St. John the Evangelist Greece

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.



gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday **Tuesday** Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday Sunday Acts 11:1-18/ Acts 11:19-26/ 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Acts 13:13-25/ Acts 13:26-33/ Acts 13:44-52/ Acts 6:1-7/ Ps 19:2-5/ s 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/ Ps 98:1-4/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/ Ps 87:1b-7/ Ps 2:6-11ab/ Jn 10:11-18 Jn 10:22-30 Jn 14:6-14 Jn 13:16-20 Jn 14:1-6 Jn 14:7-14 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

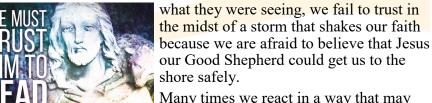
It is I, the Shepherd

Can you imagine being caught in the path of volcanic ash in some far away country in Italy's Mount Etna? The sky is dark and threatening, the winds of dust are blowing and you want to get home or to your destination. How frightening it can

be to feel completely helpless and fearful of circumstances beyond our control! Would anything seem normal? In this kind of situation we might not know how to keep our composure and instead become frantic and even start to panic. We could blow our difficulties out of proportion. We could surrender and allow anguish and depression to overwhelm us. However, there is another choice:

CONTEMPLATE. Ask for guidance and strength. Rather than throwing our hands up in despair, LIFT them in PRAYER. Jesus the sheep-gatekeeper will answer. He will provide COURAGE, PATIENCE, and SUPPORT. Jesus helps us see the hidden secrets within our traumas and the promised blessings yet to come. Ask yourself, what lesson am I learning from this? Even if it is a difficult lesson, consider what it has taught you and how much you have grown.

This is what is happening during the Easter Season; we, like the Apostles have seen the resurrected Christ, struggle to grasp his presence in our lives. Like the Apostles who did not trust



Many times we react in a way that may seem to show that we have been saved by

the Christ-Light at Easter, then life's terrible experiences have the triple whammy effect of pain, worry, and self-doubt. They can leave us feeling desolate and wondering if we will ever see the Christ-Light. We sometimes feel that Jesus is far away and that we are in a dark space without any light to guide us, but with faith, we know that Jesus the Good Shepherd is always present and will help us in times of trouble. He is always with us even if we are not aware of his presence.

How often do we rely on Jesus and put our trust in him? Some of us only **CALL** on Jesus when a situation is so dire that we finally give up all other remedies and ask him to lead us out of the darkness. Those who call on Jesus only as a last resort miss out on so much. When we recognize that he is always present in our lives, we can be more peaceful and often more fulfilled. Let us live now glorifying God



in all we do so that one day we may inherit eternal life. With peace and love to all, Father Peter

Called to Priesthood

Priestly Life & Ministry in the Diocese of Rochester

In preparation for today's 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 30, 2023, the Catholic Courier, in collaboration with the Priesthood Vocations Awareness Team of the Diocese of Rochester, has developed this series of videos profiling the vocational journeys and current ministries of several diocesan priests.



O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to

surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Visit https://catholiccourier.com/priestlife/

Videos released to date include:

- "God is always calling" Fr Aaron Kelly
- "Image of Jesus" Fr Carlos Sánchez
- "Why the Priesthood?" Frs William Coffas/Joseph Martuscello
- "No place I would rather be" Fr Anthony Mugavero
 "I owe something back" Frs William Leone/Michael
 Brown



May Crowning NEXT Sunday May 7 at 10:00 AM Mass

The May Crowning Ceremony will take place Sunday, May 7 at the 10:00 AM Mass. This is a special devotion to our Blessed Mother celebrating Mary as a Queen because she was the perfect follower of Jesus Christ and the absolute 'crown' of creation. Members of our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry along with any children at Mass will honor our Blessed Mother. Our Sunday attire is fitting for our Lord and His Queen Mother whom we honor.

Masses for the Week—May 1—7

MONDAY, May 1 St Joseph the Worker

8:15 AM + Pasquale Cirocco

by Angelo and Maria Leonardis

TUESDAY, May 2 St Athanasius

8:15 AM + Kevin Maguire

by Uncle Gene & Aunt Diane

WEDNESDAY, May 3 Sts Philip & James, Apostles

8:15 AM + Dorothy Sgambaty

by Gene & Diane Englert

THURSDAY, May 4 National Day of Prayer

FIRST FRIDAY, May 5 Easter Weekday

8:15 AM + Eleanor Zanni

by Pat & Gary Gross

10:00 AM Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, May 6 Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Fr Peter's Intention

4:00 PM + *For the People*

SUNDAY, May 7 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM + Gloria Andrews

by Jonathan & Donna Verdun

10:00 AM + Joseph Chiapperi

by Wife & Children

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Apr 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
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Women's Guild Members

As promised The Brook House will let us have a dinner get together of 25 people. SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, May 10 at 4:30 PM.

Like last year, we can have **25 women ordering off the menu and paying separately for their own dinner.** We can visit, see each other, and enjoy a delicious dinner.

If you are interested, please give **Carolyn Kerhaert a call to place your reservation at 225-7425.** This will be a first come first on the list group. So please call early and understand this count is beyond our control. We would love to see everybody and have over 100 showing up!

Carolyn Kerhaert, St. John's Women's Guild

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 30 World Day of Vocations

Pray, Pray, Pray!

First Friday, May 5

8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church

First Saturday, May 6

8:15 AM Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation & Devotional Prayer

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parish Center

Sunday, May 7

May Crowning at 10:00 AM Mass in Church



Our Day of Caring is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20**; this is a rain or shine date. We will start at 9:00 AM and finish with a Hot Dog lunch between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. There is a variety of things to do but it mostly involves raking. We need volunteers to complete assigned duties and be flexible in completing a list of tasks. Please bring with you: Work Boots, Work Gloves, a rake, clippers and a lot of energy.

Please dress warm and please wear long pants for safety. If you can help us out please contact the Rectory office and leave your name, phone number and email address, so that we can contact you if needed.

God is entrusting to you the task ... of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.

Pastoral Planning: Highlighting the Music Ministry at St. Leo the Great

The St. Leo Church music ministry provides uplifting, prayerful and liturgically correct music at all

liturgies. The goal is active and conscious participation by all who are present. To that end, several parish musical groups lead the congregation in prayer: the Children's Praise Choir, a Handbell Choir including children and adults, and 3 groups open to teens and adults (the Festive Choir, Resurrection Choir, and Contemporary Choir). Patricia Gorman, the Music Director, trains cantors and instrumentalists throughout the year, so a wide selection of parishioners can participate in this ministry. A parishioner recently mentioned to her, "the music here at St. Leo's really adds beauty to the Mass and touches my soul!"

Capital Improvement 2nd Collection NEXT Weekend, May 6/7



This Second Collection for on-going maintenance of our buildings and campus will be taken up. Please use the pink envelopes found in your envelope packets.

Sunday, April 30 4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20b-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

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—April 10, 2023

Opening Prayer: Nick Sassano

Attendance: Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern, Rick Paoletti, Nick Sassano, Tod Simone, Paul Parkman, Jill Bailey, Melissa Ryan, Wayne Howard, Nick Verdino, Jan Gallucci, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro, Sharon Miller *Absent:* Karen Bessette *Excused:* Patty Hoag, Deacon Elmer *Visitors:* None

Approval of Agenda: for tonight's Meeting (Emailed 4/8/2023) Gary Kern, Second: Sharon Miller

Approval of Meeting Minutes: from March 6, 2023, Meeting (in bulletin on 4/16/2023) *Approval:* Alan Christodaro, *Second:* Nick Sassano

Chairperson's Comments:

- CMA UPDATE: YES WE DID IT!!!!!!! \$83,100!!!!!! As of April 6 we had 338 donors and \$83,729.75 has been donated. That is \$247 per donor. And my magical number is \$250. 31 parishes have made their goal and 17 more are in the 90 percentiles. Meeting the goal in its entirety is dependent on those who chose to pay in monthly installments to stay current with their payments. Also, if there are any overages (i.e. St. John's surpasses their CMA goal) the diocese will keep 50% of the overage and give the other 50% to St. Johns.
- WEBINAR ZOOM CALL: The call took place on March 14 and lasted about one hour. There were 60 participants on the call. Alan and I zoomed in. This was titled "Utilizing a Personal approach in the CMA". They talked about a Pilot Program in which they target the MAJOR GIFT DONORS. Those are donors that gave \$1,000 or more the previous year. They experimented with 6 parishes that involved 4 priests. Father Clifford talked about his experience with a young family with 5 children. They chose 10-20 donors from each of these six parishes and personally contacted them. Two stats they brought up were: #1- 95% of Catholics give, #2 the biggest decline was in the group of \$250 or less group. "If we don't ask, we won't get it".
- Day Of Caring: Is scheduled for Saturday May 20 (rain or shine), starting at 9:00 AM with Hot Dog Lunch at 12:00 PM. Wear long pants in case of poison ivy, work boots and gloves.
- MINISTRY NEEDS: Let's review if we have generated any interest. If we get any nibbles, we need to jump on it and get them involved. So far we have had: Altar linens

 3, Collection counters-1, greeters -2, Flower Ministry-1
- COFFEE HOURS: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is Hosting the next Coffee Hour on April 16. Since there are only 4 members of this ministry they may request help with food donations.
- June Picnic: Our final meeting of the year is in June and is basically our annual PICNIC with the Liturgy Committee. Nick Verdino volunteered to help with the cooking. Someone is needed to step up and organize both groups - contact Bob Gotham if interested.

Fr. Peter's Update:

- We have received 6 responses for ministry volunteers.
 Father is very grateful for those who have responded.
- Father thanks the Knights of Columbus for sending **Easter Lilies** to the homebound. He has received many gracious responses from the recipients.

- St. Joseph's Table: Event was successful this year.
 Food donations were sent to the food cupboard and
 St. Peter's Kitchen. Monetary donations were sent to
 St. Peter's Kitchen.
- Palm Sunday: This year we cut back on the number of palms ordered and ran out. Many palms were distributed to the nursing homes which reduced the availability of palms at Mass.
- Holy Thursday Mass and Good Friday: Beautiful Masses, both well attended. Approximately 111 people at Thursday's Mass, 155 people at Good Friday Service.
- Easter Sunday: Very well attended this year; 8:00 AM Mass had 220 people in attendance, 10:00 AM Mass had 307 people. Father is so thankful for the wonderful job done by all who helped make Easter Mass a success.
- "Holy Moments" book by Matthew Kelly was made available after Easter Mass. Father encourages us to read it and pass it on for someone else to enjoy.
- Upcoming: In the near future there will be questions and information in the bulletin from the Parish Task Force.
 Father urges the Parish Council to be sure to submit their answers and share with Nick Verdino.
- Father shares a faith story with us about an event that happened recently in Connecticut during Mass where hosts in a ciborium inexplicably multiplied when the supply ran low. God is always with us!
- For our church to grow, we need **RCIA candidates**. Father is very hopeful we will have candidates in 2024.

Easter Egg HUNT: Weather was nice this year, about 15 kids participated.

Arts and Environment: Decorating our Church for Easter took place on Saturday April 8. Under the direction of Marianne Katz the following volunteers assisted: Bob Gotham, Gabby Gotham, Riley Gotham, Melissa Kabasin, Dan Kabasin, Jessica Wunch, Chris Hoefler, Kathryn Burke, Marilyn Butler, Wayne Howard, Nancy Lader, Elaine Stein and Mickey Slattery. Great JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!

Certificates of Appreciation: Our Parish Council Member Jill Bailey received a certificate of Appreciation on Sunday March 19 at the 8:00 AM Mass. Congrats Jill! There is one other certificate pending. Let Sharon Miller know if you have anyone you would like to nominate.

Liturgy Committee: Divine Mercy Sunday: Deacon Ed Knauf will be assisting Father Peter for the 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM Masses. Upcoming Masses: Ascension on 5/18 (no times yet); Pentecost Sunday on 5/28.

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update: Tod thanks the Knights of Columbus for delivering Easter Lilies to the homebound - they were incredibly grateful.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 Update:

- Fish Fry Summary: Records were set for the last 2 weeks, selling 254 dinners and 256 respectively. In total, there were 1,377 dinners sold. Rick thanks the core fish fry team for all their hard work. It was great having people back to dine in the Parish Center this year.
- Easter Lilies: Between St. John's and St. Charles, 127 lilies were delivered to the homebound. Rick asks us to keep the homebound in our prayers. Many of them were so grateful that we were thinking of them.

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Delmar Leach Father of Daniel Leach



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Vocations to the Priesthood
- Tabernacle II All First Responders
- Marian I Married Couples
- TMarian II Widows and Widowers

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



April 22/23	ATTENDANCE	415					
BUDGETED Sunday On	ffering\$	9,706.00					
SUNDAY Offering	\$	6,838.07					
ONLINE Giving	\$	2,578.00					
TOTAL Sunday Offerin	g\$	9,416.07					
SHORTAGE for SUND	OAY OFFERING(\$	289.93)					
Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of April 23, 2023							
YEARLY BUDGET	•	95,000.00					
BUDGETED TO-DATE	E\$ 4	17,358.00					
ACTUAL COLLECTED	D\$ 4	04,597.31					
SHORTAGE TO DATE	(\$	12,760.69)					

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

Online Giving



Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL THIS Weekend, April 29/30



Elizabeth Ministry Mass of Healing for Miscarriage and Infant Loss

May 7, 2023, 11:15 AM Sunday Mass St. John the Evangelist Church 55 Martha St., Spencerport 14559 Celebrant: Fr. Justin Miller

The Church provides a means for mourning and support through the Liturgy of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Parents and siblings, grandparents, family members and friends are all welcome to attend this Mass in remembrance of their child(ren). Refreshments, support and resources will be available after Mass. Please join us.

Elizabeth Ministry is an international Catholic support network for Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Loss. To join our local email list or for more information about Elizabeth Ministry please contact: Molly Hickey at ElizabethMinistryROC@gmail.com or Janene Loughran #585.329.1974

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St. Joseph's Table: – Christine Paoletti reports – We had about 75 people attended. This is half of what we had in 2019. We had great volunteers and donations. The donated food went to Blessed Sacrament Supper Program and St. Peter's Kitchen. They were delighted and grateful to receive this food that supports their ministry.

Outreach Social Media/Communications Committee Update:

- Gary Kern Website update: All activities have been completed. All other updates should be sent to Gary's email address. Pictures taken during Holy Week are available on both the website and the St. John's Facebook page.
- Christine Paoletti via Cleveland Facebook update 744 likes
- Paul Parkman Faith Stories update

Safety: – Nick Sassano — Safety/Security committee has not received any volunteers. It is ideal to have at least 3 people at a Mass to keep watch of the security monitors as well as the parking lot.

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish: – around the room (1 min each)

- Nick Verdino: Asks how many volunteers are participating in gardening this year, and what is the start date? Bob will get back to Nick.
- Rick Paoletti: Recommends we should attend the Feast of Divine Mercy. We should take advantage of this grace that is given.

Closing Prayer: Nick Sassano Next Meeting: 5/8/2023

Opening and Closing Prayers: Kathy Christodaro

Please join in praying together at the end of each Mass the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Disposition of Religious Articles at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Excerpt from article written by Deacon Joseph Placious, Family Services Counselor at Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries

Did you know, according to the Catholic Church, the proper disposition of religious articles (items that have been blessed) is to burn and bury, or to simply bury them? This is often impractical for people to do, so we are offering a solution.

During normal business hours (M-F 9 AM to 4:30 PM and Sat. 9 AM to Noon), from Monday, May 1 through Saturday, May 6, we will welcome people from the community to come and drop off their religious articles.

Please keep in mind the following stipulations:

- Each item cannot exceed 2 feet for length|width|height
- Please bring in *blessed* items only
- Do *not* bring in cremated remains of a loved one or pet
- Once the items have been brought in for proper disposal, they *cannot* be retrieved.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers April 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 30, 2023

Steve & Mary Ann Donato

April 30, 2023

Dan & Melissa Kabasin

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY