

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 3, 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.*



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/  
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/  
Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/  
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/  
Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday

Jer 7:23-28/  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/  
Lk 11:14-23

### Friday

Hos 14:2-10/  
Ps 81:6c-14, 17/  
Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday

Hos 6:1-6/  
Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab/  
Lk 18:9-14

### Sunday

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/  
Ps 137:1-6/  
Eph 2:4-10/  
Jn 3:14-21

## 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.

### Be Touched by God

After the GREETING and the PENITENTIAL RITE, the presider says, "Let us pray." What do you do then? "Let us pray" is an invitation to take a moment of silence to realize that you are in God's presence and to make a silent prayer to Him.

Then the priest prays aloud. This prayer is called the "COLLECT" because it collects all the silent private prayers of everyone who is in church and makes them aloud to God.

Often this opening prayer helps us to focus on a specific experience of God—it is based on the readings, the liturgical season, and an aspect of faith, etc. This prayer helps us to move from our own personal thoughts and needs to the thoughts and prayers of the whole church. This prayer unites us.



Therefore, we are to be active when the presider invites "Let us pray." Do not just stand there waiting for the prayer to be over. Pray. First pray silently, then listen to the prayer of the priest and make it

your own prayer. At the end of the prayer, the response of the people is "AMEN!" The word "Amen" means "YES!" It is our way of affirming that we believe in what was just said. It is our way of joining in the prayer and making it our own.

The COLLECT is filled with beautiful words that help us grow closer to God. Let us open our hearts and minds to be touched by God through this prayer.



*Peace and love to all.*

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Turn Your Clocks Forward NEXT Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 AM in the Morning.



**Join Us for Coffee Hour!**  
NEXT Sunday, March 10  
following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



**Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf**  
NEXT Weekend, March 9/10

The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece residences each month. We are asking for donations of the following items. There will be containers in the Narthex.

- Regular size cans of vegetables, corn, green beans etc....
- Cream of Chicken Soup, Chunky Soups, Cans of Stews, Chili, Spaghetti O's
- Baked Beans and Canned Fruit
- In addition to the food items, small bottles of laundry detergent and liquid dish soap (Dollar Store size) are needed.

If you can help box and deliver the food to the Greece Food Shelf on the morning of March 11 please contact Pam Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053 or email [gakern85@gmail.com](mailto:gakern85@gmail.com).



**Masses for the Week—March 4—10**

**MONDAY, March 4** *St Casimir*

8:15 AM + *Mariella Tata*

by Rosaria Sorce & Family

**TUESDAY, March 5** *Lenten Weekday*

8:15 AM + *Maximiana Opida*

by Family

**WEDNESDAY, March 6** *Lenten Weekday*

8:15 AM *Father Peter on his 70th Birthday*

**THURSDAY, March 7** *Sts Perpetua & Felicity*

**FRIDAY, March 8** *St John of God*

8:15 AM + *Jose A. Perez Fernandez*

by Jorge & Aracelis Perez

**SATURDAY, March 9** *St Frances of Rome*

4:00 PM + *The People of St John's,*

*Living & Deceased*

**SUNDAY, March 10** *4th Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM + *Norman & Clara Ann Pero*

by John & Carolyn Kerhaert

10:00 AM + *Ken Ward*

by Jean & Family

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—**

**Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00 AM RCIA Class in Parish Center

10:00 AM RCIA Rite of First Scrutiny in Church

**Monday, March 4**

9:00 AM Bible Study

5:30 PM Liturgy Meeting in Parish Center

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council in Parish Center

**Tuesday, March 5**

6:30 PM Pastoral Planning Task Force Meeting  
in the Parish Center

**Wednesday, March 6**

Stations of the Cross following 8:15 AM Mass

6:30 PM Parish Lenten Catechesis in the Parish Center

**Friday, March 8**

4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

**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

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

Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9
Pope Francis	Malachy Nwosu	John Omboga	Edward Palumbos	Pius Pathmarajah	Jorge Ramirez	John Reif



*Celebrating You, Fr. Peter!*

From all of us here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church, special birthday wishes, Fr. Peter, as you celebrate your 70th birthday this week on Wednesday, March 6th. This is an amazing milestone for you and we celebrate along with you.

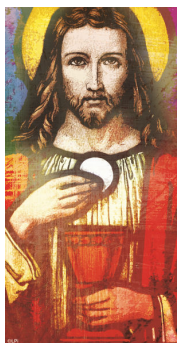
Wishing you a birthday and year ahead filled with God's blessings of good health, happiness, and peace, thanking God for your life of ministry to His People, and praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you as you continue to serve the Church, especially in this year when you will celebrate 40 years a priest.



**Stations of the Cross**

**THIS Friday, March 8 at 5:30 PM**

led by our Parish Pastoral Council followed by a Reflection from Father Peter.



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

Join me as we continue our Lenten catechesis is focusing on the Eucharist, looking at the teachings of the Catholic Church. All are invited, including practicing and non-practicing friends and family, as well as our non-Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ. Each presentation will have 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 6, and NEXT Wednesday, March 13.**

Blessings on your Lenten Journey,

*Fr Peter*



**Our Mass Book will open via telephone beginning 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.

### **End of Mass**

#### **Question:**

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

#### **Answer:**

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and

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then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with

a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPi



*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 8, 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)

**JOIN US FOR THE  
STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS**



# ROC Catholics Northwest Lenten Retreat

## “The Spirituality of Change: Being with Jesus”

### Held at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

5000 Mt. Read Blvd. (corner of Latta Road)

Sunday, March 17 ♦ 7:00 PM\*

Monday, March 18 ♦ 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM\* (program repeated)

Tuesday, March 19 ♦ 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM\* (program repeated)

\*The 7:00 PM sessions each evening are Livestreamed



Sunday, March 17 ♦ 7:00 PM  
Presenter: Dr. Damian Zynda

*Damian Zynda ThD. is the Director of Mission and Ministry at McQuaid Jesuit in Rochester and the Director of Ignatian Identity at Canisius High School, Buffalo. She has directed retreats in the United States, Canada, Italy, Spain and Ireland.*

Description: While we are busy surviving the constant evolution of life, God is at work. In this session, Dr. Zynda will lead us through a personal exercise of looking at change through the lens of grace.

Monday, March 18 ♦ 1:00 PM (program repeated at 7:00 PM)  
Presenter: Mr. Michael Sauter

*Mike Sauter. is the diocesan Director of the Department of Pastoral Services. He has served as the Director of Campus Ministry at SUNY Geneseo, Pastoral Administrator at St. Luke the Evangelist, and Director of Retreat Houses at the Trappist Abbey of the Genesee.*

Description: Change is difficult and is analogous to journeying through a desert. Jesus left us a record of his three temptations in the desert, and these can serve as guideposts for us too. Mike will offer reflections and practices that help us avoid the same temptations in our own journeys through change.



Tuesday, March 19 ♦ 1:00 PM (program repeated at 7:00 PM)  
Presenter: Fr. Ed Palumbos

*Fr. Ed Palumbos. is a Senior Priest who assists at the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community of Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface and St. Mary's (downtown). He believes that every preacher has one consistent message. His is "We are the Body of Christ."*

Description: While we await what will come as the present changes into the future, as people of faith, we wait in "joyful expectation" for what is to come. We know that God's grace is abundant and will provide us with what we need to face challenges and embrace opportunities.



Holy Cross Church  
4492 Lake Avenue

Our Mother of Sorrows Church  
5000 Mt. Read Blvd.

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
3003 Dewey Avenue

St. John the Evangelist Church  
2400 West Ridge Rd.

St. Lawrence Church  
1000 N Greece Rd.

St. Leo the Great Church  
110 Old Hojack Ln., Hilton

St. Mark's Church  
54 Kuhn Rd.



Loretta Welch *Mother of David Welch*  
Bernard Buckert *Son-in-law of Constance Mroczek*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I **Bruce Katz**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Jeff Lader**
- ✚ Marian I **In Honor of Fr. Peter's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
- ✚ Marian II **Peace in the World**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



**Ash Wednesday Collection** ATTENDANCE..349

Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 2,147.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL Ash Wednesday.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,207.00</b>

**February 17/18** ATTENDANCE.....430

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 7,078.09
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,871.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 8,949.09
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$	580.91)

**2nd Collection**

Black, Native, and Hispanic Offering.....	\$ 647.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL Black, Native, and Hispanic .....</b>	<b>\$ 647.00</b>

**February 24/25** ATTENDANCE.....428

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 5,037.03
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,252.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 7,289.03
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....(\$	2,240.97)

**Fiscal Year 2023-24 as February 25, 2024**

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$ 486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 333,550.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 328,083.36
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....(\$	5,466.64)

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

**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.



**2nd Collection**  
**NEXT 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.

*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.

**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.

*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 3, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato
March 17, 2024	Ron LaForce
March 31, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato

**THE VILLAGE AT UNITY**

March 3, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
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 3, 2024	Chris Hoefler
March 10, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
March 17, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 24, 2024	Chris Hoefler
March 31, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin