

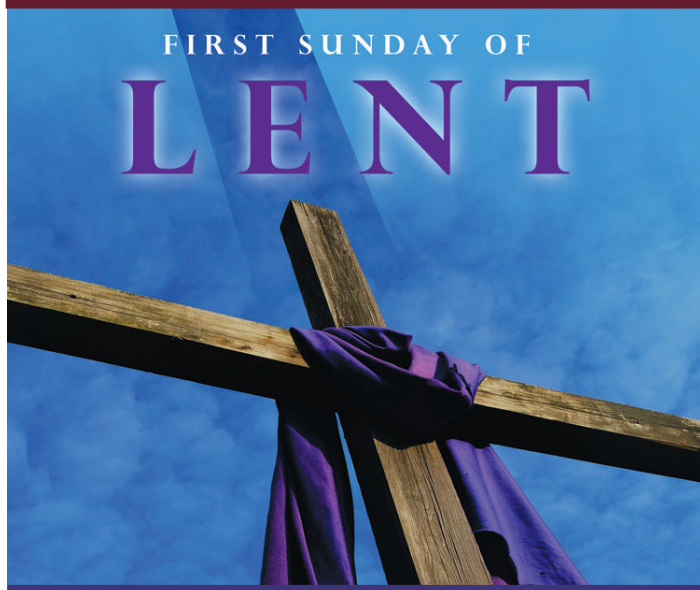
St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 26, 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.



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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

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/
Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28/
Ps 130:1-4, 5-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

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

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a/
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/
Mt 17:1-9

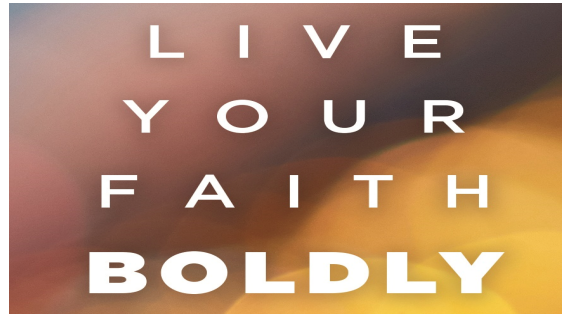
Welcome!

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.

What Happens When We Come Together

We come together in liturgy to celebrate the rhythms of our life. Liturgy is a shared experience. Liturgy is a physical action. In it we must be present to participate.

After all, most of its images and symbols relate to the human body which serves as a metaphor for the assembly as the Body of Christ. The more senses the liturgy involves, the fuller the participation. We see seasonal colors, the areas in church better lit than others, the pictures and statues, etc. In our church in particular, we touch the wood of our seats, each other, the water of the font at church entrances (returning at Easter), the chalice (the cup) and we become part of the celebration. We stand and kneel at specific times. We hear the Word of God proclaimed, and we hear ourselves respond as a people, in song and in spoken prayer. We taste the bread and wine which becomes the Body and Blood of Christ.



We smell the incense, the flowers, burning candles, and one another's colognes. As you know, smell is the strongest sense and all of these sensory stimuli help to bring us into communion with our past, with God and with all other Catholics as the Body of

Christ—the Church.

The Eucharistic celebration is the place where we celebrate our sacred narrative (Sacred Scripture) as the people of the risen Christ—after all, we are our stories. We are the Body of Christ at all times, but at liturgies we publicly acknowledge our past and present, and our belief in our future as saved people. Identity is not lost in crowds, but in isolation. The community is essential to worship and to our growth as women and men of faith.

Every Mass is a celebration of the rhythms of our life in the paschal mystery of Christ.

With peace and love to all,

Rev Peter Enyan-Boadu



**Holy Hour
to Honor Mary Our Mother**
THIS 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.



Stations of the Cross

THIS Friday, March 3 at 5:30 PM

led by the Liturgy Committee followed by a Reflection from Father Peter.



Join Us for Coffee Hour!

NEXT Sunday, March 5
following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses

Come socialize with your fellow parish members and your hosts for this month, our

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

Be sure to stop by to wish a certain special someone, Fr. Peter, a very Happy Birthday which he celebrates on Monday, March 6.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Masses for the Week—Feb 27—March 5

MONDAY, February 27 *St Gregory of Narek*
 8:15 AM + **Bob Wunsch**
 by Jessica & Carolyn Wunsch

TUESDAY, February 28 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Helen Melville**
 by Paul & Nancy Westlake

WEDNESDAY, March 1 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **John Brohman**
 by Family

THURSDAY, March 2 *Lenten Weekday*
FIRST FRIDAY, March 3 *St Katherine Drexal*
 8:15 AM + **Bruce Katz**
 by Marianne
 10:00 AM *Benediction*

FIRST SATURDAY, March 4 *St Casimir*
 8:15 AM **Fr Peter's Intentions**
 4:00 PM + *For the People of St. John the Evangelist*

SUNDAY, March 5 *2nd Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + **Norman & Clara Ann Pero**
 by John & Carolyn Kerhaert
 10:00 AM *Fr Peter's Intention for his 69th Birthday*

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 27
 9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center
 6:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Group in the Parish Center and Church

Wednesday, March 1
 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross and Rosary in Church

First Friday, March 3
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Adoration with Benediction at 10:00 AM in Church
 4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center —Dine In or Take Out
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church led by the Liturgy Committee

First Saturday, March 4
 8:15 AM Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation & Devotional Prayer
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parish Center

Sunday, March 5
Coffee Hour following the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses in the Parish Center

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4
Matthew Walter	Eugene Weis	Inactive & Sabbatical	Robert Werth	Daniel E. White	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



Training for Sidewalk Advocacy
 Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

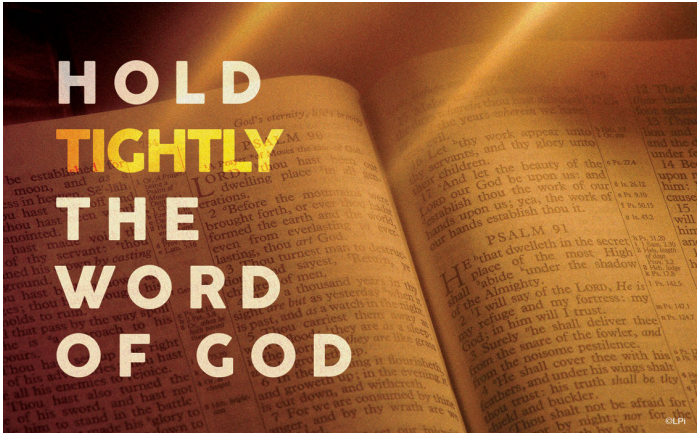
Join us to save lives on the sidewalk this Lent! ROC Love Will End Abortion is holding a session to train how to lovingly reach out with life-affirming help to women and men entering local abortion facilities. The training is free and includes lunch.

For more information and to RSVP, call Dorothy Hayes at dorothy@RocLoveWillEndAbortion.org or call 585-704-4568.

Worshipping Together

This week brings us First Friday, March 3 and First Saturday, March 4. On Friday, Father Peter will celebrate 8:15 morning Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 AM concluding with Benediction at 10:00 AM.

On First Saturday, March 4, Fr. Peter will celebrate 8:15 morning Mass for our monthly devotion to our Blessed Mother. Following Mass all are welcome to join members of our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry as we pray the Rosary followed by a 15 minute period of silent meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary, and concluding with The Fatima Prayers (prayer sheets provided).



Sunday, February 26 1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
"Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading Rom 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the

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world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Mt 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes—February 6, 2023

Opening Prayer: Paul Parkman

Attendance: Father Peter, Bob Gotham, Karen Bessette -Sec, Gary Kern, Pam Tofany-Kern Rick Paoletti, Nick Sassano, Tod Simone, Paul Parkman, Melissa Ryan, Wayne Howard, Nick Verdino, Jan Gallucci, Sharon Miller, Alan Christodaro, Kathy Christodaro, *Excused:* Jill Bailey, Patty Hoag, Deacon Elmer, *Visitors:* Marcia Parsons

Approval of Agenda: for tonight's Meeting (Emailed, 1/24/2023) Approval - Gary Kern; Second—Melissa Ryan

Approval of Meeting Minutes: from January 9, 2023 Meeting (in bulletin on 1/29/2023) Approval - Wayne Howard, Second -Kathy Christodaro

Chairperson's Comments:

- **Conflict of Interest:** forms were handed out, reviewed, signed and returned.
- **April Meeting:** has been changed to April 10th.
- **CMA UPDATE:** as of 1/31/2023 we had 321 donors that have pledged \$74579.75 of our goal of \$83,000. That is 89.86% of our goal. That is an average of \$232 per donor. We need to be around \$250 per donor. Last year at this time we had already met our goal. So we are behind by \$8,420.25. We are also short by 36 donors from last year. We are losing momentum, as the donations have definitely slowed down.
- **Coffee Hours:** The February Coffee Hour was hosted by the Knights of Columbus, on Sunday 2/5/2023 after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses.
- **Webinar Series:** The CMA Office will be hosting two webinar meetings concerning fundraising and more specifically CMA. These two ZOOM meetings will be held on Tuesday February 14th @ 2 PM (Stewardship Best Practices) and Tuesday March 14th @ 2 PM, (Utilizing a Personal Approach in the CMA) We would like two people from St. John's to be present on these ZOOM calls. If interested, please see Bob Gotham and he will forward you the email for the sign up.

Fr. Peter's Update: A pulpit announcement was made at all of the Masses this weekend asking parishioners to donate to the CMA if they have not already done so, and if they have already donated to please consider donating again. Father said he is trying to find a way to help St John's make our goal. Pam asked if we could contact the parishioners that donated last year but have not yet this year, Father said that unfortunately many of them have passed away. Sharon asked if the other parishes in our area are struggling like we are and Father said the other East Greece/Charlotte parishes have made their goals. There was a flyer in the bulletin this week regarding the Lenten mission that will be led by Bishop Matano. Father hopes that the 8:15 AM Mass on February 25th that concludes the mission, will be well attended.

Father has been looking into opportunities to hold Adoration of the Eucharist, he will plan to do this on Wednesday's. This will include prayers, songs and praying the rosary. The dates and times will be announced. There will also be inserts in the bulletin each week during Lent regarding the Eucharist.

We have a wonderful Church made up of wonderful people. Our church would not be what it is without you. There are many people that have not returned to church since covid. I would like you to find a way to reach out to them and reconnect with them. When visitors come to our church, they say we are a friendly church but where are all of the people? We also need more people to volunteer for various needs in our parish. Karen suggested that we put a list of what the needs are in the bulletin so that the parishioners know what is available to volunteer for. Pam suggested an insert in the bulletin with the volunteer opportunities listed on it, the insert could be returned to church with the volunteers name, phone number and the ministry they are interested in helping with. Gary suggested adding to the flyer the need for a backup leader for each ministry.

Arts and Environment: Patty Hoag was excused from the meeting, there was a request in this weekends bulletin for volunteers to repot the plants on the Altar on February 18th.

Certificates of Appreciation: Sharon Miller – Our Parish Council Member Alan Christodaro received a certificate of Appreciation on Sunday 1/16/2023 at the 8:00 AM Mass. There is one nomination pending at this time.

Liturgy Committee: Tod – Stations of the Cross will be held after the 8:15 AM Mass on Wednesdays and at 5:30 PM on Friday's during Lent with the exception being Friday February 24th, the Stations will start at 5:15 PM. We are still looking for volunteers for the task force that will reach out to inactive parishioners. Gary said to add his name to the list and that he would like to volunteer to help with the needs of the electronic platform. Tod said we will plan to live stream the Mass Bishop Matano will be celebrating on February 25th.

Pastoral Ministry/Homebound Outreach Update: Tod and Sharon are both back to bringing communion to the homebound.

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 Update: Rick Paoletti said the Knights hosted the coffee hour this weekend. The 10 AM Mass was very well attended and the 8 AM Mass had about half the number as the 10 AM. The knights will be showing the movie Mother Theresa No Greater Love this Saturday Feb 11th in the parish center. There are 40 people signed up to attend at this time. The fish fry will be returning again this year with a dine in or to go option. Rick will be sending out a Sign up Genius asking for volunteers.

St. Joseph's Table: Rick Paoletti said that Christine will be helping with this remotely and she will do what she can. The faith and action committee has agreed to do the hands-on work. This will be held on the Feast of St Joseph on March 19th with a dinner in the parish center. Rick will be sending out a Sign-up Genius asking for food donations.

Outreach – Social Media/Communications Committee Update:

Gary Kern – There are two ministries on the St. John's website that do not have any info related to them. Gary asked that the leader for Arts and Environment and

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This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

✝ Tabernacle I **Douglas Heh**

✝ Tabernacle II **Douglas Heh**

✝ Marian I **Connie Rucinski**

✝ Marian II **Connie Rucinski**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline for President's Day, our February 18/19 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in the March 5 bulletin.

Thank you!

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



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) continues **THIS Friday, March 3, 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).*



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Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.

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

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Safety and Security send him a few lines about what their committee is about so he can add it to the website. Gary said that any of the activities or announcements he sees in the bulletin he adds to Facebook to spread the word

- Christine Paoletti via Cleveland– Facebook update 734 likes
- Paul Parkman – The Eucharistic Miracle display in the vestibule is changed every month and Paul changed it last week. The Eucharistic Revival is a 3-year event and Paul will continue to change the posters monthly.

Safety & Security: Nick Sassano – The committee met last week, they are looking for more volunteers and there was a request for this in this week's bulletin, we are waiting to see if we get additional volunteers. It was agreed that the ushers should not be the security guards during Mass and that members of this committee should be taking care of any security issues.

Open Forum/For the Good of the Parish: Wayne asked that when taking into consideration what time Mass will be for holy days that an evening mass would be considered for the parishioners that work during the day. Father said that with the shortage of priests, the surrounding parishes decide together what time Masses will be held so that there will be at least one parish that will have a Mass that you can attend in the evening.

Marcia – We are still praying the Rosary before Mass, we have had low but steady attendance. We encourage all to attend.

Alan said there was a parishioner that attended Mass with a baseball cap on. Alan did very nicely ask the gentlemen to remove his cap during the Mass and the man said that he forgot that he had it on and was very nice about it. Alan asked Father if it was ok to ask him to take it off. Father said that tradition is that only woman may wear a hat to Mass and that men must remove theirs.

Closing Prayer: Paul Parkman

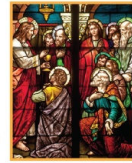
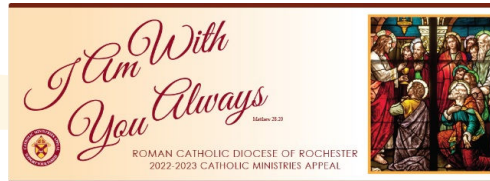
Next Meeting: 3/6/2023

Opening and Closing Prayers: Jill Bailey

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 21, 325

households have pledged \$77,729.75 taking us to 93.65% of our \$83,000 goal.

Please 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 21, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.

Mr./Mrs. Kevin C. Bishop
Mr./Mrs. Frank J. Cimino

Ms. Karen Cottorone-Young
Ms. Christine Paoletti

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February/March 2023

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 26, 2023 Tom Grieco
March 5, 2023 Bob & Barb Gotham
March 12, 2023 Tom Grieco
March 19, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham
March 26, 2023 Tom Grieco

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 26, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
March 5, 2023 Chris Hoefler
March 12, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 19, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
March 26, 2023 Chris Hoefler

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 5, 2023 Steve and Mary Ann Donato
March 19, 2023 Ron LaForce