

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 12, 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.



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10/
Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6/
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/
Ps 23:1-6/
Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41

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.

Lent is a Better Time for Life

The things that concern us and keep our minds preoccupied are not superficial matters, they are integral parts of our lives and we need to tend to them. We can use some help to keep us focused and guide our decisions. While we know there are no easy and quick solutions to the important issues we face, we do want to keep our heads about us. The Lenten season is a time to do it.

When we enter church, something is visually different. The cross is draped in purple, a visual reminder that we are drawing closer to the Holy Season of Easter. We live by sign and symbol, and this is meant to help us focus our attention on the great mysteries that will be celebrated in a few weeks.

This Lent, make an extra effort to attend daily Mass, spend some time before the Blessed



Sacrament, pray the Stations of the Cross, and make little acts of sacrifice.

This Lent, let us avoid telling ourselves there is no time for prayer. Be inventive and find a few moments for prayer each day. Let us resolve to offer something to God's glory. Fasting has been called "the prayer of the body."

When we deny ourselves some small pleasure, we almost automatically become attentive to things that really matter, like our relationship with God. Lent is also a time of repentance. After all, as we try to draw closer to the Lord, we will inevitably uncover areas in our lives that need forgiveness. This is the reason why the

Sacrament of Reconciliation is central to the season.

Have a peaceful season of Lent.

Rev Peter Enyan-Boadu



St. Joseph's Table

Join us on Sunday, March 19 in the Parish Center after the 10:00 AM Mass (from 11:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM) for this Italian Tradition.



We ask that you bring a dish to pass.

Meat is **not** eaten at this meal, but we suggest soups, stuffed breads, macaroni, vegetables, quiches and

of course...desserts. Food may be dropped off before the 10:00 AM Mass or bring it as you arrive to the event. Free-will donations will be collected and given to the poor.

HELP WANTED



Our Multi-Parish Finance Office is looking for a team player to join us who has payroll, accounts receivable & payables experience. This is a full-time position with a flexible schedule and limited travel.

Please email your resume to cbowest@dor.org.

Masses for the Week—March 13—19

- MONDAY, March 13** *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + *George Mikel*
by Granddaughter
- TUESDAY, March 14** *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Raymond E. Parsons*
by Knights of Columbus Council 3892
- WEDNESDAY, March 15** *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + *Shirley Pellman*
by Jim & Trudy
- THURSDAY, March 16** *Lenten Weekday*
- FRIDAY, March 17** *St Parick*
8:15 AM + *Barbara Vallone*
by Bob & Nikki MacDonald & Family
- SATURDAY, March 18** *St Cyril of Jerusalem*
4:00 PM + *Helen Waffle*
by Christine Hoefler
- SUNDAY, March 19** *4th Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM + *Gary Hans*
by Sister, Shirley
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, March 13**
9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center
- Wednesday, March 15**
9:00 AM Stations of the Cross and Rosary in Church
- Friday, March 17** **St Patrick's Day**
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 Bible Study
- Sunday, March 19**
11:00 AM-1:00 PM St Joseph's Table in Parish Center

Words of Gratitude

Thank you to all who attended Masses last weekend, as well as on Monday, who joined in singing *Happy Birthday* to me. I am also grateful for the many personal birthday wishes and the cards given to me. May God reward you for your kindness and bless you always.

Fr. Peter



Stations of the Cross

Wednesday morning Stations of the Cross following 8:15 AM Mass, followed by the Rosary.

Friday evening Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM led by Bible Study.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18
Theodore Auble	Victor Bartolotta	Michael Bausch	Peter Bayer	Richard Beligotti	Robert Beligotti	Philip Billotte



Our Mass Book will open via *telephone* beginning **THIS Tuesday afternoon, March 14, 2023**, for those who will like to schedule Masses during the months of May through August, 2023. Please call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 on March 14 between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. After March 14 you can call during regular office hours. We are not accepting scheduling requests before March 14. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that have been in place.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



**"I FEAR NOTHING,
BECAUSE OF THE PROMISES OF HEAVEN."**

- St. Patrick

Sunday, March 12 3rd Sunday of Lent**First Reading** Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?”

So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!”

The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.”

This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**Second Reading** Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Verse Before the Gospel Cf. Jn 4:42, 15**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of Endless Glory**

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of Endless Glory****Gospel** Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

“I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

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.



The USCCB Catholic Relief Services Collection, NEXT Weekend, March 18/19 is your opportunity to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations that aid travelers, people affected by war and natural disasters, others whose work or unique cultural circumstances require special pastoral support, and migrants and refugees displaced by conflict, persecution, or political instability.

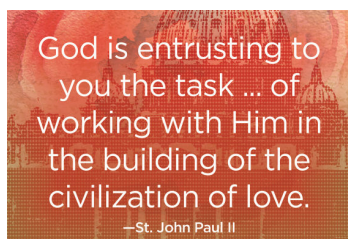
Chairman's Corner

We are in the middle of this year's CMA campaign. We made great strides to make our Parish Goal over the last few years and the people of St. John's should be very proud of this accomplishment, since not every parish makes their goal. At this writing we are approximately \$3,300 short of reaching our goal of \$83,000. Currently our average donation is \$339 per donor. We also have 36 fewer donors this year. We are going to need everyone's help in achieving our goal. The sooner we reach that goal the sooner we can stand up and cheer!! If you haven't made your donation, please consider doing so now. If you already have donated, please consider adding to your initial donation. Every donation will help.

The Arts and Environment Ministry, led by Patty Hoag, decorated our church for the holiday season. It is amazing the time and effort this ministry puts into their projects and their skills. They also had a "RE-POTTING" party, to re-pot all the plants around our altar. The volunteers with their "GREEN THUMBS" showed up on Saturday, February 18 and completed their job in approximately 2.5 hours. Thanks to Elaine Stein, Rick Stein, Mickie Slattery, Nancy Lader, Donna Schmidt, Sandy Smith, Jan Gallucci, Marianne Katz and of course Patty Hoag.

I can't possibly name all the ministries that contribute at St. John's. But they are all volunteers. Some of them are: Ushers, Greeters, Choir, Lector's, Eucharistic Ministers, Flower ministry, Parish Council, Liturgy Committee, Finance Council, Altar Linens, ChristLife, Baptismal prep, Confirmation Prep, Fish Fry's, Lawn Crew and Faith Formation. I thank all the volunteers in these ministries, I appreciate all that you do. St. John's would not be the great Faith Community that it is without you.

Bob Gotham, *Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson*



Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force January meeting was canceled because of Bishop Clark's death. After opening prayer and faith-sharing, here were the highlights of the 2/15 meeting:

- Each parish's task force members are recruiting parishioners to work on 3 collaborative initiatives of our 7 parishes: evangelization, vocations, and a shared website.
- Our first 7-parish Lenten mission will have happened by the time this article is published. We are looking forward to having Bishop Matano lead our Lenten mission.
- Task force members' contact information, minutes from meetings, and communications are now available at the following link on the Holy Cross website: <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from your parish office.
- The task force will begin sharing the information it has gathered—as well as highlighting particular ministries in our parishes and two schools—in future bulletins and on the website.
- We remain committed to communicating regularly and transparently and to seeking input from parishioners before any recommendations to the Bishop are finalized.
- As the task force begins to discuss how to prepare for a reduced number of priests serving our parishes (while recognizing that a reduced number of parishioners is also a significant challenge), we ask you to pray for our effort.



Anthony Circhirillo, Jr. Father of Anthony Circhirillo, III
James Pierce Father of Teresa Magee
Anthony Martello Brother of Nancy Chiappari



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
✠ **Tabernacle I Deceased Members of the Yax Family**
✠ **Tabernacle II Deceased Members of the Tedesco Family**
✠ **Marian I Deceased Members of the White & Neary Families**
✠ **Marian II Daniel Englert**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



March 4/5	ATTENDANCE.....	375
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	8,003.41
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,673.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	10,676.41
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	970.41

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of March 5, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	349,416.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	336,952.43
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	12,463.57)

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.



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 17, 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:

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| 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).

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND FAMILIES!

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Available ADVERTISING SPACE



Brett Burt from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be visiting our office this Monday, March 13, looking to secure new advertisers for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

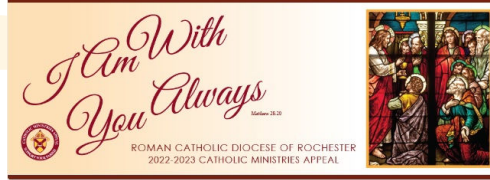
- Local, targeted community advertising for **one full year, at one low price.**
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.



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, March 7, 334

households have pledged \$79,714.75 taking us to 96.04% 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, March 7, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.

Anonymous
Mr./Mrs. John N. Lauber
Mrs. Carol Novick

Mr./Mrs. Jorge L. Perez
Mrs. Silva Koulidjian-Rosa
and Mr. Anthony Rosa

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March 2023

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

March 19, 2023 Tom Grieco
March 26, 2023 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 19, 2023 Carolyn Kerhaert
March 26, 2023 Chris Hoefler

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 19, 2023 Ron LaForce