

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 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.



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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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

Dn 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-6/
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9/
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Dn 3:52- 56/
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9/
Ps 105:4-9/
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13/
Ps 34:17-21, 23/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28/
Jer 31:10- 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14—27:66

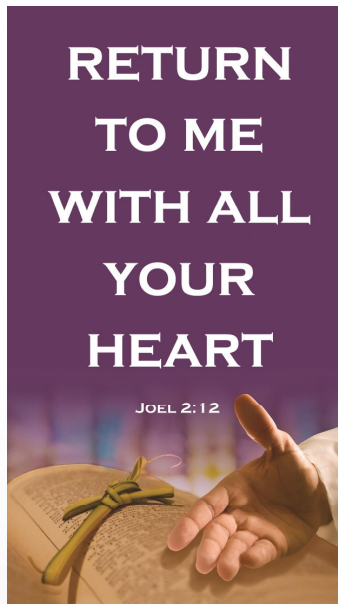
Welcome!

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.

Let the Lord Cultivate the Ground of Faith

We need to know that our God is a God of consolation and love. He is always encouraging us. God never gives up on us. He never condemns or rejects us. The church is all of us. We are called to be the everyday Christian as we make the effort to renew our relationship with God during this Lenten time. Researchers tell us that in our society today about three out of every ten people who were baptized Catholic go to Mass weekly. If we count those who go twice or three times a month, the number increases, but the reality is that about half the people baptized into our faith no longer attend Mass. Some still consider themselves Catholic, and some do not. Many have drifted away from the church for so long that they seem lost. Like recently, a person asked me, "Father, I have not been to church for so long; I am Catholic. Would God forgive me?" The person has since died. God never forgets anyone, and welcomes all at any moment into his presence. Jesus, like water, sustains, nourishes, renews, and uplifts us. Jesus wants us to worship together in faith.

There is no doubt that one of the challenges facing the Church is that in our world today,



people do not believe much of anything. There is too much self-sufficiency; too much I don't need God; too much I am not interested; and those in power have structured society in such a way as to make it very difficult to live humanely, let alone in a Christian way. So let us not be afraid to be ourselves with God. Today's society faces a crisis of faith that can only be solved by responding to the personal call to conversion. Let us have time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to experience the compassion of our God, and let it move us to share this compassion with everyone we meet.

Victory belongs to God's anointed. Jesus Christ will cultivate the ground of faith for all His people. In the end, we become a sign of the way things will be in heaven, "when every tear will be wiped away," and everyone will be treated with respect and as equals. Even now, Jesus is waiting to talk with us about everything and anything. Why wait? Let us seek him, hear His word, and fall in love with Him again.



God bless us all,

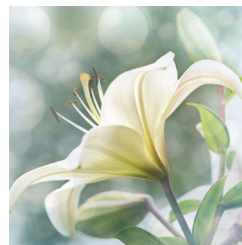
Rev Peter Enyan-Boadu



Washing of the Feet

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.



Decorate our Church for Easter

We will decorate our beloved St. John's Church for Easter on **Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 AM.** If you are interested in joining this fun activity, please contact Marianne Katz by phone at 585-303-8860 or email at

mkatz0824@gmail.com. No experience needed and all are welcome.

Masses for the Week—Mar 27—April 2

MONDAY, March 27 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + Marilyn Brightman
 by Donna & Herm Colon

TUESDAY, March 28 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + Rose & Arlene Ennocenti
 by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 29 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + Joseph Pulvino
 by Paul and Carolyn Brescia

THURSDAY, March 30 *Lenten Weekday*

FRIDAY, March 31 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + Michael Ferraulo
 by Alicia & Frederick Faticone

FIRST SATURDAY, April 1 *Lenten Weekday*
8:15 AM + Fr Peter's Intentions
4:00 PM ++ Dan Lynd
 by Dorann Cook

SUNDAY, April 2 Palm Sunday
8:00 AM + For the People of St. John the Evangelist
10:00 AM + Jeff Lader
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 27
9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center

Wednesday, March 29
9:00 AM Stations of the Cross and Rosary in Church

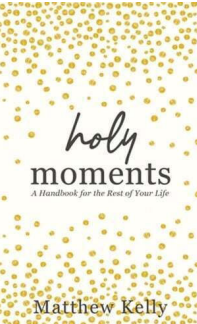
Friday, March 31
4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center
 —Dine In or Take Out
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church
 led by Parish Pastoral Council

First Saturday, April 1
8:15 AM First Saturday Mass followed by Rosary, Meditation, and Devotional Prayers in Church
10:00 AM—Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday


Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1
James Boyle	Robert Bradler	Alexander Bradshaw	Richard Brickler	Philip Brockmyre	Michael Brown	



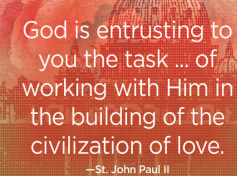
Searching for a Little More Joy?

This Easter, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, St. John's will distribute the book, *Holy Moments*, by Matthew Kelly. According to Dynamic Catholic, "*Holy Moments* will flood your life with meaning and divine purpose. They will also make you insanely happy. Moment by moment, they will turn the nagging dissatisfaction in your soul into enduring and over-flowing joy. In a world full of distractions where we are encouraged to fill our lives with meaningless things and trivial activities, *Holy Moments* have the power to unleash the greatness of the human spirit." It's probably safe to say we could all use a little more joy so look for *Holy Moments* this Easter!



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 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!*



Pastoral Planning: Highlighting the Servant's Desk at Our Mother of Sorrows

Our Mother of Sorrows has created a new ministry to make it more convenient for newcomers to register in the parish and for parishioners to receive the help they need without a separate trip to the parish office. After weekend Masses, someone staffs the Servant's Desk where registration forms are available as well as information about various parish ministries. Parishioners can also arrange for a Mass intention. Some of the comments heard about this new effort, "What a great idea!", "Very convenient" and "I work during the week and this will help me to conduct church business at Mass on weekends."

For more information:
<https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>

Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday of Lent**First Reading** Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.****Second Reading** Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Verse Before the Gospel Jn 11:25a, 26**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of Endless Glory**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of Endless Glory****Gospel** Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

**ACT OF
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

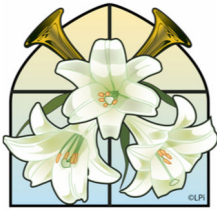
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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 Parish Pastoral Council.



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.

PLEASE PRINT

Print your name _____ Phone number _____

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

Please indicate if living (L) or deceased (D) _____



Good Friday Prayer Service and Stations of the Cross in Reparation for Abortion

Let us pray together to bring an end to abortion! This Good Friday, April 7, we invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross in reparation for abortion. We will

begin with a prayer service in the chapel at McQuaid Jesuit High School, 1800 S. Clinton Avenue, Rochester, beginning at 9:00 AM and lasting approximately 1/2 hour. We will then pray the Stations of the Cross and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, led by several priests, deacons and religious sisters, outside of a nearby abortion facility. We urge you and your family and friends to be a part of this prayer on Good Friday.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Paoletti (585) 489-9555.



Sharing from Our Bounty

A special thank you to each of you who so generously donated the fruits and vegetables, meatless dishes and the desserts, and a free-will offering of \$175 to make our celebration and donation afterward successful! We also wish to thank the many volunteers who helped make this year's celebration possible—too many to mention.

Each year following our St. Joseph Table celebration, we donate the fresh fruits and vegetables to those in our community who are in need and will benefit from these nutritional items. This year we have connected with Blessed Sacrament Supper Program and St. Peter's Kitchen who were more than delighted and grateful to receive this food that supports the ministry each provides to our brothers and sisters in need here in our Rochester community.

May God bless us one and all!



What is the Pontifical Good Friday Collection?

It supports the people of the Holy Land and the pilgrims that visit.

At the request of the Holy Father, the Franciscans of the Holy Land promote the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the United States and other parts of the world. Funds are distributed at the direction of the Vatican's Congregation for the Oriental Churches. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to the educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the United States and a number of other countries support the ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. The Franciscans have served in the Holy Land for 800 years.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides, Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Places.

Serving those in need in the Holy Land

Help us continue to serve!



William Baker Husband of Carolyn Baker
Evelyn Powers Mother of Richard Powers



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Carol Eisenberg**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Fallen Away Catholics**
- ✚ Marian I **Intentions of Don & Beverly Frank**
- ✚ Marian II **Families**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



March 18/19 ATTENDANCE.....400

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 5,376.43
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,148.00
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TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,524.43
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....(\$	1,181.57)

2nd Collection

Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 503.46
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 10.00
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TOTAL Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 513.46

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of March 19, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 368,828.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 353,266.15
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....(\$	15,561.85)

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

Special Boiler Fund Collection

NEXT Weekend, April 1/2

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 + your name and address. *We are grateful for everyone's support!*



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!

Last Fish Fry for 2023 is March 31!

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: 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 21, 337

households have pledged \$80,856.75 taking us to 97.42% 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.

One new donor was added to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.

Mr/Mrs Scott McMichael

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March/April 2023

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

March 26, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham
April 2, 2023	Tom Grieco
April 9, 2023	Bob & Barb Gotham
April 16, 2023	Tom Grieco
April 23, 2023	Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 26, 2023	Chris Hoefler
April 2, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
April 9, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
April 16, 2023	Chris Hoefler
April 23, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
April 30, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 2, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
April 16, 2023	Ron LaForce
April 30, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato