

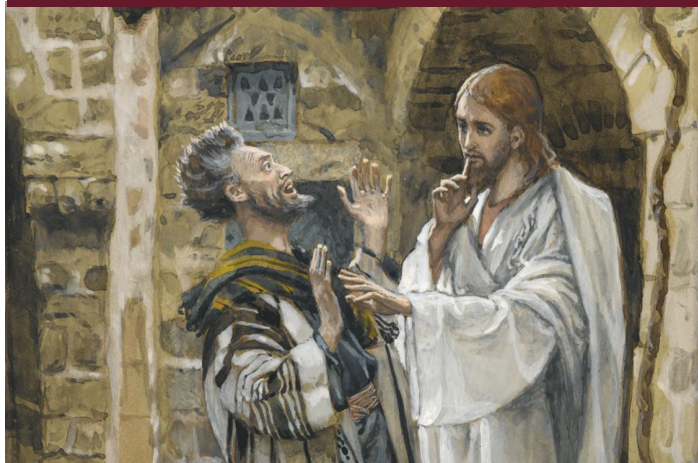
St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 4, 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.



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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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

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/
Ps 132:6-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/
Ps 84:3-5, 10, 11/
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10/
Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13/
Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15/
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22/
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/
Mk 1:40-45

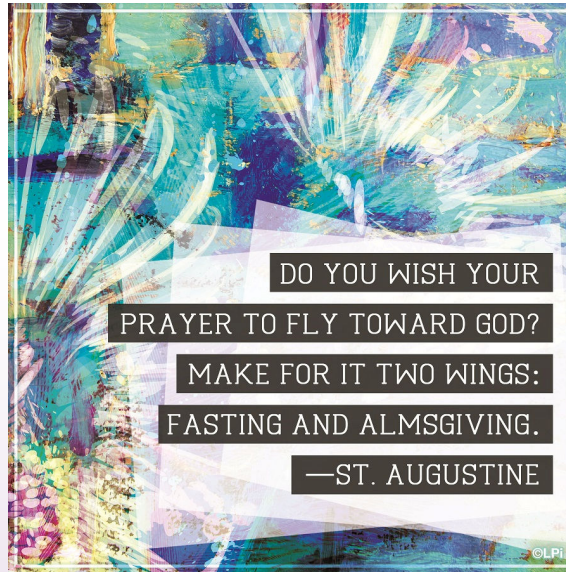
Welcome!

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.

Moment of Mercy

After the opening greeting at Mass, we have a Penitential Rite so that we as a people would recognize God's mercy in the face of our sinfulness. Our prayers show God and ourselves that we are in the process of converting and that we are in need of reconciliation with God and others.

When the priest who is leading the Mass says, "Let us call to mind our sins and ask for God's mercy," it is time for us to personally ask God to forgive anything we have done wrong or something we failed to do. We then speak words together which either show that we as a people have sinned (*I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers*



and sisters...etc.) or words that proclaim God's mercy (*Lord have mercy.*) Like the sign of peace, this moment of mercy makes us think of Jesus' words, "If you bring your gifts to the altar and you recall that you are angry at your brother or sister, first go and make peace with him or her, then come and offer your gifts." This moment of mercy at the start of Mass is a strong interior moment that leads to peace with God and peace with one another. So please,

kindly avail yourself to the flow of the Spirit within you.



Peace and love to all.

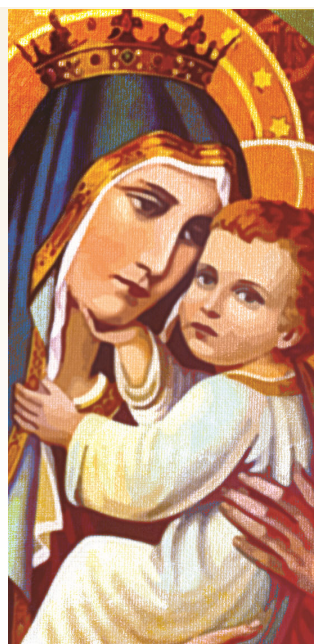
Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Share a Prayer

The following prayer was shared by a parishioner who said her grandmother, Nanny Smith, taught her this prayer many years ago.

Oh, how important and special to teach our young children prayers and see how they learn them, helping them through the years. Let this not be a thing of the past but rather something that is done for each child of each generation. If you have young children, grand-children, nieces, nephews—whomever—teach them a special prayer—it will serve them very well and he/she will not only have a special memory of you, the one who taught it to them, but a prayer connection to Heaven.



A Prayer To Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother.
Hold me firmly lest I fall.
I grow nervous while walking and
humbly on thee I call.

Guide me over every crossing,
watch me when I'm on the stairs.
Let me know that you're beside me.
listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination,
safely along the way.
Bless my every undertaking,
and my duties for the day.

And when evening creeps upon me,
I'll never fear to be alone.
Once again, O Blessed Mother,
take my hand and lead me home.

Masses for the Week—February 5—11

MONDAY, February 5 *St Agatha*
 8:15 AM + *Michael Pino*
 by Wife & Family

TUESDAY, February 6 *St Paul Miki*
 8:15 AM + *Ken Ward*
 by Todd Mattle

WEDNESDAY, February 7 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Kenneth Preston*
 by The Stein Family

THURS, Feb 8 *Sts Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*

FRIDAY, February 9 *Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Rose Oliveri*
 by June, Scott, and Nancy Stephany

SATURDAY, February 10 *St Scholastica*
 4:00 PM + *Paul & Dee Stein*
 by Jack Zienkiewicz & Family

SUNDAY, February 11 *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM + *Vincenzo & Damiana Leonardis*
 by Angelo & Maria Leonardis
 10:00 AM + *The People of St John's, Living & Deceased*

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 4
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center

Monday, February 5
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
 in Parish Center

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



**THIS weekend
 February 3/4, 2024**
 For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to

persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits.

We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation in life, particularly those whom the Lord is calling to consecrated life. May they be given the wisdom to hear God's call and the courage to respond generously, especially in the Diocese of Rochester.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10
Pope Francis	Joseph Martuscello	Joseph Marcoux	Lance Gonyo	Joseph Maurici	Michael Mayer	Joseph McCaffrey



Little Black Books

It's been a few years since we've had the *Little Black Books* for our Lenten journey and they are back this year. Many have enjoyed them and have

asked about them so we thought it was time to re-introduce them. They will be available, **1 book per household please**, beginning next weekend, February 10/11. You will find them in the narthex on the counters at each of the far end doors and also on the table at the center doors. It is our hope that this book will enhance and strengthen your spiritual journey this Lent.



Join Us NEXT Sunday, February 11

Join us following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Our host this month is our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry.

This is a good time to catch up with fellow parishioners and hopefully make some new acquaintances. We hope to see you there!



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.



Advent Giving Tree Project

Excerpts from Recipient Thank You Notes



January 4, 2024

Dear Parish Community,

Thank you very much for your continued, most generous support of The St Michael's Woodshop. Your check of \$660 will enable us to continue with our existing programs, provide stipend to our students and continue with our life skills teaching among other things.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

James H. Smith, *Executive Director*



January 16, 2024

Dear Rev Peter Enyan-Boadu,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,105 to House of Mercy. Our service to the poor is only made possible with the support of our donors like you.

Your support has played a crucial role in upholding our mission to provide shelter, food, clothing, and basic needs support for the poor. Your unwavering commitment has remained a constant source of strength for us.

Your belief in our mission fuels our determination to make a difference in the lives of those facing homelessness and adversity.

We wish you many blessings in the New Year!

Yours truly,

Dr. Tammy Butler, *Executive Director*



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margaret
home

January 17, 2024

Dear Fr Peter,

From the bottom of our hearts—and from every woman and child we serve—thank you.

Your kind contribution of \$1,000 brings us one step closer to fulfilling our vision of *building healthy communities by investing in families*. Together, we are bringing life to Rochester and beyond.

We are so grateful for you.

Peace,

Paula Belemjian, *Executive Director*



Focus Pregnancy Help Center

January 18, 2024

Dear Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu and Parishioners,

We, at the Focus Pregnancy Center, want to thank you for your generous donation from The Giving Tree Donation of \$1,580! Our clients also thank you very much for your wonderful donation.

Our hearts have been touched by your kindness! What a terrific contribution you made to help the people in the community. Thank you for remembering us at the Focus Pregnancy Center!

Our mission and purpose are to save lives and to provide materials, such as diapers, wipes, formula, baby, children's and adult clothes, books, toys, car seats, pac'n plays, and layettes for newborn babies, that mothers and fathers need for their families.

We want to reduce their stress level so that there is harmony in the home. We want to heal and educate the families here in the Rochester area. Your support has contributed so much to our ministry. Our clients are very special to us at Focus and we want their lives to be better. Thank you for making that possible!

May God bless you and rest assured that you are in our prayers. Thank you for your prayers too for we need them. May Mother Mary place you under her mantle of love and protection! We humbly thank you again for your generous support!

You made a difference!

Sincerely,

Mary Jost, *Director*

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.



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

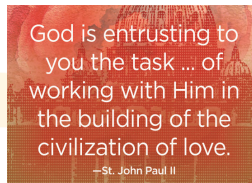
All above meals come with a roll and a choice of two of the following sides:

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)



Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on January 10. The meeting began with updates about the many things the parishes

are doing collaboratively. We have a new name: Roc Catholics Northwest! You may have noticed this name and a new logo at the end of the Advent flyer. **The Evangelization Team** is now creating a flyer for Ash Wednesday Masses and other Lent events. **The Website Committee** is working hard to get a shared website in place before Lent begins. **The Vocations Committee** is choosing strategies to foster vocations. There will be a **Roc Catholics Northwest Lent Retreat** on March 17-19—more information to come. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to continuing to improve a draft recommendation for the time when the number of parish pastoral leaders decreases from the current six. Parish staff members will be asked for their input on February 27 followed by pastoral and finance councils on April 22. There will be parishioner meetings on a date or dates TBD. We recognize that any implementation of these proposals would be at the discretion of the Bishop of Rochester. Minutes of task force meetings are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>



Great Retreats Coming this Lent

- **Couples Retreat**—February 16-18 “Just As You Are” Encountering God’s Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Wonderful way to celebrate your love for one another
- **Lenten Change Maker Series**—February 22, 29 - March 4, 18. Four FREE evenings w/ simple supper followed by 1 hour inspirational talk on a Social Justice Issue (Immigration, Food Insecurity, Care for God’s Creation, Ethical Purchasing) Meet area Catholics working for change
- **Fill Your Soul Day**—March 5 “Practicing Lent One Day at a Time” presented by Not Your Typical Church Ladies (Anne Gallagher, Vicky Wejko and Karen Luke) explore faith that is vibrant, diverse and deeply personal. Practice Lent with a fresh perspective!

Countdown to the Solar Eclipse—April 5-6 “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” with Michelle Francl-Donnay, Ph.D., scholar of the Vatican Observatory.

Participate in entire retreat or any part that fits your schedule For more information on all these offerings, visit www.notredameretreat.org



Roseann Scarson *St. John's Parishioner*
Osei Acheampong *Brother of Fr Peter*
Barry Sapong *Nephew of Fr Peter*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Karen Kenyon**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Deceased Family Members of Fr. Peter**
- ✚ Marian I **Deceased Benefactors of St John's**
- ✚ Marian II **Our Seminarians**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



January 27/28	ATTENDANCE.....	424
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	5,714.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,202.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	6,916.05
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	2,613.95)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as January 28, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	295,430.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	290,108.85
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SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	5,321.15)

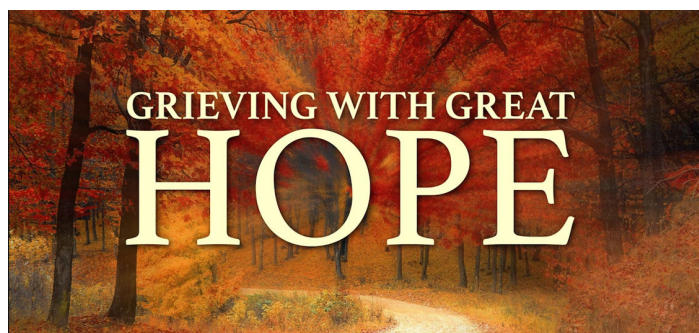
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

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.



Please consider joining the next offering of Grieving With Great Hope this Lent—sharing our weeping and pain with Jesus.

THIS Saturday, February 10 through Saturday, March 16, 2024, 12:30—2:30 PM

at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd., Conference Room #2

This program is free and all are welcome. Registration forms available at Our Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross, St. Theodore's, St. Charles and St. Lawrence OR by calling Our Mother of Sorrow 663-5432 or Holy Cross 663-2244.



Weekend of February 23/25
at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY.
Register online at wwme.org.

The WWME weekend teaches communication techniques such as active listening, listening with the heart and empathy towards your spouse's feelings. It is based on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and expresses the importance of love in the union and encourages this love be taken out into the world in various ministries to serve God by strengthening the couples and families in the church.

The Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the Experience, couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other.

Application fee is \$100. For more information, contact Mike and Kathy Williams Applications@wwme-wny.org or 585-872-5432

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.

Special Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement Collection

NEXT Weekend, February 10/11

Your donation can be made by using the yellow envelope found in your envelope packets. For those who donate electronically, you can donate through Online Giving, or you can donate with cash or check using a regular envelope marked: Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement + your name and address. *We are grateful for everyone's support!*



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 4, 2024 Steve & Mary Ann Donato
February 18, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 4, 2024 Tom Grieco
February 11, 2024 Bob & Barb Gotham
February 18, 2024 Tom Grieco

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 4, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
February 11, 2024 Chris Hoefler
February 18, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
February 25, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin