

2400 West Ridge Road Rochester, New York 14626

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.



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

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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 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/ Acts 22:3-16 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/ Mk 3:22-30

Wednesday 2 Tm 1:1-8 1 Mk 16:15-18 Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday** 

Mk 4:21-25

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/

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#### Friday **Saturday** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11-14/ Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/ Mk 4:26-34

Ps 51:12-17/ Mk 4:35-41

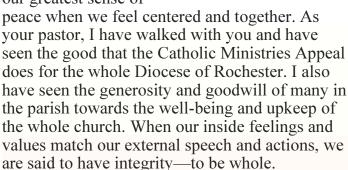
#### Sunday Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 4:21-30

### 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.

## **CMA Reflections**

When we feel deprived or torn, even between two things, we usually feel pretty uncomfortable. Spiritually we have our greatest sense of



The annual Appeal helps us work toward our desire to be disciples of Jesus by praying, advocating, encouraging, living and reaching out to our brothers and sisters in the Lord. The spirit of reconciliation and renewal that we should show our sisters and brothers in need must begin with us. I pray for those who have already given and am very grateful to those who were in a position to give an additional donation. It was my hope to reach our goal by the end of December, 2021, but this did not happen, however, we are so close now at 95.67% that I anticipate reaching our goal in this month of January, 2022.

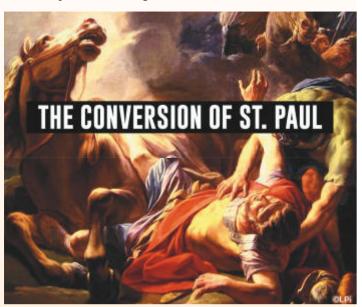
If what I anticipate comes to fruition, this will be the first time during my pastorship here at St. John's that we will have made our CMA goal in the month of January—and a HOORAY this will be for all of us!



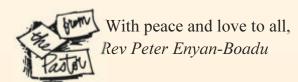
My prayer and wish are that we be able to make our goal. I do not want to sound like some other minister or preacher but if we truly believe that Jesus is Our Lord and

Savior, that in itself is proof that the Holy Spirit is living in us, bringing us to a deeper insights into Jesus' mind and deeper experience of his heart to care for one another.

May the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, convert us and make us better disciples of Christ in loving and serving one another just as Paul proclaimed to the Gentiles.



St. Paul, we ask your openness to conversion when we hear the Lord speak to us as He spoke to you. Assist us in responding with great faith to every invitation we receive to love the Lord more fully, to know Him more deeply, and to spread his word more broadly to those who need it.



## Masses for the Week—January 24—30

MONDAY, January 24 St Francis de Sales 8:15 AM + Dolores Whitcher by Mary Conklin

**TUES, January 25** Conversion of St Paul, Apostle 8:15 AM + Vincenzo, Elvira, & Salvatore Ragonese by Bruna

**WEDNESDAY, January 26** Sts Timothy & Titus 8:15 AM + Connie Rucinski by Daughter, Sharon Rucinski

THURSDAY, January 27 St Angela Merici

FRIDAY, January 28 St Thomas Aquinas 8:15 AM + Cristino Venditti by Antonio DiMonda

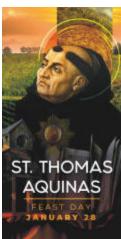
**SATURDAY, January 29** Weekday **4:00 PM** + *John Jweid* by Daniel & Melissa Kabasin

**SUNDAY, January 30** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM + For the People 10:00 AM + *Ed Furierer* by Jackie Schmitz

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

### Please keep the following ordained in your pravers this week.

Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29
						All Missionaries



## **Examples of Our Faith**

#### St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order is St. Thomas Aguinas His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers,

theologians and students, St. Thomas

Aguinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi

#### This Week's Schedule

#### Monday, January 24

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center **6:30 PM** Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Parish Center/Church

### **Tuesday, January 25**

**6:30—8:30 PM** Following Christ in Parish Center

#### **Dear Parishioners**,

Since 2018, Fr. Peter, his staff, Parish Pastoral Council Members, and Parish Ministries have nominated parishioners who have contributed to our parish life in so many ways. These nominees have been presented with Certificates of Appreciation. Recipients may have served as Eucharist Ministers, Liturgy Team Members, Music Ministry Members, Fish Fry Chefs/Servers, etc. They have contributed much time and talent to meet the many needs of our Parish.

In this new year, each one of you is asked to consider nominating fellow parishioners who are deserving of appreciation and recognition. In an effort to avoid a nomination for someone who has already received a certificate, a list of these past recipients is provided for your reference. Please send an e-mail to me, Sharon Miller, at pmrsp74@yahoo.com with your nominee's name, and how that person inspires you and the different ways he/she contributes to our beloved St. John the Evangelist Parish, Fr. Peter will review each nomination.

#### Thank you,

Sharon Miller, Parish Pastoral Council Member & point person for Certificates of Appreciation

2018 Recipients _			
Sue Grieco	Mickey Corsi	Scott Gruschow	
Tom Grieco	Rick Paoletti	John Lacek	
Christine Paoletti	Kathy Christodaro	Carol Napierala	
2019 Recipients _			
Jeannette Wahl	Carolyn Kerhaert	Christine Hoefler	
Paul Parkman	Gary Kern	Chip LaCure	
Tom Fien	Nick Sassano	Jerry Dominik	
Cristyn Simone	Steve Braya	Tara Griffin	
Nancy Lader	Cheryl Watt		
2020 Recipients			
Eileen Zegarelli	Bill & Barbara Chi	lds Tony Muscato	
Joni Trotta			
2021 Recipients_			
Debbie Stanton	Nick Lippa	Jill Finan	

## Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### First Reading Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it— for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

#### R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

#### R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

#### R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

#### R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

#### **Second Reading** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

#### Alleluia Cf. Lk 4:18

#### R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### Gospel Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

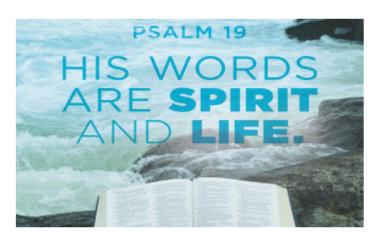
Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture



#### **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.

#### Parish Council Meeting Minutes—January 10, 2022

**Opening Prayer:** Pam Tofany-Kern

**Attendance** (Christine Paoletti-Sec): Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Bob Gotham, Jill Bailey, Pam Tofany-Kern, Nick Sassano, Karen Cooper, Tod Simone, Melissa Ryan, Nick Verdino, Alan Christodaro, Sharon Miller, Paul Parkman, Gary Kern, Patti Hoag, Rick Paoletti *Visitors*: Marcia Parsons *Excused*: Deacon Bob, Deacon Elmer, Consuelo De Los Santos, Rick Ryan, Kathy Christodaro,

**Approval of Agenda:** for tonight's Meeting (Emailed 1/1/2022) Approval: Rick Paoletti; Second Alan Cristodaro

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** from December 13, 2021 Meeting (in bulletin on 1/1/2022) Approval: Patti Hoag; Second: Sharon Miller

**Chairperson's Comments:** Parish Council **Secretary:** Christine Paoletti has graciously accepted the position of Secretary to the Parish Council. Jill will be her back up.

ChristLife: Please be aware of the upcoming opportunity to experience Following Christ starting in January. Some of you may have participated in this segment of the ChristLife program in the past, after Discovering Christ. Please consider yourself invited. Whether you participate again or for the first time, Following Christ is designed to help you grow closer to and deepen your faith in Our Lord and Savior. The program will roll out as follows:

- Tuesday evenings January 11 February 22, 2022, 6:30-8:30 PM, includes dessert and beverages
- Retreat day: Saturday, February 12, Time TBD, meals provided, free will offering accepted for meals.
- Note that the program may be elongated if cancellations for weather are required.
- COVID protocols are followed. Social distancing in place for group discussion.

CMA – 2021 thru 2022: This year's CMA campaign started on October 4, 2021 and continues thru May 31, 2022. Our goal this year is \$81,886. Fortunately, our goal has been lowered from last years \$87,757. We had 370 donors last year when we reached our goal. That averages out to be \$237 per donor.

As of January 7, 2022 – we have raised \$76,952.00 which is 93.97% of our Goal. So far, we have had 344 donors for an average of \$224. We are still below last year's average of \$237 but we are getting closer. However, we are only \$4934 short of reaching our Goal. This is amazing.

**Angel Tree:** There were 9 organizations that we are supporting 190 Angels in total. We raised \$7,455.

- Daystar Kids -\$960
- Friendship Center \$735
- House of Mercy \$675
- Mother Teresa Missionary Ctr at Holy Apostles \$750
- Journey Home Hospice \$600
- Focus Pregnancy Center \$1,215
- Nazareth Elementary \$1,250 + \$50 gift card
- St. Mary's Refugee Center \$790
- St. John's Families \$430

Another great job by the team that organized this and by the entire Parish.

Christmas Wreaths: As a final note for the Christmas wreaths, we sold 77 wreaths and St. John's made \$530.25. Steve Seely and his wife Gail did a wonderful job in producing the wreaths. I hope everyone enjoyed their wreaths and maybe this will be a bigger event next Christmas. Steve will be looking to incorporate a pre-order system that may start in September.

Fr. Peter's Update: Happy New Year to all.

The Catholic Church is declining in church attendance. We have lost a number of priests and vocations. Some areas of the diocese have closed churches. The 4 parishes of EG/C, in addition to St. Lawrence, have formed a task force to think about our future in terms of areas of collaboration between parishes such as staff sharing and sharing Mass schedules in view of the declining number of priests. For example, here at St. John's we have a large capacity for church attendance but we never fill to capacity which may be similar to other parishes. We will be selecting 2 people to represent St. John's as we move through this process to see what we can do for each other into the future. The faithful are encouraged to pray for priest vocations. With the current climate in the church, it is difficult to find new vocations and even laity to serve in the church (as choir members, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, etc.).

Thanks to all who made our Christmas so special. Marcia, Tod, Choir members, decorators and all who attended our services.

**Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon Miller** reported one pending nomination and a bulletin announcement should be out soon.

**Liturgy Committee:** Tod: Feast of St. Blaise on Feb 3, we will do the blessing of the throats on Feb 5-6. We need another volunteer for each Mass.

- Hands of Christ on Feb 15 and 17 at St. Lawrence, Mateo Tifone is receiving this award from our parish.
- K of C have requested Feb 28 to do a holy hour to include rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Litany of St Joseph from 7-8 PM and is open to the community.
- Ash Wednesday is approaching. Stations of the Cross will be led by each Ministry again this year. Wednesdays during lent the Stations will be prayed after morning mass

**Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update:** Tod Simone is starting to go back to Atria to bring Communion. Unity was allowing visitors and General only allows visitors in certain areas.

 We have a limited supply of home COVID tests available from the Town of Greece and they are limited to one person in person and they can be picked up at the rectory.

**Knights of Columbus Council 3892 Update: Rick Paoletti** reported nothing the rest of January. Fish Fry is being proposed to be take out only again this year. And same COVID procedures as last year. We will have it available every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. If local COVID restrictions change, this may be changed at anytime.



Carla VanMaldeghem Sister of Diana Craddock



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

Tabernacle I Living and Deceased
Benefactors of St. John's

Tabernacle II Special Intention of Ken & Darlene Ayotte

**†** Marian I Carolyn Selbig

Marian II Our Nation

#### **BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



January 15/16	ATTENDANCE	296
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	7,275.06
ONLINE Giving	\$	1,483.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering	\$	8,758.06
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OF	FERING(\$	947.94)
Fiscal Year 2021-22 as J	January 16, 2	2022

YEARLY BUDGET	.\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE	.\$	281.474.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED	.\$	281,770.32
OVERAGE TO DATE	•	206.32

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. 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 Business Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



#### PPC MINUTES Continued from page 5

## Outreach – Social Media/Communications Committee Update:

#### **Gary Kern – Website update:**

The Parish Activities web pages are out of date. We need to identify contacts to review and provide updates for each of the following pages. I will need the name and email address for each person, so I can guide them through the process of updating these pages.

The contacts below are Bob's last known contacts

Social Activities
 Women's Guild
 Marcy Lader
 Marcy Lader
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Men's Club
 Maureen Beattie
 Nancy Lader
 Cheryl Watt
 Bill Smith

• Other Activities This appears to be a catch-all Father will confirm which ministries are dormant and which are disbanded.

**Christine Paoletti** reports **Facebook** update 538 page likes. Many funerals have been live-streamed thanks to Tod.

**Paul Parkman** reported **Jill Finan** has been on Twitter tweeting, every day since 2017, scripture and faith related lines. St William is the saint of the day. He was from France and died as a bishop. His noted devotion was to the Blessed Sacrament and this is a lesson to us even today. December 27<sup>th</sup> was the feast of St. John the Evangelist.

Outreach – Social Activities Committee Update: Melissa Ryan reported no updates. Due to COVID there is nothing going on.

**Safety & Security:** Nick Sassano says everything seems to be working out well. With the slippery conditions we are keeping an eye on things. CPR certifications need to be updated but the fire department is not offering these at this time. Father asked Nick to check the first aid kit to see what supplies are needed. We did just get three new auxiliary first aid kits but CPR kits need to be updated. Kits are located in the usher's room, in the sacristy, and the parish center.

**Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish: Father Peter** offered condolences to **Bob Gotham** on the passing of his mother, Evelyn Gotham. Bob thanked the parishioners for their prayers and kind words.

Closing Prayer: Pam Tofany-Kern Next Meeting: February 7, 2022

**Opening and Closing Prayers:** Paul Parkman

\*\*Respectfully submitted by Christine Paoletti\*\*







We are just about there! We currently stand at 95.67%. The hope is to reach our parish goal in this month of January, 2022. **Many thanks** to each of you who have contributed to bring us to this point. We are hoping and praying to report good news soon. Until then, keep the faith and shine the Light of Christ.

As furnished by the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John's CMA Donors since the last update in our January 16 bulletin.

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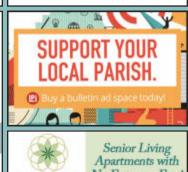
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