

St. John the Evangelist Greece

April 7, 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.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/
Ps 40:7-11/
Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37/
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26/
Ps 34:2-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33/
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42/
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48

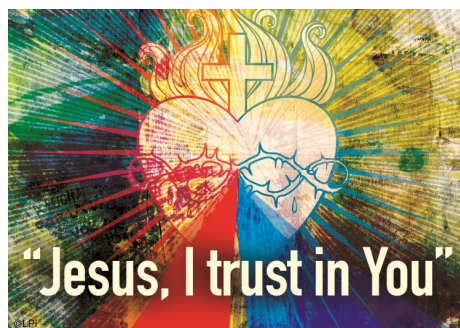
Welcome!

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.

God's Mercy Endures Forever

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In the opening prayer of today's Mass, we address God as God of Mercy, and our Scripture readings echo this theme. The Apostles acted in the name of Jesus when they showed mercy to the sick and troubled who were brought to them.

The message of Divine Mercy, as found in the writings of Saint Faustina, is a simple one: God's love and mercy are greater than sin; we can trust Him to have mercy on us when we call out to Him; and, because we experience God's mercy in our lives, we can be merciful to others. It was through private revelations from Jesus to Saint Faustina that the Church, during the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II, declared the Sunday after Easter to be a day dedicated to the tremendous blessing of God's mercy, shown to us through Jesus. Some people would like to ignore the reality of sin in the world and believe that Jesus Christ took away all sin forever on Calvary. Indeed, we do believe that the death of Jesus *made satisfaction for our sins to the Father CCC615 and by His sacrifice He pours out the graces of salvation on His Church CCC1407.* However, we must remember that through God's



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gift of free will, we can reject the grace that Christ won for us on the Cross. Thus, we can choose to embrace a sinful way of living. It is only with God's grace and mercy that we can continue to fight against evil in the world and in our own lives.

Through Baptism, we each became a recipient of God's mercy in a special way. Sin no longer had any claim on us as we became members of the body of Christ. In the Sacraments of

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, God continues to share His mercy and forgiveness with us. We also acknowledge our trust in God's mercy when we come together for the celebration of our Eucharistic liturgy. Think about the prayers of the penitential rite: *Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.* Today, think about the trust we express when we ask God for our needs in the prayers of the faithful. Today, at the Lamb of God, let us think about our plea for mercy and peace. Each day this week we can make the words of the psalmist our own, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever." Ps 118:1



Alleluia!

God bless,
Father Peter



Priests' Convocation April 8, 9, 10—Please make note of the following

Bishop Matano is gathering the priests of our diocese for convocation THIS Monday, April 8, Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 10. Fr. Peter will celebrate 8:15 AM morning Mass on Monday, April 8 but there will be **NO 8:15 MORNING MASS on Tuesday, April 9 or Wednesday, April 10.**

We so often hear, *pray for our priests.* Hearing this should never grow old and let us never stop praying for them, especially our Pastor, Fr. Peter.

Our priests carry not only the full weight of our burdens but their own as well...please pray for them.

Masses for the Week—April 8—14

MONDAY, April 8 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
8:15 AM + **Madeline B. Resch**
by Bequest

TUESDAY, April 9 *Easter Weekday*
NO 8:15 AM Mass Priests' Convocation

WEDNESDAY, April 10 *Easter Weekday*
NO 8:15 AM Mass Priests' Convocation

THURSDAY, April 11 *St Stanislaus*

FRIDAY, April 12 *Easter Weekday*
8:15 AM + **Edward & Kenneth Preston**
by Brother, Gene

SATURDAY, April 13 *St Martin I*
4:00 PM + **Helen Waffle**
by Daughter, Chris Hoefler

SUNDAY, April 14 *Third Sunday of Easter*
8:00 AM + **Paula Stearns**
by Donna Petrella
10:00 AM + **The People of St John's,**
Living & Deceased

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 7
1:30—2:45 PM Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion
at our Mother of Sorrows Church

Monday, April 8
NO Bible Study
Convocation

Tuesday, April 9
Convocation

Wednesday, April 10
Convocation

Sunday, April 14
Coffee Hours following 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses
in Parish Center



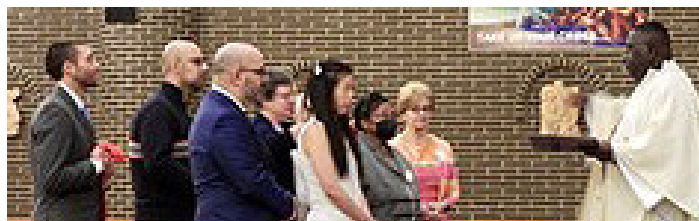
This is the Day the Lord Has Made!

By God's grace and preparation through our parish RCIA Program, our parish was blessed to bring **Michael Ayzenberg** and **Shanshan Wen** into the Catholic Church and have **Judie Sanders** and **Millie Schenkel** become fully initiated into the Catholic Church at last weekend's Easter Vigil.

Our 2023-24 RCIA program, with my full support, was led by **Rick and Kathy Paoletti** who provided solid instruction using a fantastic program from The Augustine Institute. While the RCIA program cannot fully provide someone with the full spectrum of Catholic Church teaching, it, nonetheless, provides a strong foundation from which one can grow in the Catholic faith. It is through mystagogy, a period when new Catholics discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church, that one grows in deeper understanding of the faith.

May Michael, Shanshan, Judie, and Millie be blessed abundantly along their journey of faith and know that they can count on the prayers and support of me, their Pastor, their godparents, sponsors, and our faith community here at St John's.

Blessings and Easter joy to all! *Fr. Peter*



Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
Pope Francis	Michael Upson	Peter Van Lieshout	Louis Vasile	Walter Wainwright	Matthew Walter	Eugene Weis

Thank You As we continue to celebrate the glory of our Risen Lord in this Easter Season, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for ALL that was done to bring our joyful Easter celebration to fruition. Many worked diligently to bring us through Lent and the Triduum, culminating in the Joy of Easter!

Thank you to our Art and Environment Ministry led by Patty Hoag and Marianne Katz and to our Music Ministry led by Dawn Chmiel and Consuelo De Los Santos, who are supported by our Adult Choir, our Cantors, our Youth Choir, and musicians. These ministries put in many hours to bring visual and musical beauty to our celebrations, all for the greater glory of God! Thank you to the Ushers, Greeters, Security, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and my Pastoral Staff for your ongoing dedication to the ministry and pastoral support of our parish. Wishing all of you a blessed Easter season and beyond! *God bless, Fr. Peter*



Sunday of Divine Mercy

Jesus, I Trust in You!

We invite you to celebrate the gift of this great day—one like no other; you will not want to pass this Devotion by!

We will gather together at Our Mother of Sorrows Church THIS Sunday, April 7 at 1:30 PM until 2:45 PM. Throughout this time we have the opportunity to partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we are blessed to have 4 priests who will hear confessions.

Also during our time together, Fr. Justin Miller will provide an Explanation of the Devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, there will be quiet time in prayer with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed, there will be opportunity to Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy and we will close with Benediction.

It is our hope and prayer that you will not pass this by—His graces and mercies are endless.

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Saturday, April 20th

9:30 AM until Noon

St Pius the Tenth Parish Center (new venue) 3010 Chili Ave.

Magnificat Rochester invites **Women** to a breakfast.
Seating begins at 8:30 AM.

Registration required; no tickets sold at the door.

Our speaker is **Lisa Lickona**. She is a writer, research director and editor. Lisa holds an MA in Theological Studies and is Assistant Professor at St Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. She lives locally with her large family.

Our Easter Flowers are Courtesy of the Following Donors

Donor	In Memory of
Isobel R. Barbour Steve & Terri Braya	Fraser Barbour Deceased Members of Baum & Braya Families
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Reservations: \$25.00 (new price!); Student \$20.00;

Registration Deadline: Saturday, April 13.

To register: Mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address.

You can also register via PayPal on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information:

Call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com.



The Annunciation of the Lord
MONDAY, APRIL 8

Mary's acceptance of her pregnancy made her the first to believe in Jesus and thus, the first Christian.



**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**

Our Catholic faith calls us to uphold the dignity and value of human life from conception through natural death. The NYS Legislature is considering a bill (A995/S2445-A) that would allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending a patient's life. Legalizing doctor-assisted suicide would undermine the doctor's role as healer and allow the deliberate and direct act of making the patient dead. The New York State Catholic Conference opposes this bill for many reasons and reminds us that the current euthanasia scandal in Canada provides an example of how slippery this slope can be. What began in Canada as a limited program for those with irreversible, terminal, painful illness has morphed into legalization for those without terminal illness but with "intolerable conditions" - there are plans to expand it further to the mentally ill and even to "mature minors". Assisted suicide has been discussed as a solution to homelessness, for veterans suffering PTSD, for those who need extra help to live independently, and has been written about as a way to gain cost savings for the healthcare industry.

Let us oppose this legislation and urge NYS to improve access to palliative care and hospice, improve training of doctors in pain management and the diagnosis/treatment of depression. 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.nyasembly.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. Please improve access to palliative care, hospice care, the training of doctors in pain management and diagnosis/treatment of depression.

"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 below.

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.



Joan Fleming Mother of Todd Fleming



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Fallen Away Catholics**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Bishop Matano & Priests of DOR**
- ✚ Marian I **Jeff Lader**
- ✚ Marian II **Deceased Benefactors of St John's**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



March 23/24 ATTENDANCE.....480

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 5,988.06
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,051.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,039.06
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 1,490.94)

2nd Collection

Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement.....	\$ 1,638.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 190.00
Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement.....	\$ 1,828.00

Good Friday Collection ATTENDANCE.....153

Holy Land.....	\$ 1,402.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 75.00
Holy Land.....	\$ 1,477.00

March 30/31 ATTENDANCE.....626

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,762.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 827.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,589.03
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 940.97)

2nd Collection

Easter.....	\$ 5,554.10
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 302.00
Easter.....	\$ 5,856.10

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as of March 31, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 381,200.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 375,230.92
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 5,969.08)

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



*The solar eclipse THIS Monday, April 8, 2024, will be one of the celestial highlights of the century, and Rochester will have a front row seat. **2:07 PM:** Eclipse begins as Moon will begin to cover the Sun **3:20 PM:** Rochester will be plunged into darkness for 3 minutes and 38 seconds at 3:20 PM as the moon passes between the earth and sun. **4:33 PM:** Eclipse ends for Rochester viewers The only safe way to look directly at the partial eclipse phases of the Sun (even at 99.9% coverage) is through eclipse glasses.*



Join Us for Coffee Hour!
NEXT Sunday, April 14
following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses
 Come socialize with your fellow parish members and your hosts for this month, our **Knights of Columbus.** *We look forward to seeing you there!*

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March/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 7, 2024	Tom Grieco
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 7, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
April 14, 2024	Chris Hoefler
April 21, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
April 28, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin

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.

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.**PRAYER LINE** Jill Finan StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu - 225-8980**Deacon:** Elmer Smith - 230-3074**Pastoral Minister:** Tod Simone– 225-8980**Director, Music Ministry:** Dawn Chmiel - 225-8980**Director, Choir Ministry:** Consuelo De Los Santos 225-8980**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Cristyn Simone - 261-0831**Secretary:** Marcia Parsons - 225-8980**Business Office:** Joe Spurrier - 225-8980**Finance Director:** Christopher Frontale 225-8980www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:** Bob Gotham 227-4638**Parish Office hours:** Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 9-Noon and 1:30-5 PM; Thursday: 9-Noon**Fax:** 585-723-9825**E-mail:** gstjohnt@dor.orgVisit www.StJohnGreece.org Follow us on [@StJohnGreece](https://twitter.com/StJohnGreece)Find us on [f](https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelistChurchofGreece) St John the Evangelist Church of Greece