

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 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.



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 9:4b-10/
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20/
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20/
Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10/
Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42

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.

The Penitential Rite

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



This moment of mercy makes us think of Jesus' words.

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, now that you know what happens at the penitential rite, kindly avail yourself to the flow of the Spirit within you.

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



Celebrating our Pastor, Fr. Peter

It's that time of year again when Fr. Peter celebrates his birthday on Monday, March 6. We celebrate along with you, Father. This begins year 69 for you and our prayer is that your special day and the year ahead be filled with many blessings of good health, happiness, peace of mind, and spiritual joy. May God continue to guide, bless, and protect you in all your ways.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Wishes
from the Faith Community of our beloved St. John's



Join Us for Coffee Hour!

THIS Sunday, March 5
following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses

Come socialize with your fellow parish members and your hosts for this month, our

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

Be sure to stop by to wish a certain special someone, Fr. Peter, a very Happy Birthday which he celebrates on Monday, March 6.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Remembering a friend to all of us,

Deacon Bob Burke, on what would be his birthday this coming Friday, March 10. May his celebration be heavenly! He was a blessing to us all and he is missed. Let's continue to remember him and his family in our prayers especially on this special day.

Masses for the Week—March 6—12

MONDAY, March 6 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM *Intentions of Fr Peter*

TUESDAY, March 7 *Sts Perpetua & Felicity*
 8:15 AM + *Mary & Anthony Barbato*
 by Jean & Tom

WEDNESDAY, March 8 *St John of God*
 8:15 AM + *Norma Nelson*
 by Ray & Marcia

THURSDAY, March 9 *St Frances of Rome*

FRIDAY, March 10 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Carol Lennox*
 by St John's Women's Guild

SATURDAY, March 11 *Lenten Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Angelina Mannillo*
 by Carl & Phyllis Mannillo

SUNDAY, March 12 *3rd Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + *For the People of St. John the Evangelist*
 10:00 AM + *Scott Mattle*
 by Dorann Cook

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 5
 Coffee Hour following the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses
 in the Parish Center

Monday, March 6
 9:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center
 5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Center
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Mtg in Parish Center

Wednesday, March 8
 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross and Rosary in Church

Friday, March 10
 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 the Choir

Spring forward Move your Clock Ahead One Hour at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 12.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11
Pope Francis	Daniel L. White	Mitchell Zygodlo	William Amann	Anthony Amato	Ronald Antinarelli	Frederick Asuming

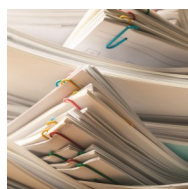
PMASS INTENTIONS Mass Book Opening More details will follow in next weekend's bulletin but in the meantime, mark your calendar that the Mass Book will open on **Tuesday afternoon**, March 14, **beginning at 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM** for the months of May through August, 2023. Please know that this is not the only time you can call to schedule a Mass for these months but it's the first date/time you can do so. Thank you.



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 The Choir.

Special Boiler Fund Collection

NEXT Weekend, March 11/12
 This Collection for our Boiler will be taken up over three months. Please donate when it is best suited for your household. 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!



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.



Sunday, March 5 2nd Sunday of Lent**First Reading** Gn 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8b-10

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Verse Before the Gospel Cf. Mt 17:5

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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

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

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

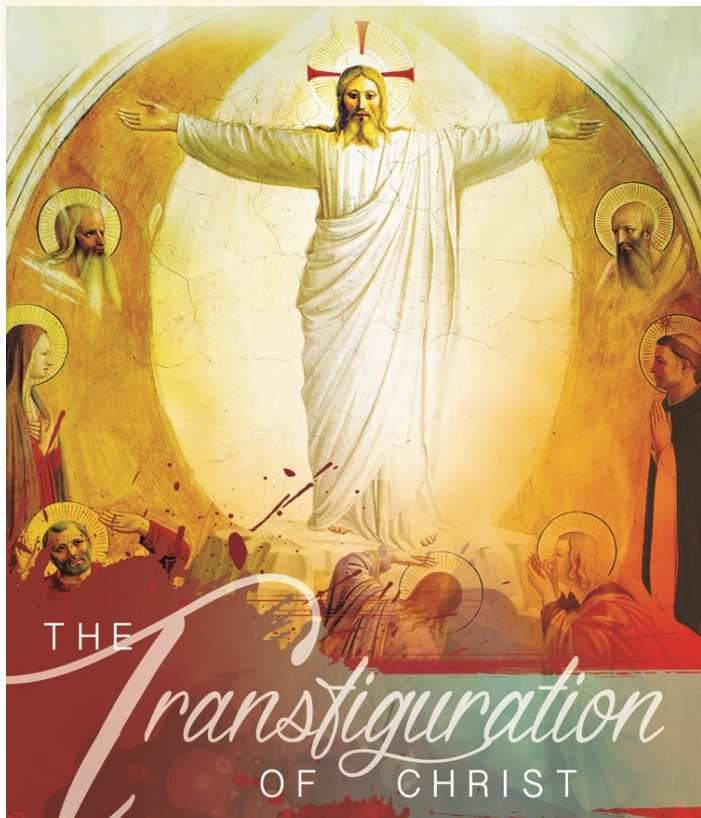
Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

**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.



March 5, 2023—2nd Sunday of Lent

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, “No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!” I couldn’t see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it’s a miracle, it is so related to the apostles’ perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him.”** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father’s love. It’s only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can’t. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



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.



Thank you to all who made our 2023 Mission to Begin Lent a success!

We had wonderful participation from all seven parishes. See more photos online at www.holycrossrochester.org.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with 1st Session by Bishop Matano, followed by Benediction at St. Mark's Church.



2nd Session Fr. Joseph Martuscello and Seminarian David Cataline share their Vocation Stories, Youth Vigil for Vocations Prayer Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary led by Youth Representatives, followed by Benediction led by Bishop Matano at Our Mother of Sorrows Church.



Mass with the Bishop presiding and offering the homily as the 3rd Session at St. John the Evangelist Church.





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
 + Tabernacle I **In Honor of Fr. Peter's Birthday**
 + Tabernacle II **Deacon Bob Burke**
 + Marian I **Anna Konopelski**
 + Marian II **Norma Nelson**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 ATTENDANCE.....378

ASH WEDNESDAY Offering.....	\$ 2,710.11
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 85.00
TOTAL Ash Wednesday Offering.....	\$ 2,795.11

February 18/19 ATTENDANCE.....398

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 4,909.05
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,319.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,228.05
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$ 1,477.95)

2nd Collection

Capital Improvements.....	\$ 1,686.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 150.00
TOTAL Capital Improvements.....	\$ 1,836.00

February 25/26 ATTENDANCE.....364

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 4,972.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,480.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 6,452.02
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$ 3,253.98)

2nd Collection

Black, Native and Hispanic Ministries.....	\$ 672.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$.00
TOTAL Black, Native and Hispanic Ministries..	\$ 672.00

Fiscal Year 2022-23 as of February 26, 2023

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 339,710.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 326,276.02
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 13,433.98)

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.



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 10, 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

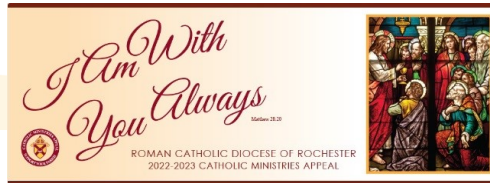
Cheese Pizza Slice..... \$ 2.00

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

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, February 28,

328 households have pledged \$77,999.75 taking us to 93.98% 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, February 28, 2023, these are the latest additions to the listing of St. John the Evangelist CMA Donors.

Anonymous

Ms. Charlotte Kouladjian
Mrs. Isobel Barbour

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March 2023

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 5, 2023	Tom Grieco
March 12, 2023	Bob & Barb Gotham
March 19, 2023	Tom Grieco
March 26, 2023	Bob and Barb Gotham

March 5, 2023	Chris Hoefler
March 12, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 19, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
March 26, 2023	Chris Hoefler

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 5, 2023	Steve and Mary Ann Donato
March 19, 2023	Ron LaForce