

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 10, 2024

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.



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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

Is 65:17-21/
Ps 30:2,4-6, 11-12a, 13b/
Jn 4:43-54

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

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20/
Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/
Jn 7:40-53
Jn 12:20-33

Sunday

Jer 31:31-34/
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/
Heb 5:7-9/

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 please if you can 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.

A Dialog between God and Us

Once the Opening Prayer is said by the celebrant, the First Reading is read.

After the First Reading, like on this Sunday which is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we pause for a moment to reflect on the WORD we have just heard proclaimed. The First Reading is generally from the Old Testament. It gives us an insight into the history of our salvation and points us to Christ our Savior through the law and the prophets. Our Mass is full of the ancient history and traditions that presents our salvation history from the creation story of Adam to Jesus who is revealed to us as the New Adam in the New Testament readings, as well as meditate on them. After the First Reading, we *sing or recite a psalm*. We call it a "responsorial psalm" because the congregation (people) sing a refrain, while the cantor or choir sings the verses of the psalm. Our responsorial psalm for the fourth Sunday of Lent is: "Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you." PSALM 137.



“ In listening to the Scriptures and having them touch our hearts, along with breaking and sharing bread together, Jesus is truly and wonderfully experienced. ”

We are to listen attentively to rediscover the work of God in ourselves. This listening involves a dialog between God and us. Our response to listening to God is singing a refrain in a short and simple invocation: "Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you."

The responsorial psalm, as well as helping us to remember God is in our

midst, also gives us space to reflect on the work of God that involves us, His people.

The psalms that are picked, like in today's psalm, relate to other readings. Sometimes they are selected for the season of the year or for different groups of Saints that are being celebrated in the liturgy of the day.

At the end of the responsorial psalm, we pause again to reflect and ready ourselves to listen again to more of God's Word.



Peace and love to all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Stations of the Cross

THIS Friday, March 15 at 5:30 PM

led by our Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry followed by a Reflection from Father Peter.

Masses for the Week—March 11—17

MONDAY, March 11 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Gary Hans**
 by Sister, Shirley

TUESDAY, March 12 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **John Englert**
 by Paul & Janet Weitz

WEDNESDAY, March 13 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **John Enyan Acheampong**
 by Brother, Fr Peter

THURSDAY, March 14 *Lenten Weekday*

FRIDAY, March 15 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Shirley Pellman**
 by Jim & Trudy

SATURDAY, March 16 *Lenten Weekday*
 4:00 PM + **Martha DiPaola**
 by Friends at 4:00 PM Mass

SUNDAY, March 17 *5th Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + **The People of St John's,
 Living & Deceased**
 10:00 AM + **John Insalaco**
 by Ann Dellefave

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 10 Daylight Savings
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Meeting Room THIS Week
 Coffee Hours following 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses
 in Parish Center

10:00 AM RCIA Rite of Second Scrutiny in Church

Monday, March 11
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:30 PM Women's Fatima Prayer Ministry
 in Parish Center then Church

Wednesday, March 13
 Stations of the Cross following 8:15 AM Mass
 6:30 PM Parish Lenten Catechesis in the Parish Center

Friday, March 15
 4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Sunday, March 17
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center
 10:00 AM RCIA Rite of Third Scrutiny in Church
 Confirmation Class in Meeting Room
 following the 10:00 AM Mass
 7:00—8:00 PM 7-Parish Lenten Mission
 at Our Mother of Sorrows

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

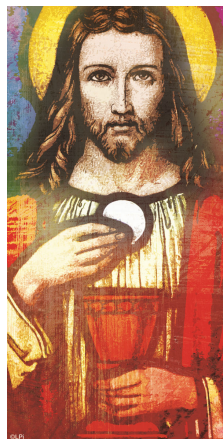
Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16
Leo Reinhardt	Robert Ring	Marc Roselli	Daniel Ruiz	Sriram Sadhanala	Carlos Sanchez	All Missionaries



Diaper and Formula Drive
 Weekends of March 16/17
 and March 23/24

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a diaper and formula drive. There will be bins at the center entrance of the church to collect these items. The preferred brands for formula are Enfamil, Gentlease, and Tippy Toes (no Similac please). The preferred sizes for diapers are newborn, size 4, 5, and 6 (any brands are acceptable).

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**Transform Us Lord
 in the Eucharist
 – A Lenten Catechesis**

Join me as we complete our Lenten catechesis focusing on the Eucharist, looking at the Miracle at Lanciano. All are invited. There will be a video to watch and there will be time for discussion afterward.

Please take this opportunity to open your heart to the heart of our faith as we come to a fuller understanding of the Real Presence and may fully and reverently embrace Jesus when

receiving him in Holy Communion. Come and be transformed!

We will gather in the **Parish Center** from **6:30 PM until 8:00 PM THIS Wednesday, March 13.**
 Blessings on your Lenten Journey,

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass Book will open via telephone beginning THIS Wednesday, March 13, 2024 for those who will like to schedule Masses during the months of May through August 2024. Please call the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 on March 13 between 9:00 AM and Noon and 2:00 PM 'til 4:30 PM. After March 13, you can call during regular office hours. We are not accepting scheduling requests before March 13. Each Mass stipend is \$10 and we will continue to follow the scheduling guidelines that have been in place. Those with Mass cards: any unscheduled Masses will need to be scheduled before new Mass requests can be taken.



St. John the Evangelist Church and Knights of Columbus Council 3892 invite you to our
Lenten Fish Fry
Eat-in or Take Out
 Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday) continuing March 15, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
 St. John's Parish Center
 2400 W. Ridge Rd.

FISH FRY Menu

- Battered Fried \$14.00 Skinless Baked \$14.00**
- Fried Shrimp (7 Large Butterfly) \$14.00**
- Half portion of any of the above \$ 9.00**

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 4 and under eat free!

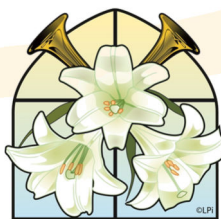
(choice of mac & cheese or half slice of pizza)

Mite Box Reminder

If you haven't already done so, please return your mite box to church. You can drop it into the collection basket or into the basket at the mite box display in church. Our boxes are due back between now and Easter.



Our almsgiving will assist the Seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester, the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana, and Mary's Place Refugee Outreach Center.



Easter Plants

During the Easter Season remember a loved one (living or deceased) by donating toward an Easter Plant, adding to the beauty of our beloved St. John's Church. We will list all the names in the bulletin. All you need do is

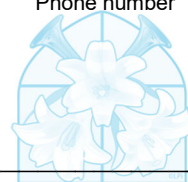
complete the order form below and send your donation to: St. John's Rectory, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626, **OR** place your order and donation in an envelope marked **Easter Plants** and put it in the collection basket.

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) _____



Praying for Our Elect & Candidates

Please pray for those of our faith community who will come into the Catholic Church through Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation this Easter Vigil; The Elect – Michael Ayzenberg and Shanshan Wen along with our two Candidates – Judie Sanders and Millie Schenkel who will be fully initiated into the Church through the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. May God bless them abundantly on their journeys of faith.



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 9/10 and NEXT Weekend, March 16/17. The cost is \$10.00 per lily. If you know of someone you would like to have a lily delivered to, you can

specify a recipient, 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!**



Share a Prayer

The following prayer was submitted by a parishioner and presenting this during Lent is most fitting. You might consider praying this before Stations of the Cross.

Prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Christ

O Loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God, I, miserable sinner, salute and worship the Most Sacred Wound of Thy Shoulder on which Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross, which so tore Thy flesh and laid bare Thy Bones as to inflict on Thee an anguish greater than any other wound of Thy Most Blessed Body.

I adore Thee, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify Thee, and give Thee thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on towards Heaven along the Way of Thy Cross. Amen.

Note: Please know that our sins, mortal and venial, are not forgiven simply by reciting this prayer, but rather we are to confess and be absolved of our sins through the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

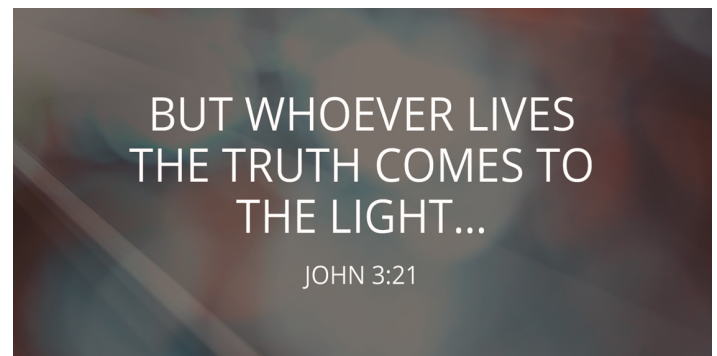


Save the Date!

Sunday, June 9, 2024, for Fr. Peter's celebration of his **40th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination**.



Soon more details will be available but for now, set aside this date to celebrate with Fr. Peter!



A Tenebrae Service & Passion Story
Presented by the Contemporary Music Ensemble of Holy Cross Church

The Seven Last Words of Jesus
Monday, March 11
Our Mother of Sorrows Church
5000 Mt Read Blvd | Rochester NY 14612
7:00 pm *Doors open at 6:40 pm

Good Friday, March 29
Holy Cross Church
4492 Lake Ave | Rochester NY 14612
7:00 pm *Doors open at 6:40 pm

Gather friends and family to experience an unforgettable evening of prayer and remembrance... a fitting end to your Lenten journey.

We recommend this service for children 10 years + that are comfortable being in a darkened church environment.



A Change in the Roc Catholics Northwest Lenten Retreat

At Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt Read Blvd.

NORTHWEST We all go through changes—we face serious illnesses, our responsibilities change, a close friend moves away, there are changes even in our beloved parish. How can we go through these changes with grace and with trust that Jesus Christ accompanies us? Our Lenten retreat *“The Spirituality of Change: Being With Jesus”* itself has a change. Fr. Ed Palumbos is scheduled for unexpected surgery on March 19 and will be unable to be a presenter.

The 7-parish Lenten Retreat at Our Mother of Sorrows will now be

- **NEXT Sunday, March 17** at 7:00 PM with Damian Zynda ThD. She will lead us through a personal exercise of looking at change through the lens of grace.
- **Monday, March 18** at 1:00 PM and program repeated at 7:00 PM with Mr Michael Sauter. He will offer reflections and practices that help us avoid the same temptations that Jesus faced, in our own journey's through change.

Both evenings will be live-streamed on the Our Mother of Sorrows Facebook page. Fr. Ed Palumbos is most grateful for your prayers for his return to good health.



Robert Grieco *Brother of Tom Grieco*
James Morgante *Grandson of Inez Ringholz*
Michael Iacubucci *Uncle of Thomas Iacubucci*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Deacon Bob**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II George Mikel**
- ✚ **Marian I Anna Konopelski**
- ✚ **Marian II John Enyan Acheampong**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February March 2/3	ATTENDANCE.....	438
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,522.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,735.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,257.03
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	272.97)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as March 3, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	343,080.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	337,340.39
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	5,739.61)

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



2nd Collection
THIS Weekend, March 9/10

The Catholic Relief Services Collection assists the vulnerable and marginalized around the world while promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

Catholic Courier

During the month of March, we kindly ask you to make your Catholic Courier contribution using the pink envelope in your packet or by way of an online donation. Your contribution helps to offset the cost incurred by the parish for this service.

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.



April Break Camp—Gr K—5
Monday, April 1 to Friday, April 5

Attention families! Give your campers between the ages of 5-10 a memorable and fun-filled April break by registering them for Camp Stella Maris' upcoming April Break Camp. Campers will take part in a range of thrilling activities such as scavenger hunts, team building, gaga, arts and crafts, carpetball, dancing, and much more! Our friendly and experienced counselors will guide campers through every activity, ensuring their safety and that they have the time of their lives. The cost is \$300 and will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day and includes two snacks a day and an amazing chance to make lasting memories and new friends. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to give your campers the adventure they deserve. Financial assistance is available. You can find more information and register by visiting our website. <https://www.campstellamaris.org/year-round-kids/>



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.



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 17, 2024 Ron LaForce
March 31, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

March 10, 2024 Tom Grieco
March 17, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham
March 31, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 10, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
March 17, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 24, 2024 Chris Hoefler
March 31, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin