

St. John the Evangelist Greece

April 21, 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.



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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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 11:1-18/
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26/
Ps 87:1b-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a/
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25/
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33/
Ps 2:6-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Gn 1:26—2:3
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/
Mt 13:54-58

Sunday

Acts 9:26-31/
Ps 22:26-28, 30-32/
1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8

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—Why We Sing

Someone once said, "Why is it that you Catholics don't worship?" By that she meant, why don't we sing like they do in their church? Getting immersed in the songs with body and spirit, I suppose!

Our lives are filled with song, from the lullaby, to campfire songs, sing-alongs, kindergarten ditties, the current entries in the "Top 40," songs from "our time," songs from a Broadway musical and songs to sing in the shower, operas and great chorale works of art, little tunes we sing to ourselves when happy or sad—there's hardly a time or situation in life in which we do not put our words into music.

Gathering at Church is no different. Here we are, ready to celebrate the greatest gift of God and so we break into song. As the bishops' document on Music in the Liturgy tells us, "the entrance song should create an atmosphere of celebration. It helps put the assembly in the proper frame of mind for listening to the Word of God. It helps people to become conscious of themselves as a worshipping community." No. 16.



And yet, many Catholics still remember the days when all the music was done either by the priest or the choir. But for many years now we have been urged to break into song and praise. This is a privilege not reserved for the elite singers, but a privilege for us

all, whether we sing like Luciano Pavarotti, Keith Urban, Beyonce or Carrie Underwood—or like Aunt Prunella for that matter. Whether we warble or croak, or half carry a tune, it is our duty, our joy, our privilege to PRAISE GOD IN SONG. Make no excuse for your voice. If it is "bad," sing anyway! For it was God who gave you that voice and He understands (and yes, enjoys) every sound of praise you make! Let the words of these sung-prayers fill you up and come out of your mouth, having first touched your heart and mind. Standing stone-faced and looking uninvolved does little to build up the People of God as we gather to worship. Smile! Sing! Praise

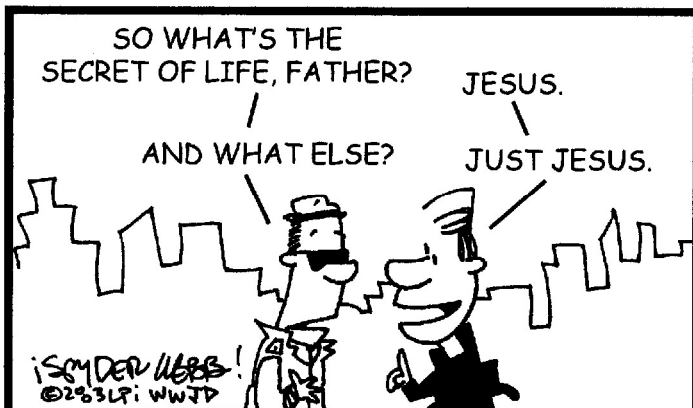
God as we celebrate our greatest prayer—the Mass!

Peace and love to all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Masses for the Week—April 22—28

MONDAY, April 22 *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + Connie Dennison
 by Mary Ann Pino
2:30 PM Mass at The Village at Unity

TUESDAY, April 23 *Sts George and Adalbert*
8:15 AM + Ken Ward
 by The Wahl Family

WEDNESDAY, April 24 *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen*
8:15 AM + John Englert
 by Don & Bev Frank

THURSDAY, April 25 *St Mark, Evangelist*

FRIDAY, April 26 *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + Carol Lennox
 by The Englert Family

SATURDAY, April 27 *Easter Weekday*
4:00 PM + Karen Kenyon
 by Miles & Cindy Van Buren

SUNDAY, April 28 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 AM + The People of St John's,
Living & Deceased
10:00 AM + Carl & Barbara Cottorone
 by Children & Grandchildren

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

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Michael Bausch	Peter Bayer	Richard Beligotti	Robert Beligotti	All Missionaries	Sylvester Bioh	Paul Bonacci



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!

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 21
 First Eucharist Class after 10:00 AM Mass in Meeting Room

Monday, April 22
9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
2:30 PM Mass at The Village at Unity

Sunday, April 28
11:00 AM Baptism Class in Parish Center



May Crowning
Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 AM Mass

As we draw closer to the month of May, we are reminded that the month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother and so we begin our preparation. This year's May Crowning Ceremony will take place Sunday, May 5, at the 10:00 AM Mass. This is a special devotion to our Blessed Mother celebrating Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth because she was the perfect follower of Jesus Christ and the absolute "crown" of creation. Most of us can probably recall our own participation in this special ceremony when we were children and have happy memories of it. This is an opportunity for us to share our Catholic tradition with the younger generations, just as older generations did for us.

In honoring our Blessed Mother, we take this opportunity to invite and encourage all children to take part in this special ceremony, together with some members of our parish Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry. Together we will present flowers and a special crown will be placed on Mary's head. Please plan to bring your children and grandchildren to Mass for their participation in this special ceremony—all are welcome and our Blessed Mother and her Son will be filled with joy! Our Sunday attire is fitting for our Lord and His Queen Mother whom we honor.

Earth Day



Monday, April 22

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“They left everything and followed him”

- Luke 5:11

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also liturgically known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to pray for and promote all vocations within the Catholic Church. This day of prayer was first initiated by St. Paul VI to help all of us to respond to God’s call – and support in prayer those who are discerning their unique call to love others.

Matrimony, Priesthood, Consecrated Life, Diaconate

For Reflection

What are my gifts, strengths, and challenges?

What do I enjoy my time with, and why?

What brings me joy?

Can I see myself living a particular vocation?



Envisioning My Vocation

Inspired by the “What Can I Live Without?” Meditation by Fr Brett Brannen

Every vocation is about brining souls to heaven. Married people are called to help their spouses and children reach heaven. Priests bring Christ Himself to others through the Eucharist, and bring souls into a state of grace through Confession. Religious sisters and brothers teach others about Jesus, serve the poor, and pray for every person on earth. There is joy and hardship in all these vocations.

Think for a moment about how old you will be in 20 years. Imagine what your life would be like if you found a holy man or woman to marry, that you

welcomed children into the world, and that you strived to be a good Catholic spouse and parent. Imagine your career, your family vacations, your joy at holding your first grandchild. Imagine being happy in your marriage. And now imagine your death, as you prepare to meet God face to face.

Now envision if Jesus called you to another vocation—as a consecrated sister, brother, or priest.

If you are a woman, imagine your joy at finding a religious order where you felt at home, where the sisters became your closest friends for life. Imagine how your love for God grows over the years, and the intimacy you feel as a Bride of Christ. Think of the work you will do, perhaps teaching, bringing hope to the poor, helping others find Jesus through their joys and sorrows. Imagine yourself happy in this life. And then imagine your death, surrounded by your sisters, confident in eternal life.

If you are a man, imagine overcoming your fears completely, and entering seminary to become a priest. Imagine how you grow in virtue over the years, and that after ordination, you are completely focused on bringing people to Jesus—through the sacraments, through your counseling, and through your preaching. Think of the thousands of babies you will baptize, the thousands of people whom you will teach to love God. Imagine yourself happy in this life. And now imagine yourself as a very old priest, loved by the people, who approaches death with peace, thankful for having lived a good life, and ready to spend eternity with Jesus in heaven.

Every vocation is about bringing souls to heaven.

Whom is God calling you to bring to heaven? How?

Prayer to Know My Vocation

I glorify You, God, in all that I do.

In mind, body, and spirit I give my best to You.

Help me to follow Your will no matter the call: sister, brother, or priest, I promise my all.

If you call me to marriage, I promise to love, and to teach my own children to seek grace from above.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

-Vianney Vocations

Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes.

Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church.

Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Send them as laborers for Your harvest.

Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice.

Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

St. John Fisher, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Diocese of Rochester



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



New York State Catholic Conference

The Official Voice of the Catholic Church in the Empire State

Action Alert ✓

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

The legalization of doctor-assisted suicide poses a serious risk that it will rise to the level of the most acceptable and even expected "treatment" for terminal illness...

Please call the office of your NYS Senator (Search for your Senator at www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator) and your Assemblyperson (Search for your Assembly member at www.nyassembly.gov/mem/search) Our message: I strongly oppose physician-assisted suicide and ask you to oppose any legislation that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in NYS...



Religious Article Drop-Off at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery & Ascension Gardens

Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Gardens will now offer a way to dispose of blessed articles properly. During regular business hours, from Monday, May 20 to Saturday, May 25, we welcome the community to come and drop off their unwanted religious articles.

Please keep in mind the following stipulations:

- Each item cannot exceed 2 feet in length, width and height. We are asking that people 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.

Religious Article Drop-Off:

Monday, May 20 - Friday, May 24, 9:00 AM—4:30 PM Saturday, May 25, 9:00 AM—12 Noon Drop Off is located in the Main Office.

Announcement for Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu's 40th Anniversary Celebration of Priestly Ordination. Includes a photo of the priest, the text "The Lord is kind and merciful" Psalm 103, and details for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM at St John the Evangelist Church, 2400 W Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14626. Also mentions a brunch from Noon to 4:00 PM at Chef's Event Center and Party House.

Reservation form for Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu's 40th Anniversary Celebration of Priestly Ordination. Includes fields for Name(s), Phone Number, Amount Enclosed, and Dietary Restrictions. Reservations are \$50 per person, with paid reservations due by May 22, 2024. Contact information for PEB 40 is provided.



Marie Balch Wife of Barry Balch



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I open
- ✚ Tabernacle II open
- ✚ Marian I Rose Marie Skrypek
- ✚ Marian II open

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



April 13/14	ATTENDANCE.....	440
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,573.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,610.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,183.04
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	1,346.96)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as of April 14, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	400,260.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	394,187.84
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	6,072.16)

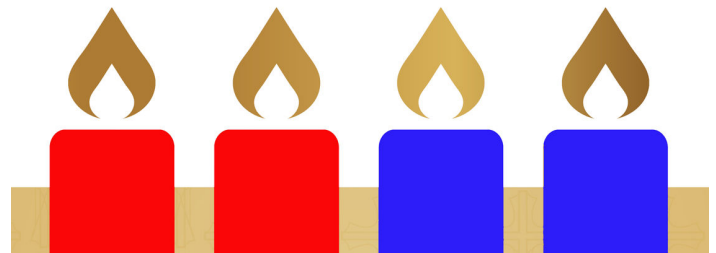
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

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.



Sanctuary Candles Open Dates Available

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone by having one or more of our four Sanctuary Candles lighted, please know we have many open dates available in 2024. The candles burn from Saturday through Friday during the week you choose (based on availability). We have two red candles; one on either side of the Tabernacle and two blue candles; one on either side of the Marian Shrine. Please call the Parish Office at 225-8980 if you'd like to schedule or if you have any questions.



Congregation Members,

The Board members of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf & Clothing Closet Inc. thank the congregation at the Church of St John the Evangelist for the donation of 877 lbs. of food donated on March 11. We are very grateful for your continued support of our Organization.

As an example of our monthly increase in needs, this February we served 328 households and 970 people, compared to 245 households and 666 people in February 2023; 83 more households and 304 more people this February than last year. That is a 34% increase in households served.

The Clothing Closet served 105 households in February 2024 compared to 77 households in February 2023. That is a 36% increase in households served.

The people in need in our community certainly benefit from your contributions.

Sincerely,
Chris Pucher, Assistant Treasurer

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.



Come journey with these disciples that followed Jesus!

St. Mark’s Parish presents Season Three of **THE CHOSEN**

Every WEDNESDAY evening from May 8 to June 26
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Episodes viewed in St. Mark’s Parish Center, small group discussions afterwards (“Bible study with popcorn”)

Bring a friend, bring a neighbor
& be prepared to enliven your faith journey!

**For details, call the office or Jeff Rice (315-1766)
OR just show up!**

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers April 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 28, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

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

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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