

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 17, 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.



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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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 23:1-3a, 3b-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

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

Friday

Jer 20:10-13/
Ps 18:2-7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28/
Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Mk 11:1-10
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47

Yes He Did, Jesus Wept

Today’s Gospel is very comforting for us Catholic Christians on many levels. The raising of Lazarus from the dead is a fore-shadowing of what will happen to our Savior Jesus Christ on

Easter Sunday. The Catholic Church teaches us that one day our bodies and souls will be united with God in heaven. The raising of Lazarus gives us all hope of consolation and hope of rising.

The reaction of Jesus at the death of his friend Lazarus is also a source of consolation, especially when we too are grieving the loss of a loved one. We hear that Jesus was perturbed and deeply troubled. It states also that Jesus wept. We really need to pause and reflect on this for a moment on this Lenten journey as we carry our cross and try to follow in his footsteps. Jesus—the Son of God— wept at the news of the death of his friend. Jesus wept despite the fact that he is all knowing and all powerful. He wept even though he knew he could raise Lazarus. This is quite remarkable and it can help us in our grief. So we often wonder, “WHY?” when someone dies, especially if it is a sudden death, a family member or a young person, we are



shaken. We will not be able to answer this question, but we will know that Jesus is right there with us, weeping and experiencing our loss. We know Jesus shares our grief.

Our faith might be more conditional than we would admit. We may expect to magically solve all our problems perhaps by way of miraculous signs and wonders such as the sisters of Lazarus did. It is understandable, but that is not how faith works. It is not only about a miracle fix but rather about facing and solving life’s challenges with confidence that we do not face them alone—that God is at our side. So rather than hope for a miracle today or tomorrow, work on resolving a problem ourselves, with the confidence and serenity that God is with us through it all. It is called faith, and in it, taking up one’s cross to follow Jesus as a witness and testimony of his presence in our lives. When life troubles you and turns your life upside down, remember this too shall pass. What little things are you taking with you from your life? Select one today, with care, and appreciate.



*Peace and love to all,
Father Peter*



Plan to Attend the ROC Catholics Northwest Lenten Retreat

Due to unexpected surgery for Fr Palumbos, our 7-Parish Lenten Retreat will be 2 days

instead of three at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt Read Blvd.

Our 7-Parish Lenten retreat “*The Spirituality of Change: Being With Jesus*” will be

- **THIS 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 journeys through change.

Both evenings will be live-streamed on the Our Mother of Sorrows Facebook page. Let us continue to keep Fr Palumbos in our prayers.



St. John the Evangelist Church and Knights of Columbus Council 3892 invite you to our

FINAL Lenten Fish Fry

Eat-in or Take Out

Last Call, Last Chance **THIS Friday, March 22** for our delicious Fish Fry, **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)

Masses for the Week—March 18—24

MONDAY, March 18 *St Cyril of Jerusalem*
 8:15 AM + **Madeline B. Resch**
 by Bequest

TUES, Mar 19 *St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:15 AM + **All Fathers, Living & Deceased**
 by Eileen Zegarelli

WEDNESDAY, March 20 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Scott Mattle**
 by Dorann Cook

THURSDAY, March 21 *Lenten Weekday*

FRIDAY, March 22 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Martha DiPaola**
 by Friends

SATURDAY, March 23 *St Turibius of Mogrovejo*
 4:00 PM + **Jim Pierce**
 by Gene & Diane Englert

SUNDAY, March 24 Palm Sunday
 8:00 AM + **Jim Wenskus**
 by Judy & Sons
 10:00 AM + **The People of St John's,**
Living & Deceased

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

This Week's Schedule

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 Retreat
 at Our Mother of Sorrows

Monday, March 18
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 1:00—2:00 PM 7-Parish Lenten Retreat at Our Mother
 of Sorrows *Repeated 7:00 PM—8:00 PM*

Wednesday, March 20
 Stations of the Cross following 8:15 AM Mass

Friday, March 22
 4:00-7:00 PM FINAL Fish Fry in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Sunday, March 24
 9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23
Deceased Priests	All Deacons	Joseph Sasso	Robert Schrader	James Schwartz	Felicjan Sierotowicz	Louis Sirianni



Stations of the Cross
THIS Friday, March 22 at 5:30 PM
 led by our Choir Ministry followed by a Reflection from Father Peter.



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.



Diaper and Formula Drive

THIS Weekend, March 16/17 and NEXT weekend, 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.



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 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!**

This week we celebrate two special saints – **St. Patrick on March 17** and **St. Joseph on March 19**.

Let us pray to them often for their intercession on our behalf and that of others.



May the Strength of God guide us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Angels of God guard us.
- Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!

May Thy Grace, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.

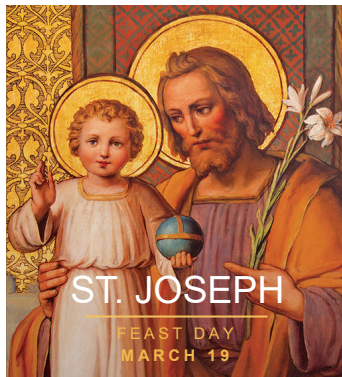


Live the Liturgy
Inspiration for the Week

We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love (or someone we don't even know), a failed relationship,

the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our own mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to say volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or see God's presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and be given new life. Walk with God and listen to Him call you. Tomorrow, there awaits another surprise.

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Daily Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

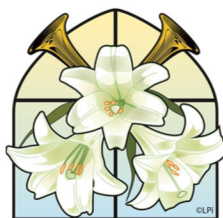
O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son

all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms.

I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.
Amen.



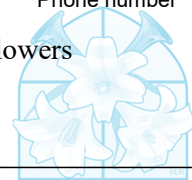
Easter Flowers

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 Flowers** and put it in the collection basket.

Please print

Print your name _____ Phone number _____
Would like to donate toward Easter Flowers in memory/honor of: _____
Please indicate if living (L) or deceased (D) _____





Extending My Gratitude

I take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all those who celebrated my milestone 70th birthday with me on March 6. The day began with morning Mass followed by lunch at Mi Rancho Alegre and then dinner later on at Papa Joe's—I even had a friend

from Long Island come into town to celebrate with me. Throughout the day many parishioners and other friends provided me with beautiful cards, text messages, cupcakes, my favorite oatmeal raisin cookies, and other special gifts. The celebration even extended to Thursday when some parishioners and staff gathered with me for lunch at Olive Garden.

To ALL of you I say **THANK YOU** and please know how grateful I am for your love and kindness throughout the year but especially on my special day—to God be the glory!

*Peace and love to all,
Fr. Peter*



Chrism Mass

**Tuesday, March 26
6:00 PM
at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

The Chrism Mass, which the bishop concelebrates with priests from various regions of the diocese and during which he

consecrates the sacred Chrism and blesses the other oils, is among the principal manifestations of the fullness of the Bishop's Priesthood and is considered to be a sign of the close bond of the priests with him. For it is with the sacred Chrism consecrated by the bishop that the newly baptized are anointed and those to be confirmed are signed. It is with the Oil of Catechumens that catechumens are prepared and disposed for Baptism. Finally it is with the Oil of the Sick that those who are ill are comforted in their infirmity.

— The Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism (OBO), no. 1

May our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for Bishop Matano, Fr. Peter and all the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be humble and generous servants of the Lord.

All the faithful, including each of us from St. John's, are invited and encouraged to attend. Join with others from around our diocese for this most beautiful and sacred celebration during this very holy week.

This is a wonderful occasion that provides an opportunity for the lay faithful to experience the priests of our diocese gathered together with Bishop Matano and it is during this Chrism Mass that concelebrating priests renew the vows they took at their ordination.

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.

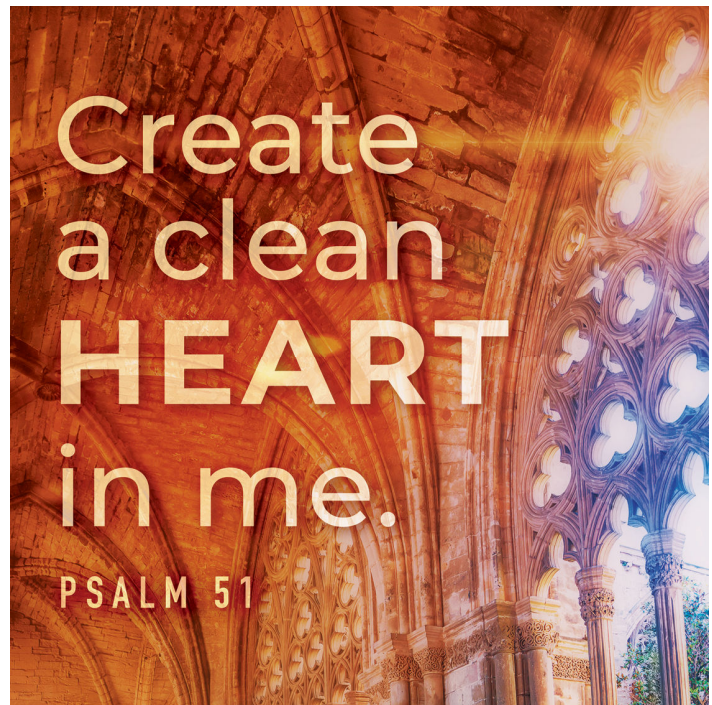


Blessing of Your Easter Food Baskets
SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 PM in Church

Join us as we offer this wonderful Polish tradition that is also accepted in the Catholic Church. The food, brought in by parishioners who want to participate, is blessed on Holy Saturday, and then becomes part of their Easter Sunday meal.

Traditionally, the main foods blessed are an egg which is broken and shared by all on Easter Sunday morning, and a lamb molded of butter or pastry. This butter-lamb and blessed Easter egg have a place of honor on the festive Easter table.

You are welcome to bring any food you plan on having at your Easter celebration to be blessed.





Michael Pero Brother of Carolyn Kerhaert



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I All Fathers, Living & Deceased
- ✚ Tabernacle II First Responders
- ✚ Marian I Victims of Violence
- ✚ Marian II Hospitalized and Nursing Home Parishioners

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February March 9/10	ATTENDANCE.....	437
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	10,453.30
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,777.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	12,230.30
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	2,700.30

2nd Collection

Catholic Relief Services.....	\$	673.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	0.00
TOTAL Catholic Relief Services.....	\$	673.00

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as March 10, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	352,610.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	349,570.69
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	3,039.31)

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/Capital Improvement Collection

NEXT Weekend, March 23/24

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

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.



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Friday, March 29, 2024

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.

It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges and unique hardships – many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The war left deep wounds that will take time to heal. Many Christians (for example, 90% in Bethlehem) depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic, and now the war has again stopped pilgrims from coming.

Thank you, in advance, for *supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on March 29, 2024, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, we join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land; offering them hope, and we become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

**Please use the Good Friday Holy Land envelope from your church envelope packet, for those who contribute electronically, please make your donation online, or you can provide a loose cash donation to place in the basket.*

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 17, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham
March 31, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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