

St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 18, 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.



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/
Ps 19:8- 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11/
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10/
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

1 Pt 5:1-4/
Ps 23:1-3a, 4- 6/
Mt 16:13-19

Friday

Ez 18:21-28/
Ps 130:1-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19/
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15-19
Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10

Commitments Make Life Worthwhile

We have just celebrated Ash Wednesday—so begins our Lenten Season—
Transform Us Lord in the Eucharist

Lent is about us and our journey of faith. It is about God and us. It is a time of renewal to fast, pray, give alms, and make a commitment.

Commitments make life worthwhile. Yet, so many times, commitments are difficult to keep. When we take a look at society, we notice how many commitments are made and how many are broken. We see it in ourselves. We see it sadly in our church.

We live in a situation where some of us do not want to be dedicated to anything. We fail to understand who we are and our need to serve God from whom all things come. Everybody is crying for their rights but no one is talking about responsibility. For some of us, we feel very uncomfortable talking to a spouse, a child, a relative or even a friend about going to church. We only think of church for our special needs.



How is the Gospel message going to be proclaimed beyond me? We can become so comfortable in our own sense of security that we tend to think we do not need God.

We can achieve much in this life by our faith in God and God wants us to aim high. “What do you possess that you have not received?” 1Corinthians 4:7. At least once a day we should stop and think about the fact that Jesus died for us so that we could live with him forever! This is a commitment that we cannot abandon. Let us try to rise up in our faith and

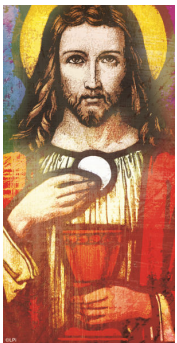
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commit to something in church. How well are we keeping the commitments that we have to—God, our spouse, our finances, and work? What type of situation presently is calling us into making a commitment?



Peace and love to all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Transform Us Lord in the Eucharist – A Lenten Catechesis

Together, as a community of faith, I do hope you will join me on a journey this Lenten season as we spend some time looking at the teachings of the Catholic Church as they pertain to the Most Precious Gift we, as Catholic Christians, have been given – *The Most Holy Eucharist*. All are invited, including practicing and non-practicing friends and family, as well as our non-Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ. Each presentation will have a video to watch and there will be time for discussion afterward.

Please take this opportunity to open your heart to the heart of our faith as we come to a deeper understanding of the Real Presence, and may fully and reverently embrace Jesus when receiving him in Holy Communion. Come and be transformed!

We will gather in the **Parish Center** from **6:30 PM until 8:00 PM** beginning **THIS Tuesday, February 20** followed by **Wednesday, February 28, Wednesday, March 6,** and **Wednesday, March 13**. Blessings on your Lenten Journey,

Fr Peter



Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy

The Mercy That Prepares Us for the Mercy of the Eucharist.

The Sacrament of Penance is an integral part of the National Eucharistic Revival. As a witness of solidarity among our parishes, Bishop Salvatore Matano has designated **THIS Thursday, February 22**, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, to whom Jesus Christ gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven Matthew 16:19, to be a *Day of Penance & Mercy*. See **This Week's Schedule for opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance here at St John's.**

Masses for the Week—February 19—25

MONDAY, February 19 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Dolores Felice*
 by Sheila Henry

TUESDAY, February 20 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Intentions of the Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry*
 by Eileen

WEDNESDAY, February 21 *St Peter Damian*
 8:15 AM + *Cosmo & Annetta Cocitto*
 by Angelo & Maria Leonardis

THURSDAY, February 22 *Chair of St Peter, Apostle*

FRIDAY, February 23 *St Polycarp*
 8:15 AM + *Thomas Corbit*
 by Wife, Jeanne

SATURDAY, February 24 *Lenten Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Barbara Conte*
 by Donna Lodato

SUNDAY, February 25 *2nd Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + *The People of St John's, Living & Deceased*
 10:00 AM + *Jack Ort*
 by Sylvia Mancuso

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 18
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center
 10:00 AM Mass Rite of Sending
 2:00 PM Rite of Election at Cathedral

Monday, February 19 President's Day
Parish Office CLOSED
 NO Bible Study

Tuesday, February 20
 6:30 PM Parish Lenten Catechesis in the Parish Center

Wednesday, February 21
 Stations of the Cross following 8:15 AM Mass in Church

Thursday, February 22
 Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy in Church
 10:00-11:00 AM | 2:00-3:00 PM | 5:00-6:00 PM

Friday, February 23
 4:00—7:00 PM Fish Fry in the Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Sunday, February 25
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center



Parish Office is CLOSED
THIS Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24
Justin Miller	William Moorby	Peter Morello	Peter Mottola	Anthony Mugavero	Thomas Mull	John Mulligan

Prayers of Support Along the Way

On February 10, 2024, two of the youth from our parish received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time from Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu—Miss Olivia Ricigliano and Miss Lilyana Martorella-Planteny. As a community of faith, let us remember these young ladies and their families in our prayers as they journey along in faith preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. May our merciful and loving God be their ongoing strength and guiding force.



Stations of the Cross
THIS Friday, February 23 at 5:30 PM
 led by Bible Study followed by a Reflection from Father Peter.



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) continuing February 23, 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)

Being An Active Parishioner — Things To Know

Did you ever stop to consider what constitutes being an active parishioner? Quite often we find this means different things to different people.

We receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for “active parishioner status” for Marriages, Baptisms, Catholic School admittance, to be godparents for Baptism and/or Sponsors for Confirmation or RCIA. Part of these requests is for us to be able to verify that an individual is an “active parishioner” of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY.

Criteria to Determining an Active Member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY

- Properly registered (for at least a minimum of 3 months).
- Actively participates in Mass each week and Holy Days of Obligation – preferably as a family.
- Regularly participates in the sacramental life of the Church.
- Supports their Parish financially through regular use of church envelopes or online giving.
- Shares their talent within the parish community.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is a serious one. This is not merely a matter of Parish policy. Divine law sets forth this expectation in the Third of the Ten Commandments—*Remember to keep holy the sabbath.*” Canon Law states: “On Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are also to abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord’s Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body.” Canon 1247. This is an ordinary expectation for followers of Christ. Obviously extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, unavoidable responsibilities or bad weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. The elderly or disabled are not bound to Sunday Mass attendance though highly recommended when possible. Individual disregard of this precept projects a distancing relationship from the source of all goodness and can become a grave matter – a serious sin – for it shows a habitual disregard for God and the Church’s life and law.

Parents should note that the expectations regarding Mass attendance do not apply simply to the Catholic parent(s), but to the children and youth as well. All our children and youth, especially those attending Religious Education and Youth Ministry are expected to attend Mass faithfully for in the Mass our souls and spirits are nourished and our minds enlightened by Divine Wisdom.

The parish cannot exist and grow as a separate entity without the active ongoing relationship among those who compose it.

Living in a culture that no longer supports a religious way of life, much less a Catholic Christian way of life, the local parish plays an integral role in helping to guide and support us on our journey. The parish does this through its educational and formational programs, prayer groups, spiritual development and celebrations of the Word and Sacraments. By these means, the parish nourishes and empowers and enables us to grow in wisdom, healing, and grace before God and our world.

The parish cannot exist and grow as a separate entity without the active ongoing relationship among those who compose it. When registering with a parish, a person is entering into a live faith community and like any other relationships, if it is to be viable and healthy and participatory, there must be mutual commitment with it’s members.

Today, we live in a very mobile society. More than any other period in history we live in a time of cell phones, shopping and sports, the malls, the internet, multi-channel TV, etc. The church is not immune from this reality. Continually we meet

people “shopping” for churches and parishes, people who for a variety of reasons never think of establishing a home parish until they plan to get married, have a child baptized, or prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The Church, for its part, requires pastors to have a founded hope and trust that those seeking the sacraments are practicing Catholics in good standing and open to growth. The same is true when parents present their children for the sacraments. Pastors are to have a founded hope that the children will be raised in the Catholic faith. We, therefore, invite people to become an active member of the Church and establish a home parish here at St. John’s where they will be nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Each registered member must understand and appreciate our tithing responsibilities as Christian stewards of God’s blessings to us, and pray and commit to sharing them – with a grateful heart—through our time, talent and treasure. The monetary support of our church is an important aspect of parish finance. All are urged to use the envelope system or online giving.

Let us remember, it is only through God’s love that we receive His gift of life. In the course of that gift of life, we are then the recipients of God’s varied grace and gifts. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are called to serve as God’s disciples, sharing in gratitude and love, the blessings He has bestowed on us.



2024 Hands of Christ Award

We take this opportunity to congratulate **Nicholas McMichael**, son of Scott and Debora and brother of Emily and Noah, on having received this year’s *Hands of Christ Award*. Nick, along with other young men and women throughout the Diocese of Rochester received this award from His Excellency, Bishop Salvatore Matano on February 6, 2024. This award affirms high school seniors of a parish who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school and community. For those who may not be familiar with this, it is a recognition that the Bishop has reserved for seniors who give consistent attention to worship as well as service in his/her parish. They are the young people who commit to Sunday Mass and step up to volunteer in ministries of the parish. They are stewards of their time with God as well as their sharing of time and talent with the needs of the parish and the greater community. They are also young men and women who model Christ-like behavior to their peers. *Continued on page 6.*



Advent Giving Tree Project

Excerpts from the remaining
Recipient Thank You Notes

Friendship Children's Center

January 2024

Dear Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu,

I am just so grateful that Friendship was selected to be a recipient of your Advent Giving Tree.

I just want to tell you again, all of your donations go right back to our children and families! We use donations for winter coats, sneakers, toys, and emergency funding for families in need! It makes all the difference in the world to a parent and a child when something is done for them that not only helps them but ultimately puts a big smile on their face!

You made a difference! Thank for being a treasured friend!

Thank you,

Joi McMurtry, *Executive Director*



January 18, 2024

Dear Father Peter ,

Thanks for empowering children with complex medical conditions with the resources and resolve they need to learn, thrive, and shine at Daystar Kids, New York's only Pediatric Center for children with special health care needs.

Your generous gift of \$960 will give our incredible infants and children priceless opportunities to push their limits, rebuild their strength, and learn new skills to help bridge the gaps caused by their prolonged periods of hospitalization and recovery.

With your support and encouragement, Daystar Kids are meeting their milestones and are ready to take on any new challenges that come their way. Thanks for your continued faith in our mission and believing in Daystar Kids.

Warmly,

Kim Condon, *CEO*



Mother Teresa
Missionary Center
at Holy Apostles

January 25, 2024

Dear Fr Peter,

Thank you and the wonderful people of St John's for your very generous gift. Its helps what we try to do in the spirit of Mother Teresa. May you be richly rewarded!

May Mother Teresa's example and way of serving the Lord continue to inspire us all!

Love in Our Lord,

Father Tony



January 29, 2024

Dear Father Peter and St John's Parish,

I'd like to introduce you to Jamison. He is a bright Pre-K 4 student who is kind and a good listener. His big sister, Evelyn is in Kindergarten. She is a mature, poised, and helpful 6-year-old. Their mother, Sheila, is a graduate of Nazareth Academy. She values the opportunity for her children to continue within the Nazareth legacy of education.

I am sharing the story of this wonderful family because your donation is a gift to them, our school, and The Sisters of St Joseph mission. Because of your generosity, we can provide the support needed for a strong, faith-based education, enriched with guidance and love for our students.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thank you for the incredibly generous gift from your 2023 Giving Tree initiative. We're so grateful to have been a recipient of such a thoughtful parish-wide gesture and are blessed by your kindness.

Thank you for thinking of us!

Peace and gratitude,

Sr Margaret Mancuso, *SSJ, Principal*



Rev. Stanley Dominik *Uncle of Jerry Dominik*
Clara Kordorsky *Wife of Jules Kordorsky*
Robert Keenehan *Husband of Marguerite Keenehan*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **Deacon Bob Burke**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Thomas Burke**
- ✠ Marian I **Our President and our Nation**
- ✠ Marian II **Rose Marie Skrypek**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February 10/11	ATTENDANCE.....	415
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,244.50
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,027.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,271.50
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	741.50

2nd Collection

Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement Offering...	\$	2,336.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	195.00
TOTAL Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement....	\$	2,531.00

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as February 11, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	314,490.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	311,845.24
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	2,644.76)

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

2nd Collection

THIS 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.

ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOLS
PRESENTS

“Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent”

Join us for an inspiring talk on parenting by
Dr Ray Guarendi



“This presentation will foster self confidence, peace of mind, and will put authority into your hands where it belongs.”

SIBS Gymnasium
501 Garfield St East Rochester
March 7 at 7 PM
Doors open at 5:30 PM

For Details and Registration
www.johnboscoschools.com/dr-ray
\$10 suggested donation

2024 HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD *Continued from page 4.*



As a youth, Nick has taken part in our Children's Christmas Pageant, Youth Living Stations of the Cross and altar serving at Sunday Mass and weddings. He has helped with our Fish Frys and Coffee Hours. In addition to his parish involvement, he identifies community achievements of sports awards and coaching opportunity, participation in a school-based mentoring program, and assisting in the 2023 faith formation summer camp at St. Charles Borromeo Church. May God continue to guide and bless Nick as he grows in the Catholic faith and in demonstrating *“The Hands of Christ”* on his journey of faith now and in the years to come.



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.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 18, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 18, 2024 Tom Grieco

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 18, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert

February 25, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin