

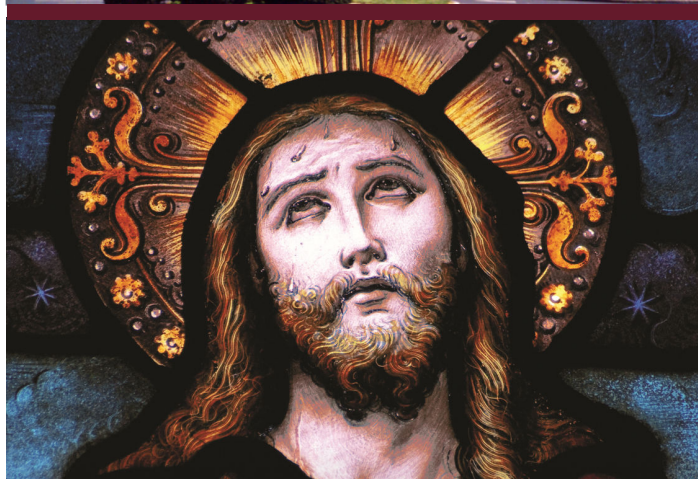
St. John the Evangelist Greece

April 14, 2024

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.



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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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

Acts 6:8-15/
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a/
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/
Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/
Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20/
Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42/
Ps 116:12-17/
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 4:8-12/
Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/
Jn 3:1-2/
Jn 10:11-18

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 please 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.

Mass—Profession of Faith

We have now heard the Good News, the Good News who is Our Lord. He has made known to us what the Father has made know to Him. We must now respond to who He is and what He has done for us. This response to what we have seen and heard is faith. And so WE proclaim this faith...

We believe in one God... We believe in One Lord Jesus Christ... We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord...

This is our moment of personal commitment to the convictions that should SHAPE the very substance of our lives. Making this assent to the truths of faith is the easy part. God desires our response to be the living out of this faith in our daily lives. This is why we rise up again and again at each Mass to proclaim these truths and in so doing, we are greatly supported by the assembly, and all those who have gone before us,



and all those who are to come—we proclaim our faith united throughout time.

The Profession of Faith (the Creed) comes to us out of the blood of many martyrs, from the struggles of many confessors of faith, and the reflections of many mothers and fathers of the Church.

It renews in us that moment when we first became part of the people of God. In this moment we join together with all the other people of God, whether white, black, yellow, or brown; those of us here in Greece or those in Rochester, Buffalo, Bangladesh, Kumasi, or Budapest. Every creed ever said in the smallest congregation or in the greatest basilica, in remote jungles, in prison or in battle camp is one with the CREED we profess today in our parish.



WE BELIEVE.

Peace and love to all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Many Thanks for the DELICIOUS Fish Frys!

Another Lenten season gone by and so goes the Fish Frys for this year. It's always a let down after the last Fish Fry has been served but after **servicing 1,430 meals** this Lenten season, it's definitely time for a year-long reprieve for ALL those led by Rick Paoletti and his team who dedicated their six Fish FRYday's to bringing these meals to us. The Knights of Columbus Council 3892, represented by men from St. John's, St. Charles, and

Our Mother of Sorrows, together with parishioners of St. John's Parish and some of the youth from our neighboring parishes who volunteered, did yeoman's work and for ALL of these efforts please know that, as your Pastor, I am sincerely grateful.

Our parish is definitely out there for having a fantastic fish fry and this is why so many, not only from the immediate neighborhood but from others both near and far, come to enjoy a DELICIOUS meal. Not surprising, we do have some people call the office asking if we have the fish fry every Friday and when they hear the answer is *no, I'm sorry we don't*, they are sorry to hear this. A special thank you to all of our parishioners and those in our community who supported these fish fry's. May our good and gracious God bless you abundantly for your faithful dedication to this annual event.

Peace and Easter joy! Fr. Peter

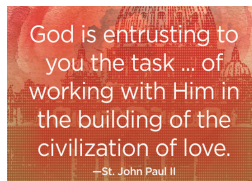
Masses for the Week—April 15—21

- MONDAY, April 15** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Dolores Felice*
by Kathleen Nichols
- TUESDAY, April 16** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Florence DiPonzio*
by Mary & Francine Monachino
- WEDNESDAY, April 17** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Jane Day*
by Niece, Jeanne
- THURSDAY, April 18** *Easter Weekday*
- FRIDAY, April 19** *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Josephine Embury*
by Phil & Sandy Sabatka
- SATURDAY, April 20** *Easter Weekday*
4:00 PM + *The People of St John’s,
Living & Deceased*
- SUNDAY, April 21** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of the Braya Family*
by Family
10:00 AM + *Robert Colby*
by Family

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

This Week’s Schedule

- Sunday, April 14**
Coffee Hours following 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses
in Parish Center
- Monday, April 15**
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center
9:00 AM Parish Pastoral Council in Parish Center
- Sunday, April 21**
First Eucharist Class after 10:00 AM Mass
in Meeting Room



**Pastoral Planning
Task Force Update**

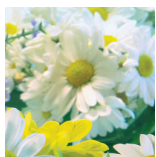
On February 27, the staffs of our 7 parishes met to give feedback to the pastoral planning task force and our pastors/pastoral administrator on a draft recommendation to the Bishop of possible future clusterings of parishes when the Bishop is no longer able to appoint the same number of pastoral leaders to our area. The pastoral planning task force discussed their feedback on March 5. Some of the comments that evening:

- We need to keep communicating that the task force was started by the leaders, not the diocese, and its goal is that the Church’s mission of Word, Worship, Community and Service continues in a vibrant way in our area under the constraints of demographics, financial resources, and priest availability.
- We need to pay attention to what the staff members said was missing from the draft recommendation: evangelization, the work of the 7-parish committees, and finances. We have begun collaborating in evangelization through the evangelization team: preparing Advent and Lent flyers so people can participate in events across the 7 parishes and offering two Lent retreats.
- How do we do both: attract people to the church and deal with the reality we have today?
- Parishioners keep asking what a cluster is—they think clustering is the same as closing. A cluster is “two or more parishes with the same leader”—Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows are clustered parishes that are successfully collaborating—both parishes remain open.

The task force will meet again on April 22 to address what was received from the parish staffs and regroup. It is most important that we provide a recommendation, or recommendations, that truly reflect the contributions, thoughts, and wisdom of all involved in this process. The complete task force minutes are available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20
Daniel E. White	Daniel L. White	Mitchell Zygadlo	Anthony Amato	Ronald Antinarelli	Theodore Auble	Victor Barolotta



Women’s Guild May Dinner
All Women of the Parish are Invited

We hope you will join us for our annual May Dinner on **Tuesday, May 14 at 5 PM at Brook House Restaurant, 920 Elmridge**

Center Drive. It will be nice to gather together and connect with one another after these past winter months.

We ask that you **place your reservation early** as the Brook House has a limit of 25 people for our gathering. For this meal, we will **not** be placing our meal selection nor paying ahead of time but rather, we will order that evening at the table. We are grateful the Brook House will provide each of us with our own check from which to pay them.

Again, due to the limited seating, please call soon to place your reservation with Carolyn Kerhaert at 225-7425. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and we thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you—Happy Spring!

Parish Council Meeting Minutes—March 4, 2024

Opening Prayer: Melissa Ryan

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

Approval of Agenda: for tonight's Meeting (Emailed February 28, 2024)

Approval: Melissa Ryan; Second: Patty Hoag

Approval of Meeting Minutes: from the 02/5/2024, Meeting in the February 25, 2024, bulletin

Approval: Wayne Howard; Second: Alan Christodaro

Chairperson's Comments: Stations of the Cross:

The Parish Council is scheduled to lead the Stations of the Cross this Friday (3/8/24). Many of the Council members are already working the Fish Fry that day/night, so we are looking for volunteers from the remaining members to represent the council. Jill, Patty and I believe Wayne and Melissa all volunteered. Thank you. Please arrive at 5:10 PM so things can get organized.

CMA UPDATE: Our Goal for this year is set at \$81,000, which is lower than last year. We have made our GOAL by January 1st! Now we need to collect the outstanding \$2,734.17 which have until May to get PAID. We Did MARVELOUS! Our average donation was \$260 compared to \$246 in the prior year.

Eucharistic Adoration Proposal: Proposal for Day and Time of Eucharistic Adoration has been forwarded to Father Peter for review and decision. Once a decision is made, we will need to have this announcement placed in the bulletin. This should also be placed in the "THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE" section of the Bulletin. It should also appear in the St. John's Web-Site, in the calendar and in the 7 Parish Web site.

- Proposal: 12-5 PM every Wed church will be open.
- Must have at least 1 (preferably 2) Eucharistic Adoration coordinators to move forward. We cannot have a time when there are no volunteers present in the church. Adoration cannot move forward unless there is a coordinator that keeps this organized.
- Other parishes in the 7-parish group have adoration but are not sure if their dates are the same or change over time.
- Father: Peter: if this proposal doesn't get accepted, the 7-parish group may be able to provide Adoration services.

Current Eucharistic Adoration Opportunities at the surrounding parishes:

- Holy Cross – Wednesday 1:00 to 6 PM
- St. Charles – March 16 - 5:15 – 6:15 PM
- St. Lawrence – changing
- St. Leo's – Wednesday 9 :00 AM – 8:00 PM
- St. Mark's – March 29th – Noon – 7:00 PM

Web Site Review: We have received Web Site review comments from: Rick Paoletti, Pam Kern, Jill Bailey, Nick Verdino, Nick Sassano, Tammy Mahar, Patty Hoag, Sharon Miller, Wayne Howard, Melissa Ryan, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro. The changes have been made on the WEB SITE. We are still waiting for more sections to be reviewed and commented on.

- Bob: We still need to review the web site since it is updated about 3x/wk.
- Gary: There has been a 64% increase in web site visitors since January.

Other Notes: April Parish Council meeting may be rescheduled due to the Eclipse. Bob will let us know soon.

Fr. Peter 's Update:

- Father was gracious to see so many wonderful comments from parishioners watching Mass on Facebook livestream. He hopes to see more in the future.
- On 4/22, 6:30 PM there will be a meeting for Parish Council and Finance Council members to discuss items from the 7-parish group task force. **(At the 3/5 meeting of the Pastoral Planning Task Force, there was a decision to postpone the 4/22 gathering of the Pastoral and Finance Councils of the 7 parishes so that the task force could spend more time with the input received from the parish staffs on 2/27.)**
- Father is choosing to celebrate 40 years of priesthood 6/9/2024! Details to be announced soon.

Lenten Mite Boxes: In 2023 the Lenten Mite Boxes brought in a total of \$3,805.12. We distributed \$1,000 to the Diocese of Obuasi, and \$935.04 to Nazareth Elementary, St. Peter Kitchen and Bethany House each. This year the recipients will be: The Seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester, Mary's Place Refugee Outreach Center, Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana.

Arts and Environment: Patty: Started preparing for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday. Patty Schedule looks like this:

- Thursday, March 21 at 9:00 AM -Strip Palms.
- Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 AM (unless there is a funeral) - Decorate for Palm Sunday and bring up 2 beams from basement for Palm Sunday drama



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Action Alert ✓

Call to Action from New York State Catholic Conference: Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in NY

Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide are continuing to try to legalize this deadly practice in New York. There is a *BIG* push this year and we need your help. Lawmakers need to hear from their constituents if we hope to avoid yet another assault on the dignity of human life. Assisted suicide is dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and people with disabilities. Suicide is not medical care. Please tell your State Senator and Assembly representatives that you oppose this dangerous and deadly practice. **Contact your state legislators now!** Go to the New York State Catholic Conference *Catholic Action Network* (CAN) for more information and a link to state leaders.
network@nyscatholic.org.

- Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday (after 10:00 AM Mass) - Change Altar over to purple for the beginning of Holy Week.
- Thursday, March 28 at 9:00 AM - Set up for Holy Thursday
- Friday, March 29 at 9:00 AM - Delivery of Flowers – And Set up for Good Friday Service
- Saturday, March 30 at 9:00 AM - Decorate for Easter.
- There will be small plants for Holy Thursday.

EXPIRING Council Member Terms: Patty and Melissa are members of the committee. The Members with terms expiring are:

- 3-year terms – Gary Kern, Karen Bessette, Bob Gotham, Rick Paoletti
- 1-year terms (Pastor Appointed) – Kathy Christodaro, Tammy Mahar, Jill Bailey

There will not be elections this year in the event there is a priest transition at St. John’s. Patty and Melissa will ask members with expiring terms to rejoin.

Food Collection Days: Pam has the food collection days organized. Our first scheduled food collection day will be March 9/10 with transporting the donations on March 11. Pam said that she will see how the collection goes in March and then decide how often we will do the collection. Boxes were brought in early so donations can be made. As the boxes fill the food will be placed in a different location until pickup.

Task Force: Nick Verdino - at the next meeting, they will finalize the 4/22 meeting with the Parish/Finance councils.

Coffee Hour for March: Our Next Coffee Hour is on March 10. It will be hosted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon – We have two pending nominations.

Liturgy Committee: Updates from Tod:

- More palms were ordered this year for Palm Sunday. Palms to be distributed to homes will be set aside in advance.
- Currently scheduling for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.
- This year we had great attendance numbers for Ash Wednesday Masses.
- Palm Sunday - will need ushers to select volunteers to bring wood and nails to the altar.at the end of mass.
- Divine Mercy Sunday: 4/7, 1:30 PM Our Mother of Sorrows

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update: Updates from Tod: Funeral counts have been up lately.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892: Updates from Rick:

- Selling lilies in the next 2 weekends. Lilies will be delivered to the homebound during holy week.
- Diaper/formula collection for Focus Pregnancy Center for 2 weeks.
- Fish fry update- set a record last Friday, 275 meals, standing room only. Currently exceeding last year’s numbers. Rick appreciates all the workers who volunteer.

Outreach – Social Media/Communications Committee Update:

- **Facebook update:** 595 likes and 780 followers.
- **Gary:** 64% increase in web traffic

Safety: No updates

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish:

Wayne Howard: Asks if Easter Vigil Mass is being held at 7 PM? Tod confirms it is.

Closing Prayer: Melissa Ryan

Next Meeting: 04/15/2024

Opening and Closing Prayers: Paul Parkman
Respectfully submitted by Jill Bailey

“The Lord is kind and merciful” Psalm 103

REV. PETER ENYAN-BOADU



40th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM
 St John the Evangelist Church
 2400 W Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14626

A brunch will be held following Mass from Noon to 4:00 PM at Chef’s Event Center and Party House 1875 N Union St, Spencerport, NY 14559

If you wish to celebrate this special occasion with Fr Peter by attending the brunch, please RSVP using the form at right.

REV. PETER ENYAN-BOADU 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Reservations \$50 per person
Paid Reservations due by May 22, 2024

Name(s) _____

Phone Number (to confirm receipt of your reservation) _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

*Please mail this card back with your check made payable to: **PEB 40th***

Mail to: **PEB 40**
PO Box 64633
Rochester, NY 14624-7033

Questions? Call Christine Paoletti at 585-478-2623.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

The Souls in Purgatory

Frances Lombardini Aunt of Vincent Lombardini

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



April 6/7	ATTENDANCE.....	446
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,208.88
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,565.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,773.88
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	1,243.88

2nd Collection

Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement.....	\$	2,347.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	240.00
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Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement.....	\$	2,587.00

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as of April 7, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	390,730.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	386,004.80
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	4,725.20)

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.



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



St. Marks Annual Garage Sale

54 Kuhn Rd Rochester NY 14612 ^{1/2 price}

Thurs, April 25	Friday, April 26	Sat, April 27
9 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	9 AM - 1 PM

Check it out! Something for everyone!

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| • Games | • Holiday | • Jewelry |
| • Puzzles | • Tools | • Linens |
| • Crafts | • Furniture | • Collectibles |
| • Toys | • Housewares | • And much more |
| • Shoes | • Sports | |

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Sat, April 13	Mon, April 15	Sat, April 20
10 AM - 1 PM	Wed, April 17	9 AM - 1 PM
	5 PM - 8 PM	

Books Accepted

Fiction, Nonfiction, and Children

Not accepting

Appliances, Electronics, Clothing, TV's, Stuffed Animals, and VHS Tapes

Please donate clean, usable items, something you would give to a friend.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator.

Deborah A. Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555

Or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

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.



Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

with The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating

anniversaries of Matrimony on **Sunday, April 28, 2024** at **11:15 AM** at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615.

All married couples are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Let us know if you are attending by registering at <https://shorturl.at/rEGL3> or by emailing Donald.smith@dor.org.

If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included in the Catholic Courier, please send an email to weddings@CatholicCourier.com, or a letter to Wedding Anniversaries Catholic Courier, PO Box 24379, Rochester NY 14624-0379. Include Names, Church, Town where married, wedding date/year, and a wedding photo (*optional*)

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers April 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 14, 2024	Ron LaForce
April 28, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

April 14, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
April 21, 2024	Tom Grieco
April 28, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 14, 2024	Chris Hoefler
April 21, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
April 28, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin