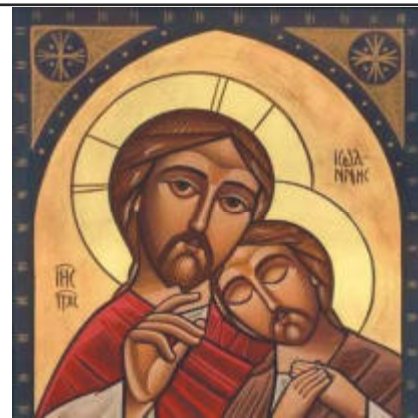


We are so thankful to the households who have pledged to date. In an effort to reach our parish goal, **we need the support of ALL households who have not yet pledged**, so please do so very soon. *Remember to write "039-St. John's Greece" in the memo section of your check!*

As furnished by the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, Dec 14, 2021, these are the latest additions to the listing of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Ministries Appeal Donors since the last CMA update in our December 5 bulletin.

Ms. Agnes and Ms. Patricia Hill	Ms. Mary Grace Paoletti
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As of Tuesday, December 14, 290 households have pledged \$62,288 taking us to 76.07% of our \$81,886 goal.



Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist Feast Day – Monday, December 27

*O Glorious St. John,
you were so loved by Jesus
that you merited to rest your head upon his breast,
and to be left in his place as son to Mary.
Obtain for us an ardent love for Jesus and Mary.
Let me be united with them now on earth
and forever after in heaven.
Amen.*



Cristino Venditti *Husband of Maria Venditti*
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This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Marian I **Rose Marie Skrypek**
- ✚ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



December 11/12	ATTENDANCE.....	335
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,215.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,450.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,665.00
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING...	(\$	1,041.00)

December 8 Immaculate Conception

Offering.....	\$	1,129.00
ONLINE Offering.....	\$	180.00
TOTAL Offering.....	\$	1,309.00

Fiscal Year 2021-22 as December 12, 2021

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	232,944.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	235,522.07
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	2,578.07

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

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.

Due to early bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Holiday, our December 18/19 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in NEXT Weekend's bulletin.

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- The donor does not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift in order to qualify for tax-fee 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
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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

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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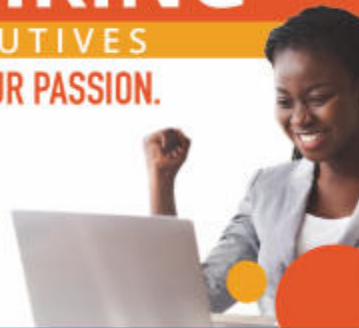
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