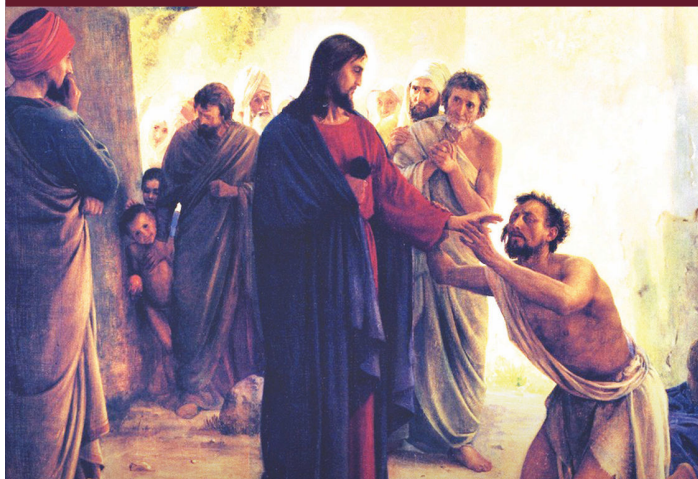


# St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 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.*



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

Is 49:8-15/  
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

Ex 32:7-14/  
Ps 106:19-23/  
Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/  
Ps 34:17-21, 23/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/  
Ps 40:7-11/  
Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

### Sunday

Ez 37:12-14/  
Ps 130:1-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/  
Jn 11:1-45

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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.

### Beautiful Words to Ponder for Lent

Lent is about us and our journey of faith. It is about God and us. It is a time of renewal to fast, pray and give alms. We are invited to draw from the source of our baptism, the grace within and allow Christ to revive us.

Scripture says, "Let us search and examine our ways that we may return to the Lord. Let us reach out our hearts toward God in heaven!" Lamentations 3:40-41.

The whole idea of the season of Lent is to help us to improve, reshape, do more, and become better. I invite each one of us to use these beautiful words that follow, to do a self-evaluation toward a meaningful prayer life this Lent. We all need God's grace and love to renew ourselves in prayer, and it must be constant on our minds. Let us please ponder these words in order to improve our spiritual life and outlook.

#### Remember:

1. Prayer is not ONLY a "spare wheel" that we pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life. So pray always.
2. Why is a car's windshield so large and the rearview mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on in your trust of God. Note our mistakes, change our ways, and trust in God.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few



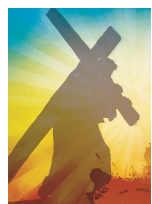
seconds to burn, but takes years to write. Keep the faith, no matter how alone one may feel at challenging time's in one's life.

4. All things in life are temporary. If things are going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If things are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either. God is always there at your side.

5. Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold. As it is, to hold a Diamond you always need a base of Gold.
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says to us, "Relax, it's just a bend not the end!"
7. When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities. Stand firm this Lent. We all need the grace to overcome our challenges.
8. When we pray for others, God listens to us and blesses them; so, sometimes when we are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for us.
9. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace. Enjoy the moment that God offers us. Knowing that the Lord of all creation, who considers us so important, can strengthen us in the battle against temptation.



Have a peaceful season of Lent.  
Rev Peter Enyan-Boadu



### 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 Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry.

*"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."*

-Pope Benedict XVI

**Masses for the Week—March 20—26**

**MON, March 20** *St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**8:15 AM + Joseph Donoghue**  
 by Marcia & Ray

**TUESDAY, March 21** *Lenten Weekday*  
**8:15 AM + David Gray**  
 by John & Carol Leary

**WEDNESDAY, March 22** *Lenten Weekday*  
**8:15 AM + Tia Torregrossa**  
 by Paul & Ann Marshall

**THURSDAY, March 23** *St Turibius of Mogrovejo*

**FRIDAY, March 24** *Lenten Weekday*  
**8:15 AM + Eleanor Zanni**  
 by Loving husband, Tony

**SATURDAY, March 25** *Annunciation of the Lord*  
**4:00 PM + For the People of St. John the Evangelist**

**SUNDAY, March 26** *5th Sunday of Lent*  
**8:00 AM + Terry & Joan White**  
 by Family  
**10:00 AM + Ron Timmons**  
 by The Hiler Girls

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, March 19**  
**11:00 AM-1:00 PM** St Joseph's Table in Parish Center

**Monday, March 20**  
**9:00 AM** Bible Study in the Parish Center  
**6:30 PM** Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry  
 in the Parish Center and Church

**Wednesday, March 22**  
**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 Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry



**Not As Man Sees**

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe

at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

**Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness**

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7 ©LPI

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

Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25
Joseph Martuscello	Joseph Marcoux	Sylvester Bioh	Paul Bonacci	Dennis Bonsignore	All Deacons	Robert Bourcy



**Knights of Columbus Easter Lily Sales**

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be selling lilies for the homebound again this year. We will be pre-selling after Masses THIS weekend, March 18/19 and NEXT Weekend, March 25/26. The cost is \$10.00 per lily. If you know of anyone you would like to have a lily delivered to, you can

specify a recipient or otherwise, they will go to local nursing home residents. You can also buy a lily for yourself which can be picked up after Palm Sunday Masses. Lilies will be delivered to the homebound during Holy Week. **Share the joy of Easter with this beautiful symbol of the Resurrection!**

**Sunday, March 19** 4th Sunday of Lent**First Reading** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading** Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

**Verse Before the Gospel** Jn 8:12

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

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

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

**Gospel** JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

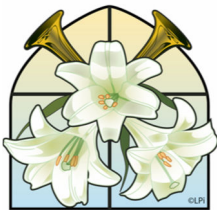
They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped 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.



## Easter Plants

During the Easter Season remember a loved one (living or deceased) by donating toward an Easter Plant that will add to the beauty of our beloved St. John’s Church. We will list all the names in the bulletin.

All you need to do is complete the order form below, write Easter Flowers in the memo on your check made payable to St. John’s, and send your donation to: St. John’s Church, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626, **OR** place your order and donation in an envelope marked **Easter Plants** and put it in the collection basket **OR** drop it off at the Parish Office at the Rectory.

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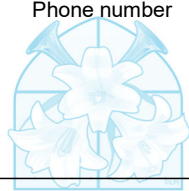
Print your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to donate Easter Plants in memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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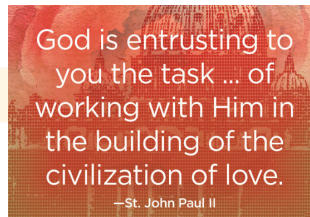
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## Washing of the Feet

Soon upon us will be Holy Week and on Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM during The Mass of the Lord’s Supper, we will once again have the Washing of the Feet. We are in need of 12 volunteers to take part in this. **If you are interested in having your feet washed,**

**please see Nancy Lader or Marianne Katz.**



## Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Parishes & Geography of the Diocese of Rochester

Currently the Diocese of Rochester has 86 parishes within 12 counties stretching from Lake Ontario south to the PA border and from Brockport to Auburn. Only 28 of these are stand-alone parishes like St. Lawrence or St. Leo. Twenty-three are parishes with multiple (2-4) churches each, created from previously separate parishes that have been merged—e.g. St. Kateri in Irondequoit. Thirty-five, like Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows, are parishes that share their leader/priest(s) with one or two other parishes. You can find a link to maps of the parishes in our diocese and a list of definitions on the pastoral planning webpage:

<https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>



## NO To Doctor-Assisted Suicide. Please speak up now.

Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide are pressing state leaders to legalize this deadly practice in New York State, and lawmakers need to hear from us if we hope to avoid another assault on human life. 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 representative that you oppose this dangerous and deadly practice. **Contact your state legislators now! Email or call – here is our message:**

*As your constituent, I urge you to oppose any legislation that would legalize doctor-assisted suicide, which may be labeled "medical aid-in-dying". I believe this practice would violate the physician's oath to heal and comfort their patients, and to do no harm. Death is not a medical treatment. Vote "no" on S2445/ A995.*

*This bill (S2445/ A995) is particularly dangerous for some of the most vulnerable citizens of our state: the elderly, the poor, the under-insured, people in medically underserved communities, people with depression, and people living with disabilities. Such individuals could be pressured into choosing death over life by health insurance decisions to fund only the least costly treatment; by family members feeling overburdened or even those wishing to exploit their loved ones; by medical professionals who may subtly make judgments about whose lives are worth living. A state policy of physician-assisted suicide can only lead to coercion and abuse. Sign your name and address.*

For regular updates on this legislative item and other matters of interest please consider joining the Catholic Action Network at <https://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/>



Gilbert Nettles *Husband of Ruth Nettles*  
David Lippa *Husband of Marilyn Lippa*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I Nick Buda
- ✚ Tabernacle II Joseph Donoghue
- ✚ Marian I Eleanor Zanni
- ✚ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



<b>March 11/12</b>	ATTENDANCE.....	412
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,517.29
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,272.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	7,789.29
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	1,916.71)

**2nd Collection**

Boiler Fund.....	\$	1,629.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	20.00
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TOTAL Boiler Fund.....	\$	1,649.00

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

YEARLY BUDGET .....	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	359,122.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	344,741.72
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	14,380.28)

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

**Capital Improvement 2nd Collection**  
NEXT Weekend, March 25/26

This Second Collection for on-going maintenance of our buildings and campus will be taken up over the next two months. Please use the pink envelopes found in your envelope packets.



**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.



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**

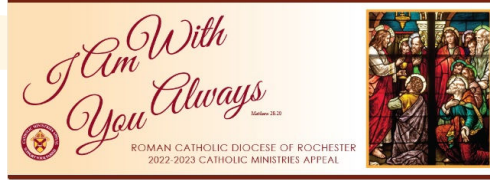
**Children under 3 eat free!** (choice of mac & cheese or half slice of pizza).



*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 14, 336**

**households have pledged \$80,461.75 taking us to 96.94% 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 14, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.*

Ms. Germaine Calawa-Hill

Ms. Linda Kirchoff

**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