

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 5, 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.*



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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

Gn 1:1-19/  
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/  
Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a/  
Ps 8:4-9/  
Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/  
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/  
Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday

Gn 2:18-25/  
Ps 128:1-5/  
Mk 7:24-30

### Friday

Gn 3:1-8/  
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/  
Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday

Gn 3:9-24/  
Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/  
Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday

Sir 15:15-20/  
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/  
1 Cor 2:6-10/  
Mt 5:17-37

## 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.

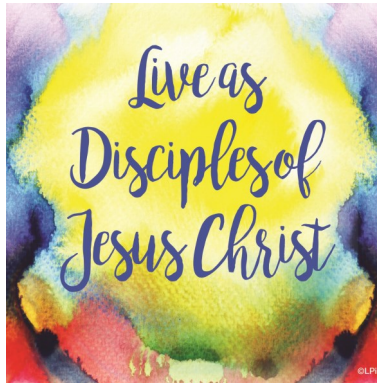
### Do Not Forget Our Catholic Ministries Appeal

When we feel divided or torn, even between two good things, we usually feel pretty uncomfortable.

Spiritually we have our greatest sense of peace when we feel centered and together. As your pastor, I have walked with you all these years and I have seen the good that the Catholic Ministries Appeal does for the whole Diocese of Rochester. I also have seen the generosity and goodwill of many in the parish towards the well-being and upkeep of the whole church. When our inside feelings and values match our external speech and actions, we are said to have integrity—to be whole.

This is the reason why this week I entreat all who have not contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal to please do so. Help us reach our goal! The annual Appeal helps us work toward our desire to be disciples of Jesus by praying, advocating, encouraging, living, and reaching out to our brothers and sisters in the Lord. The spirit of reconciliation and renewal that we should show our sisters and brothers in need must begin with us. I pray for those who have already given and encourage those who are able to give more, to do so. My prayer and wish are that we be able to make our goal.

I do not want to sound like some other minister or preacher, but if we truly believe that Jesus is Our Lord and Savior, that in itself is proof that the Holy Spirit is living in us, bringing us to a deeper faith. The questions I ask are *"How much more can I let the Spirit do in my life?"* *"What*



*percentage of time, talent, and treasure do I give to my church?"* *"How much do I give to my family?"* We are all called to become disciples of Jesus and Jesus needs us to build His kingdom. Jesus needs that commitment from us to Him so that His Good News—the Gospel of life can be preached to all. If we are humble and obedient in response, we will be rewarded, according to

Scripture, with deeper insights into Jesus' mind and deeper experiences of His heart to care for one another.

*Every day we face opportunities to preach and exercise authority in the name of Jesus as His disciples.*

Few of us will ever have a formal pulpit to preach from, but we can all declare the love of God by demonstrating this love through our ability to speak and share with others by our

supportive action that the Church calls on us to do. Few of us will ever have an official healing ministry, but we can all minister healing love to others—through the attention we give to things we sometimes may not see in our purview. Every day we face opportunities to preach and exercise authority in the name of Jesus as His disciples. So my friends at St John the Evangelist Church, seize the opportunity and please send in your support for the Catholic Ministries Appeal to help make our goal. Remember: We are each called by Jesus. He cares for everyone! He needs each one of us to make it happen.

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



**Masses for the Week—February 6—12**

- MONDAY, February 6** *St Paul Miki*  
8:15 AM + *Pina Calabrese*  
by Bruna Ragonese
- TUESDAY, February 7** *Weekday*  
8:15 AM + *Damiana & Vincenzo Leonardis*  
by Angelo Leonardis & Family
- WED, Feb 8** *Sts Jerome Emiliani & Josphine Bakhita*  
8:15 AM + *Joseph Pulvino*  
by Robert & Rose DeMaria
- THURSDAY, February 9** *Weekday*
- FRIDAY, February 10** *St Scholastica*  
8:15 AM + *Bernadette D'Agostino*  
by Cousins
- SATURDAY, February 11** *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
4:00 PM + *For the People of St. John the Evangelist*
- SUNDAY, February 12** *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 AM + *Mary Jane Consler*  
by The Wahl Family  
10:00 AM + *Irma Figliomeni*  
by Daughter, Susan

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

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

Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11
Pope Francis	James Schwartz	Lance Gonyo	Felicjan Sierotowicz	Louis Sirianni	William Spilly	All Missionaries



*God our Father,  
Your power brings us to birth,  
Your providence guides our lives,  
and by Your command we return to dust.  
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,  
their lives change but do not end.  
I pray in hope for the family,  
relatives and friends of Bishop Emeritus*

*Matthew H. Clark, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may he rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.  
Amen.*

**This Week's Schedule**

- Sunday, February 5**  
Coffee Hour following the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses in the Parish Center
- Monday, February 6**  
9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center  
5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg in the Parish Center  
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in the Parish Center



**Join Us for Coffee Hour!**  
**THIS Sunday, February 5**  
**following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses**

Come socialize with your fellow parish members and your hosts for this month, our **Knights of Columbus**. *We look forward to seeing you there!*



**Mother Teresa—No Greater Love Movie**  
Showing **THIS Saturday, February 11 at 1:15 PM**  
in the **St. John's Parish Center**

The Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be presenting a free showing of the recently released movie

“Mother Teresa - No Greater Love”. This is the definitive historical account of the life and legacy of this most beloved saint for our times.

The movie is 1 hr. and 55 minutes long. There is no admission, but registration is encouraged to help us plan for refreshments.

**Register by calling or texting Rick Paoletti at 489-9555 with your name and number of people attending.**

We ask those coming to the movie and **not** staying for the 4:00 PM Mass, that you please park in front of the Parish Center.

Bishop Clark was ordained a priest in Rome on December 19, 1962, ordained a bishop by Pope Saint John Paul II on May 27, 1979, and installed as the eighth Bishop of Rochester on June 26, 1979, serving our diocese for over 33 years until his resignation was accepted on September 21, 2012. Bishop Clark meant so much to many and I remember him fondly. He was very kind and always reaching out to people; not only Catholics but people of all faiths. Each year he remembered my birthday and was sure to send me a card with a nice note. I am grateful for his many years of faithful service to all God's People especially here in our diocese. May he rest in perfect peace in the heavenly abode.

*Fr. Peter*

**Sunday, February 5** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading** Is 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.

An evil report he shall not fear;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.

Lavishly he gives to the poor;

His justice shall endure forever;

his horn shall be exalted in glory.

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

**Alleluia** Jn 8:12

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

**An 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.



**2023 Lenten Retreat with The Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore R. Matano**

Our multi-parish 2023 Lenten Retreat will soon be upon us and is 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. We are blessed to receive Bishop Matano

who will lead our 3-day Retreat, rotating through some of our parishes, with the Bishop's focus being *The Eucharist*. The Retreat will begin just after Ash Wednesday—on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM at St. Mark's, and continues the following evening, Friday, February 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM at Our Mother of Sorrows and concludes on Saturday morning, February 25, when Bishop Matano will celebrate 8:15 Morning Mass here at our beloved St. John's. There is an insert in today's bulletin that provides a few more details to be aware of.

All parishioners are invited and we strongly encourage your participation as we welcome Bishop Matano during this season of penitence offering each of us the opportunity to draw closer to Christ through *The Eucharist*—the source and summit of our Catholic faith.



**Calling All Green Thumbs**

**Saturday, February 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.



**Volunteers Needed for this Ministry**

In an ongoing effort to improve the safety and security for St. John's Parish, we need parishioners interested in becoming part of our Security Ministry Team.

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)



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**

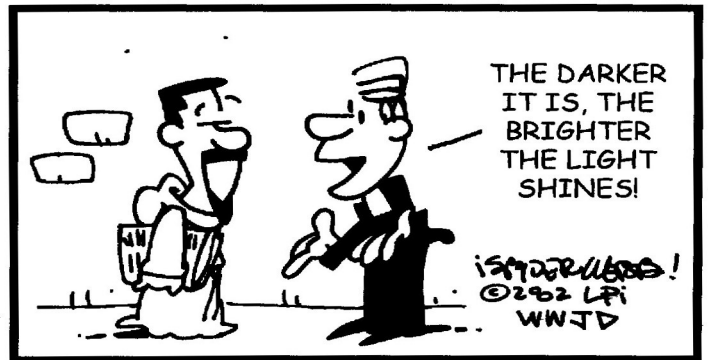
- Battered Fried..... \$13.00
- Skinless Baked.....\$13.00
- Fried Shrimp (7 Large Butterfly)..\$13.00
- Half portion of any of the above... \$ 8.00

*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).





Helen Melville, *Aunt of Nancy Westlake*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I Victims of Violence
- ✚ Tabernacle II Persecuted Christians
- ✚ Marian I Victims of Human Trafficking
- ✚ Marian II Souls in Purgatory

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>January 28/29</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	412
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,425.57
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,725.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,150.57
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	555.43)

**Fiscal Year 2022-23** as of January 29, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	300,886.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	291,443.87
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	9,442.13)

*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.

**Special Boiler Fund Collection**

**NEXT Weekend, February 11/12**

This Collection for our Boiler will be taken up over the next three months. Please use the yellow envelopes found in your envelope packets. Please place this envelop in the first collection basket with your regular Sunday offering NEXT weekend.



Dear Rev Peter Enyan-Boadu and Parishioners,  
We, at the Focus Pregnancy Help Center, want to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,285 from your Christmas Giving Tree from 2022! What a wonderful gift!

Our clients thank you too, they are appreciative of your kindness to them!...

Thank you for blessing us so we can bless our moms and dads and their children. We purchase car seats, pac'n plays for children's safety and baby formula for nourishment, diapers and layette clothes, and supplies, etc.

...What a terrific contribution you made to help the people in the Rochester community...

May the Sacred Hear of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary bless you and keep you in their loving care...You are a gift from God! You made such a difference!

Sincerely,  
Mary Jost, *Director*



Dear Father Peter and members of St. John the Evangelist Church,  
Once again, we are humbled by your generosity and kindness to our school. Thank you for selecting us to be a recipient of your Advent Giving Tree, and for the most generous donation of \$1,360!

You continue to make a difference in so many lives—lives that you do not even know. That is by far the most perfect gift! ...All will be confident that they are special and loved by God and others. All this because benefactors, such as yourself, make it possible for Nazareth Elementary to continue our mission.

We are grateful for your support and prayers. Your parish will be blessed because you bless others.

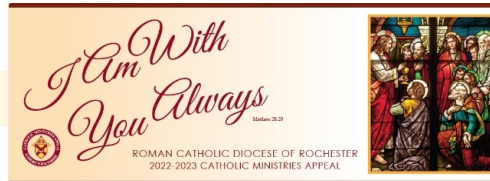
May our gracious Lord hold the people of St. John's in the palm of His hand and bless each one in ways that only He can.

Gratefully,  
Sister Margaret Mancuso, SSJ, *Principal*

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, January 31, 321**

**households have pledged \$74,579.75 taking us to 89.86% 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, January 24, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.*

- Mr./Mrs. Roberto Battisti
- Mr./Mrs. Paul J. Miller Sr.
- Mr./Mrs. Victor Tifone

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers February 2023**

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE		ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE	
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February 19, 2023 Ron LaForce

February 5, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

February 12, 2023 Chris Hoefler

February 5, 2023 Bob And Barb Gotham

February 19, 2023 Dan & Melissa Kabasin

February 26, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert