



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: half an hour before/after each service or by appointment

Sunday Liturgy: 9.30AM
Weekday Liturgy: as scheduled in the bulletin

Sick Calls: As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emergency

Readings and Music Jan 4:
2 Tim 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8
Tone 5

WELCOME TO ST JOHNS

“For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7) We welcome all visitors and new members to our parish family and hope you will become an active part of our parish community by participating fully in our spiritual and social life. We are delighted to welcome you! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together,

Fr Gregory and parish family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE JANUARY 4-11

Sunday January 4 – Sunday before Theophany

9.00am – Matins

9.30am – Divine Liturgy, Katherine & Raymond Martino, liturgy of thanksgiving, by the Martino family

Tuesday January 6 – Theophany of Our Lord

5.00pm – Divine Liturgy, for the intentions of the parish family.

Great blessing of water to follow

Saturday January 10 – Saturday after Theophany

3.00pm – The Office of the Ninth Hour

3.15/5.00pm – Confessions

Sunday January 11 – Sunday after Theophany

9.00am – Matins

9.30am – Divine Liturgy, +Karol & Eva Shuck, w Panachida, by MaryAnn Shuck
Blessing of the Long Island Sound to follow (Seaside Park, Bridgeport, CT)

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

December 24/25 attendance: 24th – 36; 25th: 36; collections (included online) \$10,887.90

December 28 attendance: 45; collections: \$1,462.00

We are very grateful for your faithful attendance and generosity. Your giving helps us live out our mission of love and service in our community. May God bless you in many ways!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **catechetical Sunday** will be held today, **January 4th**, following Divine Liturgy: ECF classes begin for our children, and Bible study on the Book of Genesis will be offered for adults.

Blessing of the water. The traditional blessing of the water in occasion of the Feast of Theophany of Our Lord will take place on Tuesday, **January 6th**, following the Divine Liturgy. As usual, St Johns will provide the water bottles but you are also welcome to use your own water bottles (please place them on the table of blessing)

Third Annual Blessing of the Long Island Sound. Also this year we will bless the nearest source of “living water” in commemoration of Jesus’ baptism. There will be the blessing of the Long Island Sound on Sunday **January 11th**, following the Divine Liturgy (at around 11.15am/11.30), in the Seaside Park, Soundview Dr, Bridgeport, CT, south of the baseball complex, in the vicinity of Cannon Statue. Some hot drinks like tea and coffee will be served too for this outside service.

The **annual recap** of the donations through the year 2025 along with the financial report will be sent to the parishioners in the second half of the month of January.

Weekday Liturgy Schedule January/June. The weekday liturgy in the first half of the year (January/June) will be on Thursdays at 9am (instead of Fridays).

Vocation Icon. There are still few weeks left when the vocation icon can be taken home for the prayer for vocations. Thank you for considering this important spiritual initiative and praying for vocations!

There are still several **calendars left**. If you know of someone who is homebound or some other family members who can make use of them, please take them.

Thank you. A heartfelt thank you to Lynn Seitz Costanzo for her generous donation of \$3,000.00 to our parish. Thank you so much and may the good Lord bless you in many ways!

Liturgies Book 2026. There are still open dates for the year 2026 to schedule the Divine Liturgy. Having a Divine Liturgy said for a loved one is a noble and ideal way to honor a deceased person. The Liturgy is also offered for the health and blessing of a person or family. If you wish to schedule the liturgy, please fill out the white envelope with the details and drop it in the basket. Thank you!

Updating email listing and addresses. Dear parishioners, as we have entered the new year, we would like to ensure we can best communicate with you regarding parish news, events, and service schedules, we kindly ask for your help in keeping our records accurate. If you have moved recently, changed your phone number, or updated your email address, please take a moment to share your new contact details with us. Just drop a line in the basket or email us at stjohntrumbull@gmail.com Thank you!

Blessing of the Houses. As we approach the feast of Theophany, the traditional house blessing will be offered again. If you wish your house blessed, please see Fr Gregory, call the rectory, or send an email so that the blessing can be arranged at the convenient time.