

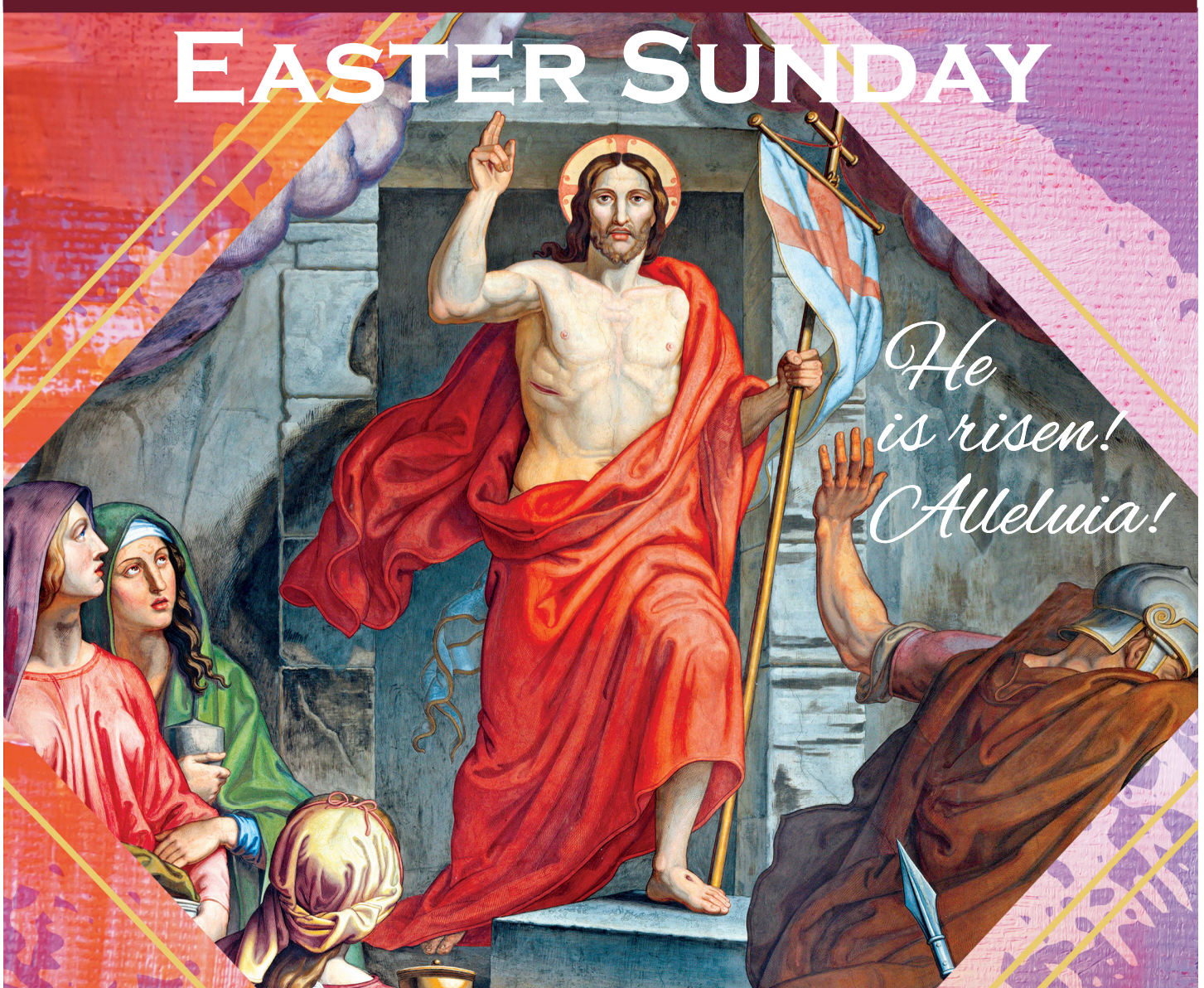
# St. John the Evangelist Greece

April 9, 2023

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.*

## EASTER SUNDAY



*He  
is risen!  
Alleluia!*

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33/  
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/  
Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41/  
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/  
Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10/  
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/  
Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26/  
Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/  
Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday

Acts 4:1-12/  
Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/  
Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21/  
Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/  
Mk 16:9-15

#### Sunday

Acts 2:42-47/  
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/  
1 Pt 1:3-9/  
Jn 20:19-31

## 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 so if you will please 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 Gospel of the Lord

"The Lord be with you!" This is the greeting to the people from the deacon or priest before the Gospel is proclaimed. To this, we reply: "And with your Spirit." Then the deacon or priest announces: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...." And the Church replies, "Glory to you O Lord."

Do you now notice the shift? In this last phrase we no longer speak to the deacon or priest, but to God. This is because the Gospel reading is the high point of God's verbal communication to us. Just as Jesus spoke with the crowds in Galilee, Jesus, in person again, proclaims his Good News to us when the Gospel is PROCLAIMED at Mass. Note here, I said "proclaimed" not read.

We know how important Jesus' words are as we stand attentively and listen. Special signs of reverence are used to call attention to the Gospel—we make the sign of the cross on our foreheads, our lips and our hearts, asking God to open us to hear his word and imitate it in our lives. The Gospel book is adorned with a decorative cover; the Gospel may be incensed when available.

The Gospel is the culmination of all we have heard in the readings thus far. Jesus is the Good News, the fulfillment of what we have heard in the Old Testament, and the source of the New.

After the Gospel has been proclaimed the deacon or priest



says: "The Gospel of the Lord!" and we respond "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!" Sometimes the "Alleluia" is repeated as we remain standing. Such is the Good News of Jesus proclaimed to us today. If the Good News of the Gospel is to take hold of us then it is NOT to be kept to ourselves, but needs to be passed on to others. What is the Good News? **JESUS HAS BEEN RAISED FROM**

**THE DEAD!** Death has no more power—Jesus is **VICTORIOUS** over death! Therefore, the words of Jesus to the women who came to the tomb are the very words that can give us hope... **"DO NOT BE AFRAID."** With those comforting words comes an additional responsibility to God who says, **"GO AND TELL."** Who? US and OTHERS!

Rarely do we keep good news to ourselves in our everyday lives. We want others to share in our joy. It is the same with the resurrection of the Lord. We want the whole world to know that Jesus is Lord and has been raised up to the Father, and we have new life in **HIM**. We are born again, Alleluia! Our faith in God has been renewed. We can live differently from this day forward in Christ. **"This is the day the Lord has made! Let us be glad and rejoice!"** Let us ask for a fresh start in the Lord.



Happy Easter to All,  
Father Peter



On this day of our Lord's glorious Resurrection, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ always live within you and may you always have the gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope, and the promise of Peace.

Wishing each of you a very Joyful and Blessed Easter!  
God bless,

Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Deacon Elmer Smith, Tod & Cris Simone, Chris Frontale, Joe Spurrier, Consuelo DeLosSantos, Dawn Chmiel, Jenny Ertel & Marcia Parsons



**Return and Worship with Us  
Every Week!**

**What's in it for you?** Everything! God desires only and always your good. If you don't think you need to go to church to get close to God, think again. At Mass, you receive God himself—Jesus truly present in the sacrament. Why should you deny yourself such a gift?!

**Masses for the Week—April 10—16**

**MONDAY, April 10** *Monday within the Octave of Easter*  
 8:15 AM + **Bernadette D’Agostino**  
 by Cousins

**TUESDAY, April 11** *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*  
 8:15 AM + **Phoebe Decker**  
 by Judy

**WED, April 12** *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*  
 8:15 AM + **Ed Nietopski**  
 by Bob Mayer

**THURS, April 13** *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

**FRIDAY, April 14** *Friday within the Octave of Easter*  
 8:15 AM + **Ange Zegarelli**  
 by Jim & Sue Darby

**SAT, April 15** *Saturday within the Octave of Easter*  
 4:00 PM + **For the People**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 16**

8:00 AM + **Deon Bob Burke**  
 by Family  
 10:00 AM + **Tom D’Ambrosio**  
 by Ken & Jean Ward

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

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Easter Sunday, April 9**

8:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord  
 10:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Monday, April 10**

5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center  
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in Parish Center

**Saturday, April 15**

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

**Sunday, April 16**

Coffee Hour following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses  
 in Parish Center

HOLY WATER *Continued*

*water welling up from Christ crucified as its source and welling up in us to eternal life” CCC 694.*

The *Catechism* further instructs about the need for a place within the church walls for a remembrance of this birth in the life of grace.

*“The gathering of the People of God begins with Baptism; a church must have a place for the celebration of Baptism (baptistry) and for fostering remembrance of the baptismal promises (holy water font)” CCC 1185.*

Originally the water used for baptisms and holy water fonts was blessed once a year at the Easter Vigil and preserved for the whole year. A portion of the water is still blessed by the priest during a ceremony at the Easter Vigil where the congregation is reminded of the many saving acts of God in history that occurred through water. The blessing concludes when the Easter candle, representing the Light of Christ, is lowered into the water three times. By this act the water is deemed “holy” and set apart for this specific function.

**Leaving the secular and entering the sacred**

In addition to being a reminder of the rebirth experienced at Baptism, holy water fonts also provide a practical function that helps transition from the secular world into the House of God.

According to Fr. John Bartunek at [SpiritualDirection.com](http://SpiritualDirection.com), the holy water fonts were originally much bigger and were mainly used to cleanse a person’s dirty body before walking into the sacred space.

*“Even in ancient non-Christian religions (including Judaism), ritual ablutions (washings) were frequently an initial step in formal worship. And so, when the first Christian houses of worship were built, the atrium that formed a kind of transition space between the outside, public arena and the church proper, where the liturgy was celebrated, often contained a large fountain. Worshipers would stop at the fountain and bathe their hands and feet*

**Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12	April 13	Apr 14	Apr 15
All Missionaries	Brian Carpenter	Joseph Catanise	Thomas Celso	Lee Chase	Jeffery Chichester	Augustine Chumo

**Our Holy Water fonts are filled once again!**

We are pleased to once again offer this sacramental each time you enter/exit Church so please avail yourself and your children to it. Did you know...



**Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water when entering a church?**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains why water plays such an important role in the life of the Church.

*“The symbolism of water signifies the Holy Spirit’s action in Baptism, since after the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the efficacious sacramental sign of new birth: just as the gestation of our first birth took place in water, so the water of Baptism truly signifies that our birth into the divine life is given to us in the Holy Spirit. As ‘by one Spirit we were all baptized,’ so we are also ‘made to drink of one Spirit.’ Thus the Spirit is also personally the living*

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**Sunday, April 9** The Resurrection of the Lord**First Reading** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.  
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

**Second Reading** Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

**Sequence** Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring.  
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection; bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
to Galilee he goes before you.”  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

**Alleluia** cf. 1 Cor 5:7

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

## 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.

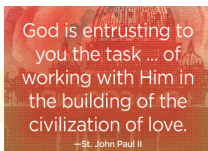


**Day of Caring—2023**

Our Day of Caring is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20** with a backup date of Saturday, June 3. 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 at 225-8980 and leave your name, phone number and email address, so that we can contact you if needed.



**Pastoral Planning:**

Happy Easter from the Pastoral Planning Task Force! We continue to work together to prepare for the future of our parishes (Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Evangelist, St. Leo the Great and St. Mark). We recognize the challenges that face our parishes but trust in the faithful God who guides our communities and promises new, risen life. Please keep our 7 parishes in your prayers.

Information about planning is included in bulletins and available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>.



**Join Us for Coffee Hour!**  
**NEXT Sunday, April 16**  
**following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses**

Come socialize with your fellow parish members and your hosts for this month, our **Prayer Shawl Ministry**.

**Our Easter Flowers are Courtesy of the Following Donors**

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	Brian Hoefler		



Thank you to all who made donations. Your gifts in memory of your loved ones enabled us to decorate our beloved St. John's in beautiful spring flowers. **Additional names will appear in next weekend's bulletin.**





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Vincenzina & Nicola Sciortino
- ✚ Tabernacle II 2023 Catechumens & Candidates Initiated into the Catholic Church
- ✚ Marian I Deacon Bob Burke
- ✚ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>March 25/26</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	379
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,444.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,559.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,003.03
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	2,702.97)

**2nd Collection**

Capital Improvements.....	\$	1,446.01
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	60.00
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TOTAL Capital Improvements.....	\$	1,506.01

**Fiscal Year 2022-23** as of March 26, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	378,534.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	360,269.18
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	18,264.82)

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the Mass attendance and contributions for April 1/2 will be posted in our April 15/16 bulletin.

*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. We use a product from a company that we have been with for a long time and has a long history of working with parishes around the country. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page [www.stjohngreece.org](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



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

**To God be the Glory**

A special thank you to our Arts & Environment Ministry, lead by Patty Hoag and Marianne Katz, for the many hours dedicated to the liturgical planning and decorating of the church for Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Triduum, and soon to be Divine Mercy Sunday. I also include Marilyn Butler who again stepped up to offer her sewing/quilting talent to create a beautiful banner in church! Her talent is amazing. The commitment of those who serve in this ministry to getting everything "just right" is admirable and very much appreciated especially



in view of the many quick turnarounds with the decorating that were necessary during Holy Week. A job well done indeed!

I also wish to add another special thank you to ALL of those who serve in our Music Ministry led by Dawn Chmiel and Consuelo DeLosSantos. Together, with

Dawn and Consuelo's leadership, with many hours of rehearsals, the various cantors, musicians, Adult Choir members, and Children's Choir members each contributed to the beauty of the various Eucharistic celebrations during this sacred time of year so thank you for sharing with us your gifts in celebration of Our Risen Lord! Alleluia!!

God bless,  
*Fr. Peter*

HOLY WATER Continued from page 3

*(shoes were not as common in ancient times as they are now, at least in the warmer climates) before entering the sacred space.* Even Jesus washed the feet of his disciples before celebrating the first Eucharist.

While not currently used in that same way, holy water fonts still provide a reminder that before we can enter the "Wedding Feast of the Lamb," we must wash ourselves and put on the "wedding garment" to be admitted to the table.

In the end, while it is sometimes easy to get into the habit of entering a Catholic church and rushing through the ritual of blessing oneself with holy water, the symbolism behind the act is worth pausing a few extra seconds.

It is meant to be a reminder of our Baptism and provides an opportunity to leave behind the secular and enter into the sacred. - *Aleteia.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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**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers April 2023**

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

April 9, 2023      Bob & Barb Gotham  
April 16, 2023      Tom Grieco  
April 23, 2023      Bob & Barb Gotham

April 9, 2023      Carolyn Kerhaert  
April 16, 2023      Chris Hoefler  
April 23, 2023      Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
April 30, 2023      Dan & Melissa Kabasin

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

April 16, 2023      Ron LaForce  
April 30, 2023      Steve & Mary Ann Donato