

St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 11, 2024

2400 West Ridge Road
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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 him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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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

Jas 1:1-11/
Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18/
Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/
Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/
2 Cor 5:20—6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20/
Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a/
Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14/
Ps 86:1-6/
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

Gn 9:8-15/
Ps 25:4-9/
1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

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.

Ash Wednesday: Remember, you are dust...

This coming week we as Catholics will show our stuff to the world. It is not expensive jewelry that you can buy at the Mall, but it is the

ash of penitence we traditionally receive on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. In my nearly 40 years as a priest of the Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday, which begins our Lenten season, has a very unique affect on us Catholics, and indeed many other Christian groups have imitated our tradition of receiving ashes on our foreheads.

Something about Ash Wednesday reminds us of God's desire to shape us into something beautiful. Also, this reminder of our own mortality brings in people from everywhere. After the priest blesses and sprinkles the ashes with holy water, he, together with the deacon and in some cases, extraordinary ministers, puts the ashes on the foreheads of those present; the head being the *seat of pride*. He puts them on our foreheads to remind us of our hope, and as he does so, he says the words of Genesis 3:19. **"Remember you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."** Or the priest says, **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

We make no response to these words, we simply leave.

Will people really follow the directive of Lent to pray and seek repentance for their sin? Probably, if we are honest, some will, some won't. Ash Wednesday prayer invokes the begging of God's grace and mercy on all. The ashes express and symbolize our need for repentance and are to be seen by us:

- To give us the grace and strength to do penance.
- To give us the spirit of contrition deep in our hearts.



- To secure pardon of sin for those who receive the ashes.
- To be a spiritual help for all who confess their sins.

After we leave church on Ash Wednesday, we leave the ashes on our

foreheads until they wear off naturally over the course of the day's activities. They are a public witness to those things in our society we sometimes do not wish to embrace: conversion of the heart, the reality of death, and the hope of the Resurrection in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Are we ready for Lent to begin? I invite each of us to take our struggles and challenges and walk to Calvary with Jesus.

In her wisdom, the Church invites us once again to embark on the Lenten journey. In the coming days, we will have the chance to discover just how gracious and merciful our God is. Through Scripture and the wisdom of the Church we will have countless opportunities to respond to God's grace and mercy—through acts of repentance, generosity, worship, forgiveness, and in acts of service to one another.

Whatever else we may *take on* or *give up this Lent*, we *definitely need to lean into the simple, enjoy-able practices* that strengthen community—like family dinners, and helping the needy through the mite box.

Let us pray that the same God who graciously transforms our simple bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son will lovingly transform each of us so that we might rise, be reshaped and renewed, in the glory of Easter.



Transform us Lord in the Eucharist.
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

Masses for the Week—February 12—18

MONDAY, February 12 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Cindy Fischer*
 by Dick & Marty Kyle & Family

TUESDAY, February 13 *St Paul Miki*
 8:15 AM + *James Cochran*
 by George & Pat Duford

WEDNESDAY, February 14 *Ash Wednesday*
 7:00 AM + *Jim Wenskus*
 by Judy, Tim, and Ted
 12:05 PM + *Connie Dennison*
 by The Stein Family
 6:00 PM + *Angelo Zegarelli*
 by Wife & Family

THURS, February 15 *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

FRIDAY, February 16 *Friday after Ash Wednesday*
 8:15 AM + *Florence DiPonzio*
 by Mary & Francine Monachino

SAT, Feb 17 *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*
 4:00 PM + *The People of St John’s,*
Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, February 18 *1st Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + *Nicoline Gowdy*
 by daughter, Joan
 10:00 AM + *Eleanor Zanni*
 by Beloved husband, Tony & Family

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

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, February 11
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Meeting Room THIS Week
 Coffee Hour following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses
 in Parish Center

Monday, February 12
 9:00 AM Bible Study on Parish Center

Wednesday, February 14 *Ash Wednesday*
 7:00 AM Ashes Distributed at Mass in Church
 12:05 PM Ashes Distributed at Mass in Church
 6:00 PM Ashes Distributed at Mass in Church

Friday, February 16
 4:00—7:00 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Sunday, February 18
 8:45 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center
 10:00 AM Rite of Sending at Mass
 2:00 PM Rite of Election at Cathedral

Our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

What is RCIA? RCIA is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods, and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation as restored in the second Vatican Council. Those who take part in RCIA are either a Catechumen or a Candidate.

What is the Difference Between a Catechumen and a Candidate? Both catechumens and candidates are on a journey, preparing for joining the Catholic Church. The difference between the two is simply put: Baptism. A catechumen has never been baptized. A candidate has been baptized in another Christian community with the pouring of water and the words: *“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*

Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

NEXT Sunday, February 18, 2024, at our 10 AM Mass, we will have the Rite of Sending which is the parish celebration that sends catechumens and candidates to the Cathedral for the Right of Election. The Rite of Sending was developed to allow members of the faith community to experience some aspect of the Right of Election. It usually coincides with the First Sunday of Lent. This same day, Sunday, February 18, 2024, at 2 PM, the catechumens and candidates, together with their sponsors, will go to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election with Bishop Matano. The catechumens will inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of fidelity and Bishop Matano, as shepherd of the Diocese of Rochester, declares them “elect” (the chosen ones). They now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment – the final preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

As individuals and as a faith community let us pray for our **catechumens**—**Michael Ayzenberg** and **Shanshan Wen**, and our **candidates**—**Judie Sanders** and **Mildred Schenkel**. May God bless each and every one of us on our faith journeys as together we **Go Forth with Christ**.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17
All Missionaries	William McGrath	Kevin McKenna	Deceased Priests	Daniel McMullin	Michael Merritt	William Michatek



Ash Wednesday Collection

We kindly ask you to remember to use your Ash Wednesday envelope or to donate through electronic on-line giving. Loose donations are also appreciated.



Stations of the Cross

THIS Friday, February 16 at 5:30 PM
 led by the Parish Liturgy Committee
 followed by a Reflection from Father Peter.

LENT 2024



Mass & Distribution of Ashes at St. John's on Ash Wednesday, February 14

Mass & Distribution of Ashes at 7:00 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6:00 PM

The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.

Ashes will be imposed in the traditional manner, making the Sign of the Cross with the thumb on the foreheads of the faithful, while praying each time: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return", or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays beginning Feb 21 following 8:15 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Reflection by Father Peter or a member of the Pastoral Staff

February 16	February 23
March 1	March 8
March 15	March 22



Weekday Masses: 8:15 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Lenten Mite Box Giving

As is our tradition, our Lenten sacrifice will be distributed to the following Recipients as approved by the Diocese: **Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana** (via Propagation of the Faith); **Seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester**; **Mary's Place Refugee Outreach Center**.



Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy— Thursday, February 22 Fr Peter will hear confessions during the following time periods

10:00-11:00 AM, 2:00-3:00 PM & 5:00-6:00 PM

First Friday – March 1

Eucharistic Adoration following 8:15 AM Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:00 AM

First Saturday – March 2

8:15 AM Mass followed by the Rosary, 15 Minute Meditation and Devotional Prayers

St Joseph's Table

NOTE: No St Joseph's Table this year

ROC Catholics Northwest Lenten Retreat

Held at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

"The Spirituality of Change: Being with Jesus"

Three days (*Save the Dates*)

- **Sunday, March 17 at 7:00 PM**
- **Monday, March 18 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM** (program repeated)
- **Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM** (program repeated)



Presenters: Damian Zynda, Michael Sauter, and Fr. Ed Palumbos

More information will be provided in bulletins during Lent

Fish Frys on Fridays – 4:00 -7:00 PM

Take-out and Dine-in. Parish Center. February 16, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22.

NOTE: No fish fry on Good Friday

Our Lenten Sacrifice

Days of Abstinence: On Ash Wednesday, all Fridays* in Lent, and Good Friday—No meat can be taken by all who have reached their 14th birthday.

Days of Fast: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—A limit of one full meatless meal for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday. *Sufficient food is allowed at other meal times to sustain strength. No eating between meals. These regulations ought to be observed by all Catholics unless there is a truly important reason, such as health, that prevents their observance. While no dispensation is needed in these cases, a substitute Act of Penance (fasting, prayer, or act of charity) should be done.*

Weekdays of Lent: No obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended

Easter Duty Obligation: Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent (February 18) through Trinity Sunday (May 26)

Self-Denial: This is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and deeds of mercy and kindness.



The Easter Triduum

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM, *concluding with Night Prayers*

Good Friday Passion Service: March 29 at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 PM in Church
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in the Polish Tradition

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday Masses: Sunday, March 31
at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM



FISH FRY

St. John the Evangelist Church and Knights of Columbus Council 3892 invite you to our **Lenten Fish Fry**

Eat-in or Take Out

Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday) beginning February 16, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

St. John's Parish Center
2400 W. Ridge Rd.

FISH FRY Menu

Battered Fried \$14.00

Skinless Baked \$14.00

Fried Shrimp (7 Large Butterfly) \$14.00

Half portion of any of the above \$ 9.00

All above meals come with a roll and a choice of two of the following sides:

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| French Fries | Mashed Potatoes | Baked Potato |
| Salad | Cole Slaw | Onion Rings |

Cheese Pizza Slice \$ 2.00

Children 4 and under eat free!

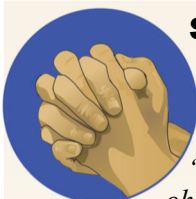
(choice of mac & cheese or half slice of pizza)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Spring 2024 Rochester Campaign

Help save lives in Rochester due to the ongoing scourge of abortion! One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is 40 Days for Life. Since its inception, over 20,000 babies have been saved from abortion! Take part in the Rochester Spring 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **February 14 thru March 24**. Through prayer and fasting, embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue. Visit 40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times.

For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or Roc40DFL@gmail.com.



Share a Prayer

As Valentine's Day approaches this week, the following submission is most appropriate.

"I composed this prayer as a young man, oh so many years ago. I believe the Holy Family helped guide me to the perfect woman for me. I thought it might be helpful for young Catholics seeking their soulmate. The wording can be adjusted to fit the needs of the young ladies."

A Lonesome Prayer

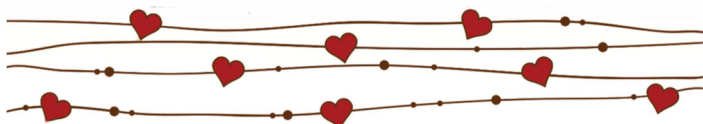
Jesus, Lord and Savior, send down your guiding light; let me find my one true love I beg of you this night.

Mary, Loving Mother, have mercy on my soul; help me find someone who's kind, who'll make my life seem whole.

Joseph, Faithful Husband, please help me find my way; end my lonely search for love for this I humbly pray.

And when I find my one true love, I'll take her as my wife; I'll give to her all my love and share with her my life.

We'll raise sweet loving children, and teach them by our love; instill in them a faith in God and Heaven up above.



Building a Culture of Life

"The toleration and promotion of abortion, socially and legally, has clouded individual consciences and made it difficult for many to distinguish between good and evil, even when what is at stake is the fundamental right to life. If we reject the value and dignity of human life, our culture becomes more and more based on a lie and its structures cannot long endure. But how do we help others to understand this? By transforming our culture into one that respects and defends human life! In addition to encouraging laws that protect innocent human life, it is necessary to speak of the deeper truth behind such laws: that all human life is sacred; that God is its author; that we do not own life."

-Bishop Michael W. Warfel of the Diocese of Juneau, AK (1996-2007)



A Holy Hour to Honor Mary, Our Mother

Monday, February 12, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Church

The contents of the Holy Hour will be as follows: Adoration, Exposition, Reflection, Holy Rosary, and Litany of St. Joseph. All parishioners are welcome. Fr. Pius will be the celebrant.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Cenacle Council #3892.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I Lawrence Rossignolo
- ✠ Tabernacle II Lawrence Rossignolo
- ✠ Marian I Lawrence Rossignolo
- ✠ Marian II Lawrence Rossignolo

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February 3/4	ATTENDANCE.....	416
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	9,989.89
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,475.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	11,464.89
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	1,934.89

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as February 4, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	304,960.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	301,573.74
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	3,386.26)

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

2nd Collection

NEXT Weekend, February 17/18

Black, Native and Hispanic Missions

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.



Pastoral Planning

From our 7 Parishes (Roc Catholics Northwest): A Flyer of Lent Events and a new Website

You're invited to enrich your faith this Lent at any of our seven

parishes. The 7-parish Evangelization Team and our Parish Staffs have created a flyer which includes Masses for Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, opportunities for Confession on the Day of Penance and Mercy, the Roc Catholics Northwest Lenten Retreat, events for the family, ways to engage your mind and heart, Fish Fries, Soup Suppers, and much more. The flyer is on the parish website with hard copies also available.

Also, check out the new 7-parish website at <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org> or Roc Catholics Northwest. The 7-parish Shared Website Committee has been working hard with Brendan Parker at the Diocese to provide this website in service to our parishioners as well as visitors and newcomers to our area. Much more will be added over the coming months, but you can now view Lent offerings by our parishes, Mass and Confession schedules, and information about each parish. You can also get directions to the other parishes in our area to make it easier to attend the events they offer.

RETRouvaille

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Are you going in circles at counseling?

You Can Help Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. So many couples struggle alone with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those stuck in a rut, the chance to rediscover a loving relationship in their marriage by connecting with other couples who made it through their difficulties.

You are NOT alone. This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples.

Our next program starts March 22nd. Please call 585-293-1552 with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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.

Promote Your Business While Supporting Our Parish

Did you know that the advertisers in our bulletin support the printing done by LPI of our weekly bulletin? We are very grateful for their advertising with us and we hope you will support them when the need arises by reaching out to them for their service. If you do utilize the service of one or more of our advertisers, please let them know you did so because you saw their ad in our bulletin.

If you or someone you know has a business and would be interested in finding out more about advertising in our bulletin, our Sales Rep will be here the week of February 26. You can call the Parish Office at 585-225-8980. You will also find helpful bulletin advertising information on the bulletin boards in the narthex at church. Thank you and LET'S SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 18, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 11, 2024 Bob & Barb Gotham
 February 14, 2024 Communion Service & Ashes
 Tom Grieco & Bob Gotham
 February 18, 2024 Tom Grieco

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 11, 2024 Chris Hoefler
 February 18, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
 February 25, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin