

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 24, 2024



2400 West Ridge Road  
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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.*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

# HOSANNA!

— MARK 11:9 —



## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Monday

Is 42:1-7/  
Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/  
Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

Is 49:1-6/  
Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a/  
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/  
Mt 26:14-25  
Jn 13:1-15

### Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/  
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/  
1 Cor 11:23-26/  
Jn 18:1—19:42

### Friday

Is 52:13—53:12/  
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Mk 16:1-7

### Saturday

Gn 1:1, 26-31  
Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/  
Ex 14:15—15:1

## 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.

### Reconciliation & the Season of Lent

Our Pope's spontaneity, especially at this time and place of our Lenten season, has enlivened the Church. Speaking his first Angelus prayer before thousands in 2017, Pope Francis asked people to never get tired of asking God for forgiveness. "Don't forget this. The Lord never gets tired of forgiving; it is we that get tired of asking for forgiveness," said Pope Francis.

As we enter into Holy Week, there are many characters in the Passion reading that begin to unfold for us today—some heroic, some despised. Perhaps, as our Church invites us to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can best relate to the so-called "good thief" who cries out to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom," in hopes that we too, might hear our dying savior say, "today you will be with me in paradise."

Once again, I encourage all to take advantage of the grace and spiritual benefit that this sacrament brings us. Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week raise many questions, but more importantly, they raise our hopes of new life after death, light from darkness, and sorrow and pain giving way to joy and hope.

Below is an examination of conscience that should be helpful to all of us as we prepare to encounter the forgiving Christ in the Sacrament of His love!

1. Is God truly at the center of my life, or do I worship "gods" such as wealth, power, prestige, or lust?
2. Do I speak with and listen to God regularly in prayer, and trust in His concern and care for me?
3. Do I make an honest effort to gather with my family of faith by attending Mass and receiving Eucharist?



Do I respect the Eucharist?

4. Do I have genuine love for other people, or do I use them for my own ends?
5. Have I contributed to the well-being of my family: through patience, love, respect, and good example? Do I abuse a family member physically, emotionally, or spiritually?
6. Do I contribute to the misery of the poor, the outcasts, the oppressed, and the forgotten by ignoring their needs? Do I respect every person as a child of God?
7. Have I nurtured a grudge against someone? Have I ignored the attempts of others to reconcile with me?
8. Have I stolen or done damage to the property of others? Have I made restitution? Do I steal the work of others by cheating? Do I lie? Am I trustworthy? Do I gossip? Do I unnecessarily defame another's reputation?
9. Do I respect the sexual dignity of others? Of myself? Do I degrade that dignity by treating others as an object of pleasure? Do I respect the commitment I made to my spouse?
10. Do I take my faith seriously? Have I become spiritually arrogant, thinking myself better in the sight of God than others?
11. Am I obsessed with jealousy or envy of others?
12. Do I try to maintain a simple unpretentious life-style?

If you are taking your Lenten season seriously, then these are the tough questions you should be asking yourself.

When we answer them honestly, we realize how much we need God's forgiveness!



God bless,  
Father Peter

### Knowing *The Act of Contrition* when you come to Confession

There are a few forms and the following is one version.

**O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,  
and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell,  
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all My love.**

**I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more  
and to avoid the near occasions of sin.**

**Amen.**

### Masses for the Week—March 25—31

**MONDAY, March 25** *Monday of Holy Week*  
 8:15 AM + **James Scantlin**  
 by Gene & Diane

**TUESDAY, March 26** *Tuesday of Holy Week*  
 8:15 AM + **Osei Acheampong**  
 by Carol Novick

**WEDNESDAY, March 27** *Wednesday of Holy Week*  
 8:15 AM + **Howard Welch**  
 by Daniel & Melissa Kabasin

**THURS, March 28** **Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
 7:00 PM + *Priests of Diocese of Rochester;  
 Living & Deceased*

**FRIDAY, March 29** **Good Friday**  
**Passion of the Lord**  
 3:00 PM *Passion Service*

**SATURDAY, March 30** **Holy Saturday**  
 7:00 PM **Easter Vigil Mass**  
 + *For the People*

**SUNDAY, March 31** **Easter Sunday**  
 8:00 AM + **Connie Dennison**  
 by John & Carolyn Kerhaert  
 10:00 AM + **Mr & Mrs Vincent L. Tofany**  
 by Pam Tofany-Kern

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

### This Week's Schedule

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

**Monday, March 25**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center


**Wednesday, March 27**  
 Stations of the Cross following 8:15 AM Mass

**Thursday, March 28** **Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper in Church

**Friday, March 29** **Good Friday**  
 Parish Office CLOSED  
 3:00 PM Passion Service in Church

**Saturday, March 30** **Holy Saturday**  
 2:00 PM Blessing of Food Baskets in Church  
 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass in Church

**Sunday, March 31** **Easter Sunday**  
 8:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord in Church  
 10:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord  
 in Church



**Parish Office CLOSED**  
 THIS Friday, March 29

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

Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30
George Smith	William Spilly	Edison Tayag	David Tedesche	Matthew Temple	Paul Tomasso	Daniel Tormey



**Stations of the Cross**  
 THIS Wednesday, March 27 following the 8:15 AM Mass.



**Our Prayers Are So Important**  
 Let us please continue to pray for Bishop Matano, Fr. Peter, and all the priests of our diocese, especially as they gather this week for their Annual Holy Week Day of Recollection. May God strengthen them as they persevere in their ongoing ministry, all for His greater glory.



**The Lord Calls Us to Feed the Hungry**  
 Thank you for supporting St. John's Food Drive for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. Thanks to your generosity, St. John's Parishioners delivered 877 lbs. of food and household items to the Greece Food Shelf on March 11, 2024. The generosity of our parishioners is amazing! Many thanks to Fr. Peter who supported the food drive, the wonderful parishioners who donated the food, the volunteers who helped fill the boxes, and those who helped transport the boxes to the food shelf. These items help put food on the table for hundreds of families in the Greece Community. Pam Tofany-Kern, *Food Drive Coordinator*  
 Pictured L to R: Bob Gotham, Gene Preston, Mike Zadorecky, Pam Tofany-Kern, Gary Kern, Tod Simone, Nick Verdino and Joe Waters.  
 Not pictured: Rick Stein.



**Prayer for Holy Week**

Lord, let everything I do in the coming Holy Week be inspired by You.

Help me to remember that nothing is important in my life unless it glorifies You in some way.

It's so easy to get caught up in the day to day of my life.

Help me to enter fully into your Passion through my Lenten promises and always be reminded that You went to the desert, the garden, and the cross for me.

Amen



We hope you will join us as we celebrate this sacred time in our church.

Tuesday, March 26 at 6:00 PM the *Chrism Mass* at the Cathedral will be celebrated by Bishop Matano. At this Mass, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed, and the Oil of Chrism will be consecrated. Also at this Mass is when the priests renew the promises made on the day of their ordination and to recommit themselves to priestly service among the people of God.

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM is *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. Washing of the Feet will take place. Following Mass there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Compline (Night Prayer) at 10:00 PM.**

You are encouraged to spend some time before the Lord here at St. John's and/or one of our neighboring parishes.

Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00 PM we celebrate *Friday of the Passion of the Lord*. The Knights of Columbus, together with Father Peter, strongly encourage families to join us for this Service which marks the crucifixion and dying of Christ. On this day is when many Christians reflect upon Christ's sacrifice for their sins.

Holy Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 PM Fr. Peter will celebrate the *Easter Vigil Mass*.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31, Father Peter will celebrate Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.



**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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Blessing of Your Easter Food Baskets THIS 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. You are welcome to bring any food you plan on having at your Easter celebration to be blessed. Need not be Polish to attend!

**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 by Easter Sunday.



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



**Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Friday, March 29, 2024

Pope Francis has asked parishes, and this includes our parish, to **support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection that will be taken up this week at our 3:00 PM Good Friday Passion Service.**

A Christian presence has always remained in the Holy Land since the beginning of the Church, although often through adversities. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land, where the Church began. The Christians are now less than 2% of the population, from 23% a century ago, and with the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father’s annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

**Thank you, in advance, for \*supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on March 29, 2024,** as encouraged by Pope Francis.

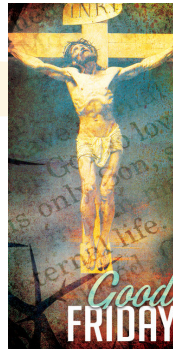
*\*Please use the Good Friday Holy Land envelope from your church envelope packet, for those who contribute electronically, please make your donation online, or you can provide a loose cash donation to place in the basket.*



**Easter Collection**

Please know there are two offerings for Easter Weekend – one is our regular Sunday offering and the other is our Easter offering.

For those who use church envelopes, you can put them into the collection basket. For those who donate electronically on-line, your contribution to both offerings will be appreciated as well as those who donate with a loose cash donation. Fr. Peter is very appreciative of everyone’s generous support of the parish through these Easter offerings.



**Families Invited and Encouraged to Gather at Church on Good Friday at 3:00 PM**

As we journey through Holy Week toward Easter, the Knights of Columbus, together with Fr. Peter, are encouraging everyone, especially **families**, in the parish community to attend the Good Friday Passion Service here at St. John’s on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

The liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and Death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his Passion and Resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each one of us.

It is our sincere hope and prayer that you and your families will join us.

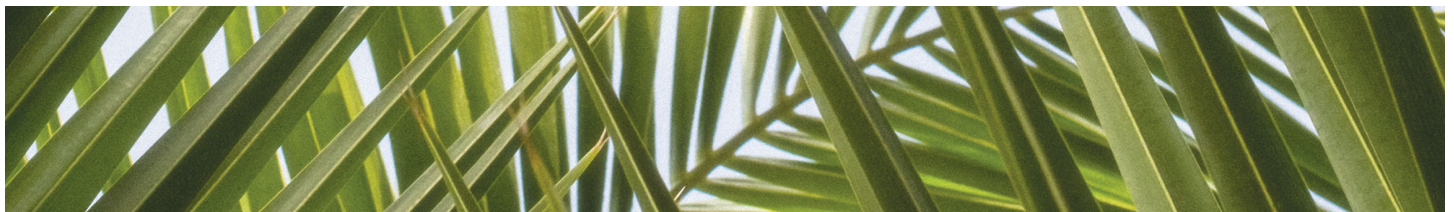
***Think About It, Pray About It, Join Us!***



**Call to Action from NYS Catholic Conference: Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide**

Our Catholic faith calls us to uphold the dignity and value of human life from conception through natural death. The NYS Legislature is considering a bill (A995/S2445-A) that would allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending a patient’s life. Legalizing doctor-assisted suicide would undermine the doctor’s role as healer and allow the deliberate and direct act of making the patient dead. The NYS Catholic Conference opposes this bill for many reasons and reminds us that the current euthanasia scandal in Canada provides an example of how slippery this slope can be. What began in Canada as a limited program for those with irreversible, terminal, painful illness has morphed into legalization for those without terminal illness but with “intolerable conditions” - there are plans to expand it further to the mentally ill and even to “mature minors”. Assisted suicide has been discussed as a solution to homelessness, for veterans suffering PTSD, for those who need extra help to live independently, and has been written about as a way to gain cost savings for the healthcare industry.

**Let us oppose this legislation** and urge NYS to improve access to palliative care and hospice, improve training of doctors in pain management and the diagnosis/treatment of depression. Please call the office of your NYS Senator (Search for your Senator at [www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator](http://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator)) and your Assemblyperson (Search for your Assembly member at [www.nyassembly.gov/mem/search](http://www.nyassembly.gov/mem/search)) **Our message: *I strongly oppose physician assisted suicide and ask you to oppose any legislation that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in NYS. Please improve access to palliative care, hospice care, the training of doctors in pain management and diagnosis/treatment of depression.***





Mary Moran *Mother of Linda Moran-Doerr*  
Rita Stein *Wife of Sylvester Stein*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Carol Eisenberg**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Jeffrey Poehlman**
- ✚ Marian I **Barry Sarpong**
- ✚ Marian II **Osei Acheampong**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



Due to early bulletin deadlines for Holy Week and Easter, our March 16/17 Mass attendance and contributions will be noted in the March 31 bulletin.

*Thank you!*

*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**

**THIS 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!*

**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).

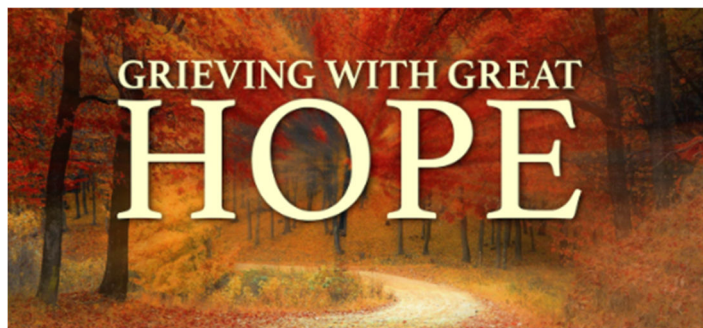


Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



**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.



Grieving with Great HOPE is a six-week grief support workshop series that offers a **prayerful, practical and personal approach** for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend—you are encouraged to attend.

The program is free and All Are Welcome. This is a multi-parish program with Our Mother of Sorrows and Holy Cross churches, however you can be from any parish or no parish!

**The next session begins on Saturday, April 6 at 1:00 PM at St. Theodore's Church.**

**Please contact the parish office at 429-6811 to register.**

**Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March 2024**

**HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

March 31, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

March 31, 2024 Bob and Barb Gotham

**ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

March 24, 2024 Chris Hoefler

March 31, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin

**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.**

**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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