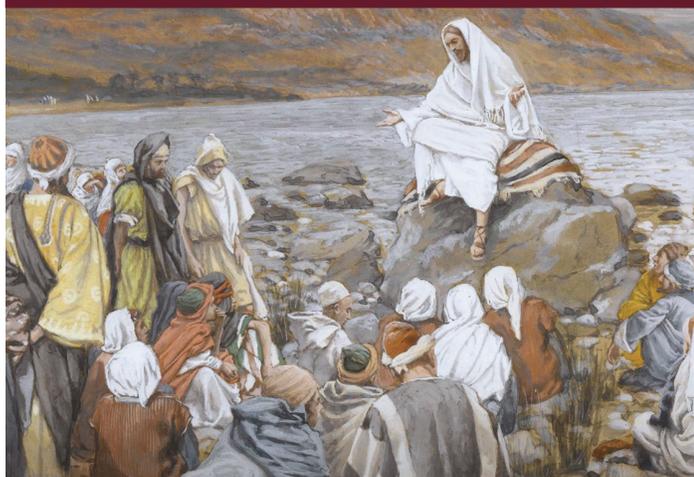


# St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 19, 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.*



"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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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.

**PRAYER LINE** Jill Finan [StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com](mailto:StJohnPrayerLine@gmail.com)

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Monday

Sir 1:1-10/  
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11/  
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/  
Mk 9:30-37

### 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 2:7-9; 3:1-7/  
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4:1-11

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Enyan-Boadu - 225-8980

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## Welcome!

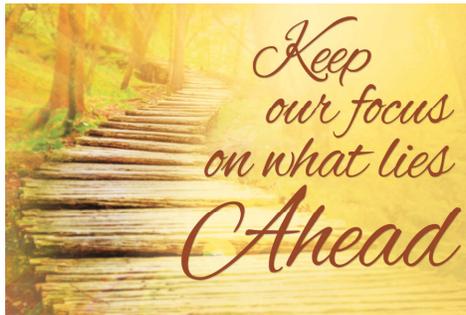
If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so if you will please introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, 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.

### The Mass— Why We Have a Procession

There are different aspects to having processions. One reason for a procession is the same reason to have a parade: there is a special event going on and we gather representatives of the local community, we have colorful outfits and lots of music. The parade excites, unifies, focuses attention, and uplifts spirits.

The Procession that starts the Mass is NOT a parade, but some of the same parade elements are there. Our procession in church is an effort to unify, focus attention and uplift the spirit of the people of God.

The second aspect of a procession is that it gathers people together. From the back of the church up to the front, people gather for Mass. The procession is an outward, visible way that



those who share the different ministries at Mass come from the gathered people to lead in prayer. In our procession we have different ministers; the altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Communion, the lector, the deacon and the priest. By a procession, these ministers use a ritual, outward way to show the solemn, joyful, and holy mystery that is beginning. As you watch the procession and join in singing, feel yourself drawn into the experience of holiness. Feel yourself drawn into the action of prayer. Feel yourself united to those who go to the altar. For we are all one in prayer at the celebration of the Mass.



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

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

### THIS Wednesday, February 22

Mass and 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

**THIS Friday, February 24 at 5:15 PM\***  
led by the Youth of the Parish  
followed by a Reflection from Father Peter.  
\*5:15 PM Start Time due to Lenten Mission



### 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.



### For Your Lenten Reflection

*The Word Among Us* is available this weekend, February 18/19. *Praying with Jesus This Lent* contains Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations. As we have a limited supply, we kindly ask that you take only one copy per household.

**Masses for the Week—February 20—26**

**MONDAY, February 20** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Ange Zegarelli*  
 by Sandy & Glenn Raymond

**TUESDAY, February 21** *St Peter Damian*  
 8:15 AM + *Bruce Katz*  
 by The Eggleston's

**WEDNESDAY, February 22 Ash Wednesday**  
 9:00 AM + *Rose DeVoe*  
 by Brunette & Russo Families  
 12:05 PM + *Jeff Lader*  
 by Family  
 6:00 PM + *For the People of St. John the Evangelist*

**THURSDAY, February 23** *St Polycarp*

**FRIDAY, February 24** *Friday after Ash Wednesday*  
 8:15 AM + *Louise Leo*  
 by Joan Vogt

**SAT, February 25** *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*  
 8:15 AM Lenten Mission Mass  
 4:00 PM + *Deborah Netchke*  
 by David & Mary Giarrizzo

**SUNDAY, February 26** *1st Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00 AM + *Gary Walz*  
 by Mother, Mary  
 10:00 AM + *For the People of St. John the Evangelist*

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, February 20 Presidents' Day**  
 Parish Office CLOSED  
 NO Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, February 22 Ash Wednesday**  
 Masses at 9:00 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6:00 PM

**Saturday, February 25**  
 8:15 AM Lenten Mission Mass with Bishop Matano

**Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.**

Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25
Jeffrey Tunnickliff	Michael Twardzik	Gary Tyman	Michael Upson	PeterVan Lieshout	Louis Vasile	Walter Wainwright



**Parish Office is CLOSED this Monday, February 20 for Presidents' Day.**

**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.**

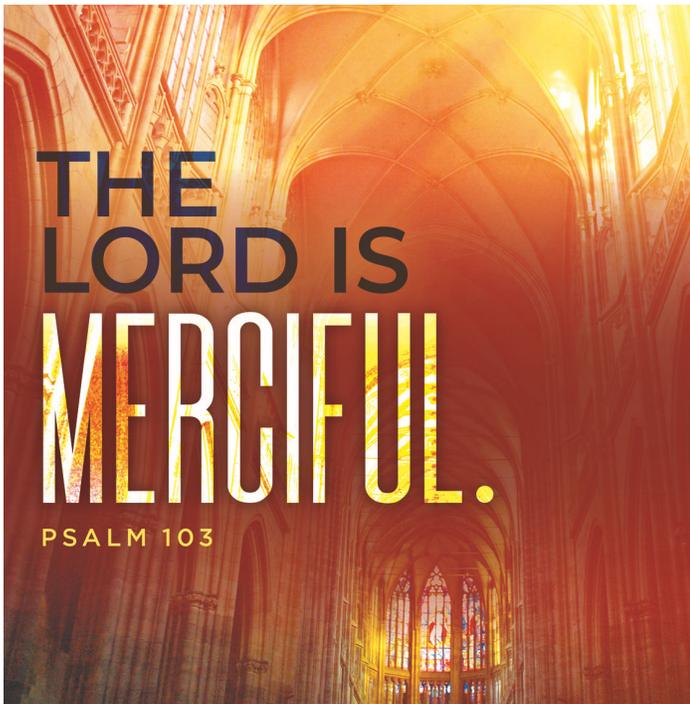
*Sponsored by the Parishes of*  
 Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles, St. John the Evangelist,  
 St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great, and St. Mark's Churches

**Sunday, February 19** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses,

“Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

“You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written:

*God catches the wise in their own ruses,*  
and again:

*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,*  
*that they are vain.*

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

**Alleluia** 1 Jn 2:5

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: “You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

**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.



**Attn.: High School Juniors and Seniors!  
Pro Life Oratorical Contest**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

Location: Orchard Community Church, 2285 Latta Rd

Prepare a brief speech (5-7 minutes) on a specific issue related to the pro-life movement. Share your perspective on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Present your informed, pro-life stance in a dynamic engaging speech at the Rochester Area Right to Life Oratorical Contest.

There is no charge, but you must register in order to be in the program listing. See more details at [RARTL@righttoliferoch.org](mailto:RARTL@righttoliferoch.org) or call 621-4690.



JOIN US FOR  
**DINNER  
THIS LENT!**

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:*

- 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).



**Take Action to Stop  
Doctor-Assisted Suicide in NYS**

Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide are making a full court press to legalize this deadly practice in New York State, and lawmakers need to hear from their constituents if we hope to avoid yet another assault on human life here. Assisted suicide is dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and people with disabilities. Suicide is not medical care. Please tell your State Senate and Assembly representatives that you oppose this dangerous and deadly practice.

**Contact your state legislators now!**

For more information and to find your state legislator please visit <https://www.nyscatholic.org/action-center/>



**Rochester, NY  
Chapter Breakfast  
Saturday, March 11, 2023,  
from 9:30 AM to Noon  
Seating begins at 8:30 AM**

Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd. Gates, NY 14624

Our speaker is Louise Carson. Louise has dedicated herself to serving God through many ministries in the Catholic Church. She is the Coordinator of the Rochester Chapter of Magnificat, trained as a Pastoral Minister in the Rochester Diocese and worked in that role for several years. In the midst of this service, Louise has experienced job loss, divorce, teen pregnancy, and the death of a grandchild. Yet, her trust in God and her dependence on the goodness of God and His promises have been her solace and strength.

**Cost: \$30 per person** if postmarked by March 4, 2023 after March 4: \$32.00; Student \$20.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door.

**Deadline:** Tuesday, March 7.

**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 (\$32.00) on our website at [www.MagnificatRochester.org](http://www.MagnificatRochester.org).

**For more information: Call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: [MagnificatRochester@frontier.com](mailto:MagnificatRochester@frontier.com).**



**Volunteers Needed for this Ministry**

If you are interested in learning more and/or volunteering to help, please contact **Tod Simone** at 225-8980 or e-mail [tod.simone@dor.org](mailto:tod.simone@dor.org)



Ya Ghana, Sister-in-law of Fr. Peter



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✝ Tabernacle I All First Responders
- ✝ Tabernacle II Our US Military
- ✝ Marian I Our Veterans
- ✝ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>February 11/12</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	416
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,468.54
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,788.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,256.54
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	550.54

**2nd Collection**

Boiler Fund.....	\$	2,498.50
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	.00
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TOTAL Boiler Fund.....	\$	2,498.50

**Fiscal Year 2022-23** as of February 12, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	320,298.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	311,595.95
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	8,702.05)

*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](http://www.stjohngreece.org).



Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



**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 welcome. Fr. William Coffas will be the celebrant.

*Holy Apostles Church*

*Dear Fr. Peter,*

*Thank you so much for the very generous donation of \$1,000 from St. John the Evangelist Church to Holy Apostles and the ministries associated with the Mother Teresa Missionary Center. We are extremely grateful to you, along with the needy who you are helping!*

*Love in Our Lord,*

*Fr. Tony*

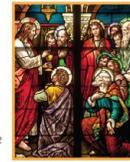
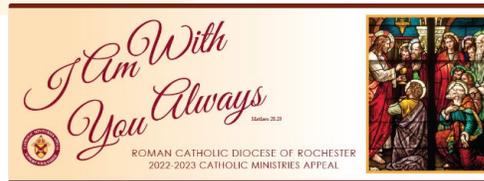
**Special Collection**  
**Black, Native and Hispanic Ministries**  
**NEXT Weekend, February 25/26**

The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease.

*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 14, 321**

**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 14, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.*

**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 19, 2023     Dan & Melissa Kabasin  
February 26, 2023     Carolyn Kerhaert