

St. John the Evangelist Greece

January 16, 2022

2400 West Ridge Road
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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.

PRAYER LINE

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Sm 15:16-23/ Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/ Mk 2:18-22	1 Sm 16:1-13/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3:1-6	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/ Mk 3:7-12	1 Sm 24:3-21/ Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11/ Mk 3:13-19	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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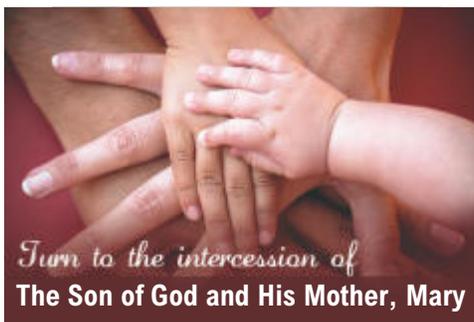
Welcome!

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.

The Wedding Feast in Cana and Our Faith in God

Cana was in the area of Nazareth where Jesus had grown up. His mother was invited to a wedding, and Jesus and his disciples were also there. John's Gospel uses this simple, family event to open our minds and hearts to some profound insights. The supply of wine ran short at the reception and Jesus' mother Mary intervened; was seemingly rebuffed; and yet she told the attendants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. We thought we were just looking in on a reception, but John reveals mysteries to us that continue to envelop our lives today.

The Gospel concludes by telling us that *the disciples began to believe in him* John 2:11. This

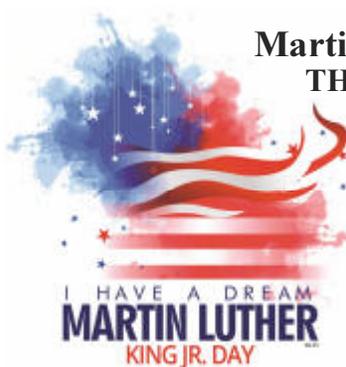


was just the beginning of their faith journey. So it can be the beginning of ours. As they stayed and traveled with Jesus they would come to deeper insights. So must we! If we stay with Jesus he would lead us to the God the Father. We can take lessons from this Gospel. One of the most

important is the intercession of the mother of Jesus on behalf of the wedding people. It should teach us the value of prayer. God knows what is best for us, and prayer provides us a way to express our reliance on him, to ask for guidance, to put our lives in his hands. Let us remember to go to the Son of God Jesus for all things in prayer and never forget the mother of God, Mary, to intercede for us.



Peace and Love to all,
Fr. Peter



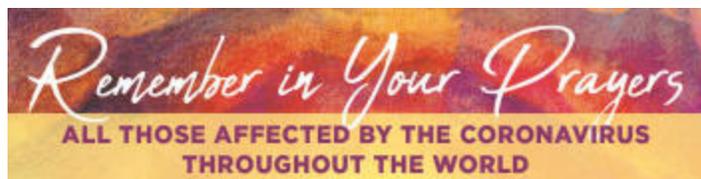
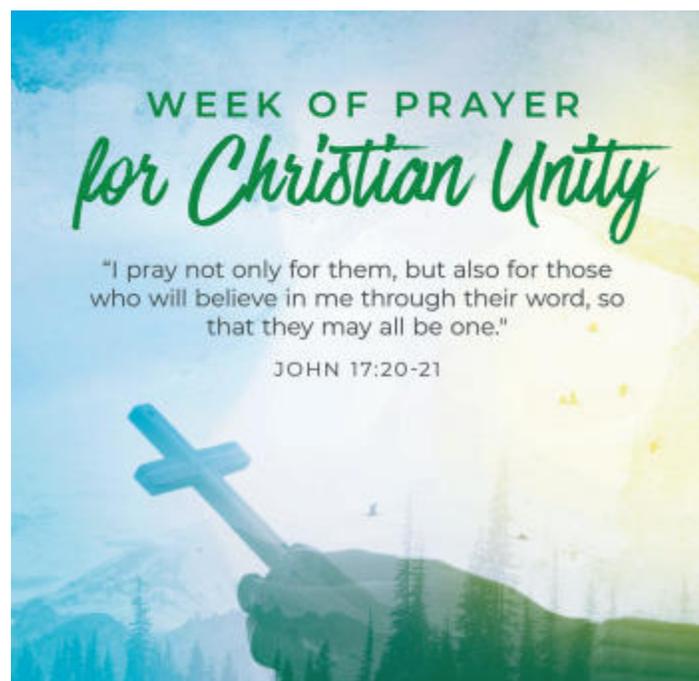
Martin Luther King Jr Day THIS Monday, January 17

Parish Office is CLOSED

*The office will re-open
on Tuesday, January 18
at 9:00 AM.*

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.”

—Martin Luther King Jr



Masses for the Week—January 17—23

MONDAY, January 17 *St Anthony*
 8:15 AM + *Lori Throop*
 by Vince & Joy Roberts

TUES, Jan 18 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*
 8:15 AM + *George Borrelli*
 by Richard & Mary Ann Carson

WEDNESDAY, January 19 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Luigi Grillo*
 by Family

THURSDAY, January 20 *Sts Fabian & Sebastian*

FRIDAY, January 21 *St Agnes*
 8:15 AM + *Virginia Palumbo*
 by Janet & Frankie Carson & family

SATURDAY, January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 4:00 PM + *Fr Ventura*
 by Family

SUNDAY, January 23 *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Salvatore Panella*
 by Family
 10:00 AM + *Anthony DePetres*
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 16
 8:30 AM Faith Formation in Parish Center
 11:00 AM Confirmation Class in Parish Center

Monday, Jan 17 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day
 Parish Office CLOSED

Tuesday, January 18
 6:30—8:30 PM Following Christ in Parish Center



Unfulfilled Mass Requests

As of late we find we have a number of open weekday Masses on the calendar during the months of January thru April, 2022. At the same time, we also have a list of unscheduled Masses for people who were given Mass Cards. We recognize people would like to schedule a weekend Mass, however, they are not always available. Therefore, we ask that you please consider scheduling our 8:15 AM weekday morning Mass. It's so nice when we see families gathered at weekday morning Mass and it's also a beautiful way to start one's day!

Therefore, if you or someone you know has received a Mass card and has not yet scheduled a date for the Mass, we ask that you contact the Parish Office. **If we do not hear from you by January 21st, we will begin using these unscheduled Masses to fill open Mass dates on the calendar** and you can watch for your Mass under *Masses for the Week*. We appreciate everyone's help and understanding with this.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22
Victor Bartolotta	Michael Bausch	Peter Bayer	Richard Beligotti	Robert Beligotti	Philip Billotte	Sylvester Bioh



Examples of Our Faith St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. His courage in the face of death, and willingness to give up his life rather than forsake the God whom he loved and served, shows that he was a devoted, strong, and holy man. Today he is the patron saint against plague and illness, of archers, athletes, the dying, soldiers, and the Pontifical Swiss Guards. ©LPi

Sunday, January 16 Second Sunday of ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10**R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

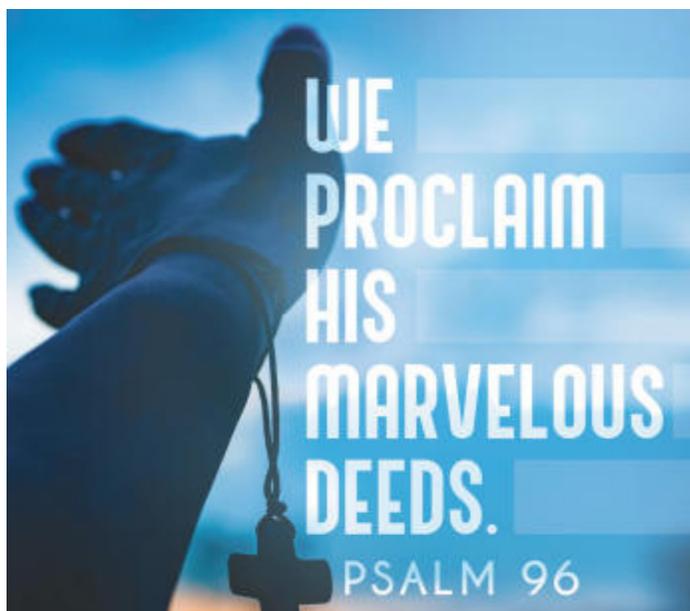
Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the LORD in holy attire.
Tremble before him, all the earth;
Say among the nations: The LORD is king.
He governs the peoples with equity.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.**Second Reading** 1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Alleluia Cf. 2 Thes 2:14**R. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

God has called us through the Gospel
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.**Gospel** Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

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.



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**In Simple Ways,
 We Can Each Make a Difference**

The Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord has come and gone yet his Light always remains! Do the words, *Shine the Light of Christ* sound familiar? They probably do and, as one Body in Christ, we are ALL called to do so— “*your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.*” Matthew 5:16.

We may be of the mindset that to do anything Christlike is impossible. Not so. We are asked to be Christlike—not Christ himself. How do we do this? Very simply. Everyone can produce a smile, although with mask wearing these days smiles are not easily recognized. The point to be made here is it doesn’t take much to shine the Light of Christ. Jesus himself was radically simple and we, too, can be simple in our acts of love to one another for the purpose of glorifying God and making a difference in someone’s life.

We can begin right in our own homes with our family members and then extend the light to our friends, to strangers in our community, and to those here in our faith community of St. John’s. We can begin with a smile or an unexpected hug to someone in our own home, a friendly hello to someone at the grocery store or someone in school,

***Go ahead, give it a try,
 start something positive...***

a sincere *it’s nice to see you* to someone here at church or a phone call to someone who is home-

bound. Wherever we are, wherever we go, whatever we do, each of us can do a little something. We all know our world is challenged on a daily basis with lots of negativity so shining the light of Christ should be easily recognized. Go ahead, give it a try; let your light shine. Start something positive. Have fun with your children and grandchildren, family and friends, by sharing the different ways you have brightened someone’s day and see where it takes you. Encourage each other to make the Gospel part of their everyday life and remember to come to church. The world will be all the better and brighter because of it.

“As the family goes,
 so goes the nation,
 and so goes the
 whole world
 in which
 we live.”
 ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer
 for the Legal
 Protection of
 Unborn Children

Saturday, January 22



Thomas Schraml Grandson of Tom Grieco
Barbara Piper Mother of Sandy DiBenedetto



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
✠ Tabernacle I Mr & Mrs Edward Bridgeman
✠ Tabernacle II Special Intention of
Ken & Darlene Ayotte
✠ Marian I Victims of Abortion
✠ Marian II Founding Families of St. John's

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



January 8/9	ATTENDANCE.....	231
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,815.01
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,833.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,648.01
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING...(\$		57.99)

Fiscal Year 2021-22 as January 9, 2022

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	271,768.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	273,012.26
OVERAGE TO DATE.....	\$	1,244.26

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

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Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

January 16, 2022—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi





348 households have pledged thus far a total of \$77,632 bringing us to **94.8%**. As you can see we are slowly making progress and we emphasize progress.

We remain hopeful that additional pledges will come forward from households who haven't done so yet.

As furnished by the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John's CMA Donors since the last update in our January 9 bulletin.

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