

St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 12, 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.



"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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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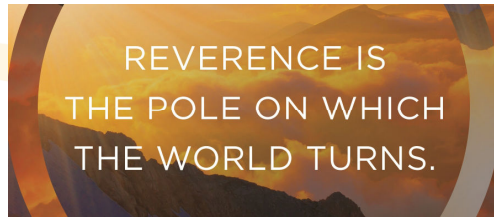
DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Gn 4:1-15, 25/ Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/ Mk 8:11-13	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/ Mk 8:14-21	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/ Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:22-26	Gn 9:1-13/ Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/ Mk 8:27-33	Gn 11:1-9/ Ps 33:10-15/ Mk 8:34—9:1	Heb 11:1-7/ Ps 145: 2-5, 10-11/ Mk 9:2-13	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/ Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/ 1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48

**The Mass—
What to Do When You Come
to Church**

When you come to church, be sure to greet other people who are coming to church. We are a family and we act like family when we show friendship and care for each other. When coming to church we are reminded, as one of the Baptized, to sign ourselves with holy water. However, during the Covid pandemic months we were without holy water upon entering the church. The good news is that beginning at Easter, 2023, we will resume holy water at the open church entrances. For those who wish to bless themselves, you will dip your hand into the font and make the sign of the cross carefully and thoughtfully.

When you come to church and you are headed for your seat, be gracious to other people who are in church. “Remember, keeping silence together at Mass can be a school for learning to seek silence regularly, each day to be in communion with God.” Please know that some people are praying



quietly, some are preparing the sanctuary, and some are greeting each other. Be aware of who is around you. We are family; the people of God gathered together to offer praise and thanksgiving.

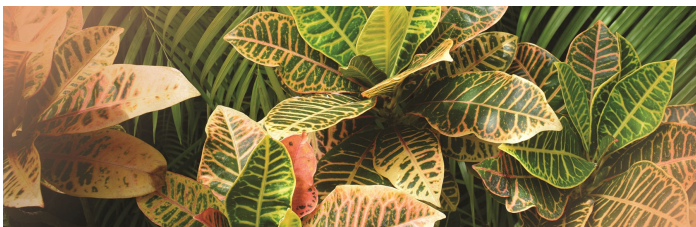
If you walk past the tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved, be sure to genuflect (kneel down on one knee for a moment) to show reverence for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you have trouble kneeling, any other reverent gesture is appropriate.

If you pass by the altar, be sure to pause for a moment and bow as a sign of reverence, for this holy place is where bread and wine will become the Body and Blood of Christ in a short while. The altar is further looked upon as a symbol of Christ—the cornerstone and spiritual rock of the Church. The veneration of the altar is an act of reverence which recalls that the common table is



holy and sacred to all of us gathered as one assembly.

With peace and love to all,
Rev Peter Enyan-Boadu



Calling All Green Thumbs

THIS Saturday, Feb 18 at 10 AM in the Parish Center

We need your help in repotting several plants for the altar. Bring your gardening gloves and small hand trowels. Soil, pots, and plants will be provided.

Contact Patty Hoag at 880-2426 if you are interested.



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

This year we will be returning to an eat-in fish fry! (Take out will still be available of course.)

When: Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday) beginning February 24, 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Where: St. John’s Parish Center, 2400 W. Ridge Rd.

FISH FRY Menu

- Battered Fried.....\$13.00**
- Skinless Baked.....\$13.00**
- Fried Shrimp (7 Large Butterfly)..\$13.00**
- Half portion of any of the above... \$ 8.00**

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 under 3 eat free! (choice of mac & cheese or half slice of pizza).



**Holy Hour
to Honor Mary Our Mother
Monday, February 27, 7:00- 8:00 PM**

Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Cenacle Council #3892 will be sponsoring Holy Hour to honor Mary Our Mother at Our Mother of Sorrows Church. The format

of the Holy Hour will be as follows, Exposition, Adoration, Reflection, Holy Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph.

All parishioners are welcomed. Fr. William Coffas will be the celebrant.

Masses for the Week—February 13—19

MONDAY, February 13 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Eleanor Zanni*
 by Loving Husband Tony

TUESDAY, February 14 *Sts Cyril & Methodius*
 8:15 AM + *Jim Wenskus*
 by Family

WEDNESDAY, February 15 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Sue Lynd*
 by Dorann Cook

THURSDAY, February 16 *Weekday*

FRI, Feb 17 *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*
 8:15 AM + *Anette & Cosmo Coccitto*
 by Maria Leonardis & Family

SATURDAY, February 18 *Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Mary Jo Mattle*
 by Joan Palenik & Becky & Don Healey

SUNDAY, February 19 *7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *For the People of St. John the Evangelist*
 10:00 AM + *Olivia Cuoci*
 by Eileen Zegarelli

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 6
 9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center

Saturday, February 18
 10:00 AM Plant Repotting in the Parish Center



Mission to Begin Lent 2023
 Sessions with Bishop Matano
 Special Evening for Youth

The EUCHARISTIC Revival

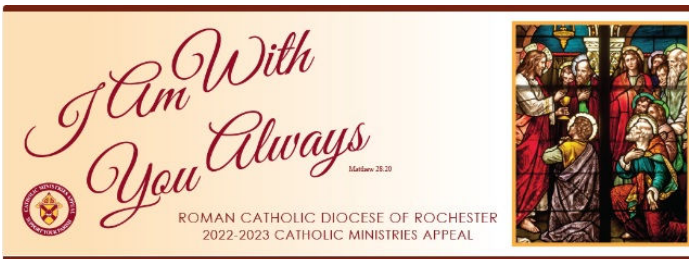
All are welcome!

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 1st Session by Bishop Matano, followed by Benediction at
St. Marks Church, 54 Kuhn Road

Friday, February 24 at 6:30 PM
 2nd Session Fr. Joseph Martuscello
 and Seminarian David Cataline
 share their Vocation Stories,
 Youth Vigil for Vocations Prayer Service
 with Exposition
 of the Blessed Sacrament
 and Rosary led by Youth Representatives,
 followed by Benediction led by Bishop Matano at
Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd.,

Saturday, February 25 at 8:15 AM
 Mass with the Bishop presiding
 and offering the homily as the 3rd Session at
St. John the Evangelist Church, 2400 W Ridge Rd.

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 St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great, and St. Mark's Churches



I Am With You Always

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
 2022-2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**We Need EVERYONE
 in Order to Reach Our CMA Goal**

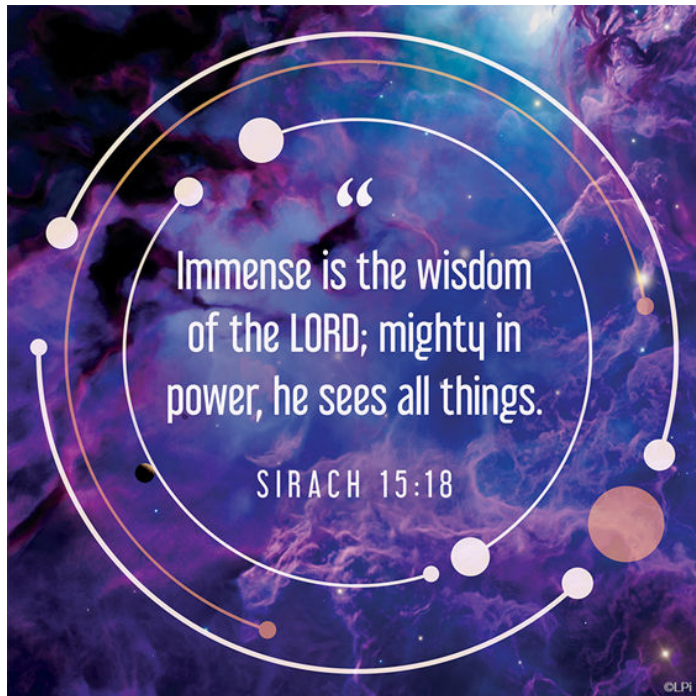
As we have shared over the past few weeks now, we have come to a point where we are making very little to no progress toward reaching our parish CMA goal; the last report bringing us just shy of 90%. We now present to each of us the opportunity to contribute an additional amount of \$20 per household (roughly .39/week). By doing so, this will allow us to fulfill our goal once and for all. We hope and pray we can count on your support. Together we can make a difference. We ask that you put your additional donation into an envelope marked CMA and drop it into the collection basket. Checks are made payable to CMA and in the memo write 039-St. John's Greece.

Any questions can be directed to the Parish Office at 225-8980. Many thanks to all!



Sunday, February 12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Sir 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept.
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
of keeping your statutes!

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Be good to your servant, that I may live
and keep your words.
Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law
and keep it with all my heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**Second Reading** 1 Cor 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

Alleluia cF. mt 11:25**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** MT 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

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.

LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday – February 22

Mass & Distribution of Ashes at 9:00 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.

Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays following 8:15 AM Mass and followed by Rosary

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 5:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) followed by Reflection by Father Peter.



February 24 begins at 5:15 PM due to Lenten Mission

March 3 March 17 March 31
March 10 March 24

Confession by Appointment

Please call the Parish Office: 225-8980

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

First Friday: March 3

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

NOTE: Watch the bulletin for additional opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.

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 15th 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 26) through Trinity Sunday (June 4)

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.

First Saturday Mass: March 4 and April 1 at 8:15 AM followed by Rosary, Meditation, and Devotional Prayers

St. Joseph's Table: Sunday, March 19

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Traditional Meal Served in Parish Center

Multi-Parish Lenten Retreat

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM

at St. Marks, 54 Kuhn Road, Rochester

Friday, February 24 at 6:30 PM

at Our Mother of Sorrows, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd., Rochester

Saturday, February 25 at 8:15 AM

at St. John the Evangelist, 2400 West Ridge Rd., Greece

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Fish Frys on Fridays: 4:00 -7:00 PM

in Parish Center - 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

NO Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 7.

Blessing of Food Baskets: Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 PM

Join in the wonderful Polish tradition of Swieconka, meaning “the blessing of the Easter Baskets” that is also accepted in the Catholic Church. Fr. Peter keeps this tradition alive each year and would love to have more parishioners, family and friends, partake in this special blessing on Holy Saturday—you don't have to be Polish to take part—ALL are invited! You are asked to bring your Easter meal food in a basket to be blessed in preparation for your Easter Sunday celebration. This Blessing is steeped in rich Polish tradition and you will see more explanation about it in an upcoming bulletin. We ask that you mark your calendars to join us on Holy Saturday at 2:00 PM right here in church.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday,

Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral



Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM



Good Friday Passion Service: April 7 at 3:00 PM



Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, April 8 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses: Sunday, April 9 at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM



Raymond Parsons, *Father of Ray Parsons*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Victims of Earthquake in Turkey and Syria**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Persecuted Christians**
- ✚ Marian I **Deacon Bob Burke**
- ✚ Marian II **World Leaders**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February 4/5	ATTENDANCE.....	397
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,747.54
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,148.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,895.54
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	189.54

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of January 29, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	310,592.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	301,339.41
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	9,252.59)

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

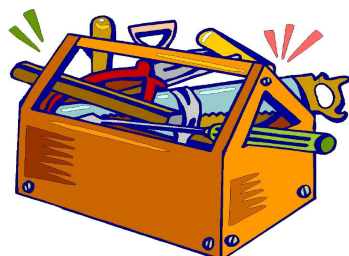
Online Giving

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.

Special Collection
Capital Improvement 2nd Collection
NEXT Weekend, February 18/19



This Second Collection for ongoing maintenance of our buildings and campus will be taken up over the next three months. Please use the pink envelopes found in your envelope packets.



Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$745 to House of Mercy.

Our service to the poor is only made possible with the support of our donors like you, and with the coldest months of the year beginning, our Mission becomes even more critical.

Living out this mission is an endeavor that requires significant investment in qualified staff who are able to tend to the complex needs of the homeless-many of whom struggle with the burden of addiction and mental illness.

Again, we are so grateful for your support! We wish you and those important to you a blessed 2023. It is our hope that you will continue to pray for, and support, the homeless community during the winter season, and beyond.

Yours truly,
Dr. Tammy Butler, *Executive Director*



Dear Father Peter,
Many thanks & blessings to you and the wonderful faithful of St. John's on the Ridge. I personally have many good memories from the days of Ministry at your Parish.

Please know you are most welcome to visit Mary's Place when you have the opportunity.

Sincerely,
P.J. Ryan

World Marriage Day

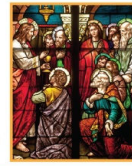
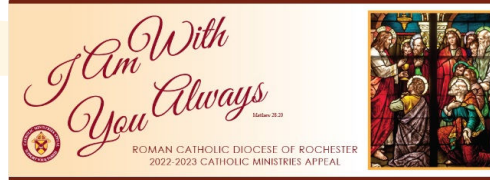
Sunday, February 12



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.



Thank you to all who have pledged their support!

As of Tuesday, February 7, 322

households have pledged \$74,679.75 taking us to 89.98% of our \$83,000 goal.

Please fill out your envelope, be sure to make your check payable to: *CMA* and put 039-St John's—Greece in the check memo.

As furnished by the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.

Anonymous

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February 2023

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 19, 2023 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 12, 2023 Chris Hoefler
February 19, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
February 26, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert