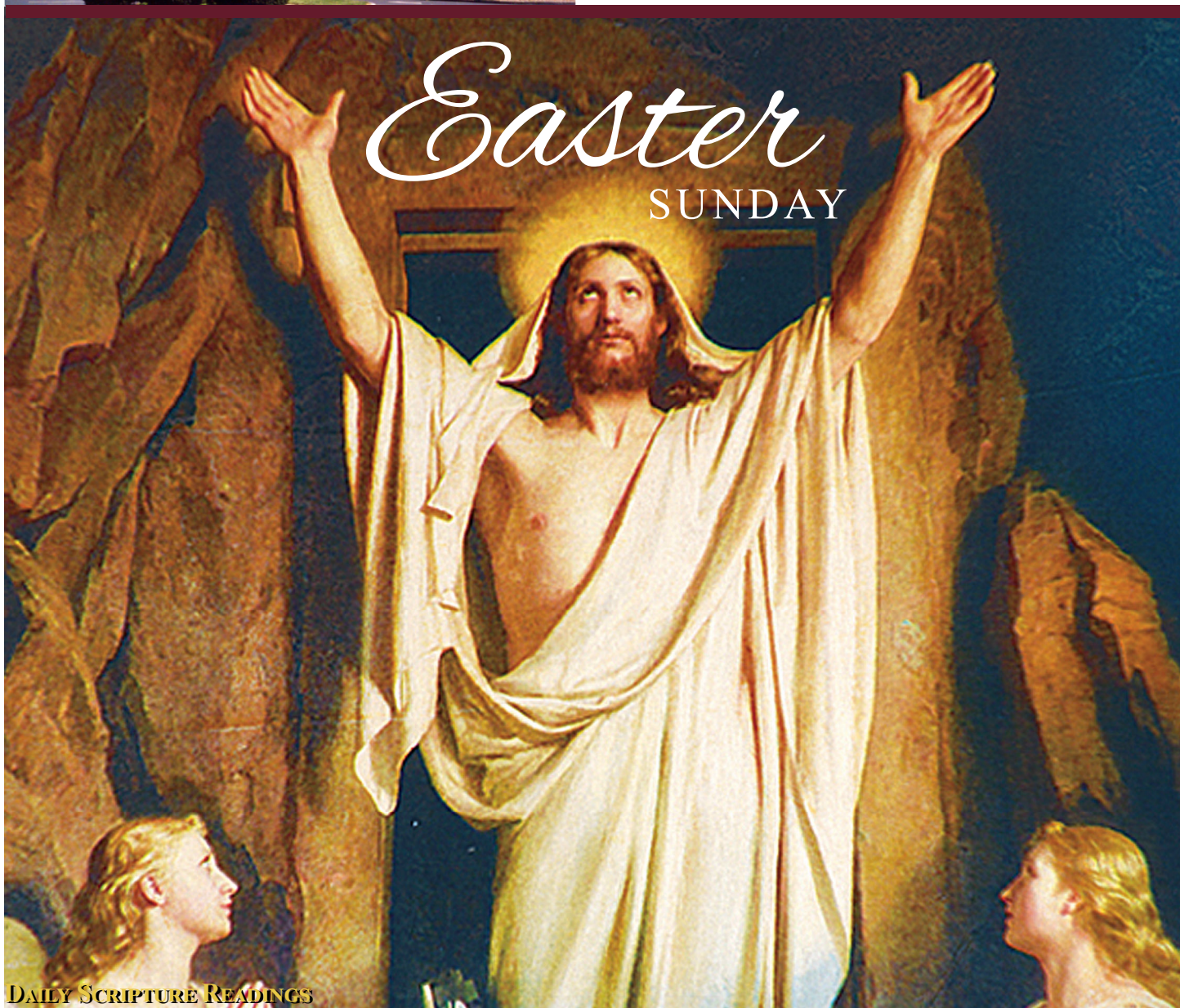


St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 31, 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.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33/
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41/
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10/
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26/
Ps 8:2, 5-9/
Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12/
Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21/
Ps 118:1, 14-21/
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Acts 4:32-35/
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
1 Jn 5:1-6/
Jn 20:19-3

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.

Happy Easter to All!

Have you heard the Good News? Christ the Lord is risen today! Well, when life seems to be filled with tragedy and bad news, it is wonderful to hear some GOOD NEWS! Such news can lift us from discouragement and restore balance to our lives. Good news of Christ can help invigorate us and refocus our energy in challenging situations of our lives. Such is the Good News of Jesus proclaimed to us today. If the Good News of the Gospel is to take hold of us then it is NOT to be kept to ourselves, but needs to be passed on to others. What is the Good News? **JESUS HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD!** Death has no more power—Jesus is **VICTORIOUS** over death! Therefore, the words of Jesus to the women who came to the tomb are the very words that can give us hope...**“DO NOT BE AFRAID.”** With those comforting words comes an additional responsibility to God who says, **“GO AND TELL.”** Who? US and OTHERS!

Rarely do we keep good news to ourselves in our everyday lives. We want others to share in our joy. It is the same with the resurrection of the Lord. We want the whole world to know that Jesus is Lord and has been raised up to the Father, and we have new life in **HIM**. We are born anew, Alleluia! Our faith in God has been renewed.

When we leave Church today, we take with us all that we celebrate and give witness to the living traditions of the resurrection. We do so without fear, but with hope and love. It is this hope and love which constantly reminds us that the Lord is true to his promises. His risen life is our joy! Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. All



throughout Lent, we prayed “Transform us Lord in the Eucharist.” We asked the Lord to revive us in the faith. We sometimes become our own tormentor if we refuse to let go and not allow Christ in our lives to transform us.

We all have to move on in faith and trust in the risen Christ and stop wasting valuable energy on the past.

We cannot proclaim that our universe or our world or our nation or our community or our family is changed unless we are open to faith in such a way that WE are changed. In the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, we should “open wide the door of our hearts for Christ.” The clock is ticking for us all and we need God’s blessings and healing love. Easter is about forgiveness, compassion, and understanding. Easter is about renewal. Easter is about us. It is about us and our relationship with Jesus. As a result of our presence and belief in Christ we are changed and made anew by His grace. By being transformed by the Eucharist, we can grow to build our faith and trust in the Lord.

Let us put our trust in God. I welcome all this Easter, in faith, to our parish. The message this Easter is this: What matters is the direction of our faith in Jesus right now, where we are headed or where we stand, in Jesus’ name. **WE ARE HERE AND WE GIVE THANKS IN HIS NAME!** We can’t change yesterday, but we can do something good today. We can live differently from this day forward in Christ. “This is the day the Lord has made! Let us be glad and rejoice!”



Let us ask for a fresh start in the Lord.

God bless,
Father Peter

Masses for the Week—April 1—7

MONDAY, April 1 *Monday within the Octave of Easter*
 8:15 AM + **Patricia Vito**
 by Frank & Lorrie DiBisceglie

TUESDAY, April 2 *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*
 8:15 AM + **Rose Oliveri**
 by Carol & John Argento

WED, April 3 *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*
 8:15 AM + **Michael Iacubucci**
 by Eileen Zegarelli

THURS, April 4 *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*
FIRST FRI, April 5 *Friday within the Octave of Easter*
 8:15 AM + **Osei Acheampong**
 by Bob & Elaine Mayer
 10:00 AM **Benediction**

FIRST SAT, April 6 *Sat within the Octave of Easter*
 8:15 AM + **Fr Peter's Intentions**
 4:00 PM + **Joseph Tominez**
 by Nonni

SUNDAY, April 7 **Divine Mercy Sunday**
 8:00 AM + **The People of St John's, Living & Deceased**
 10:00 AM + **James and Helen Mikel**
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

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

Monday, April 1
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Tuesday, April 2
 6:00 AM—9:00 PM Presidential Primary Voting

First Friday, April 5
 8:15 AM First Friday Mass followed by Adoration
 until 10:00 AM in Church
 10:00 AM Benediction in Church

First Saturday, April 6
 8:15 AM First Saturday Mass followed by Rosary,
 Meditation, and Devotional Prayers in Church
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

Sunday, April 7
 1:30—2:45 PM Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion
 at our Mother of Sorrows Church



Return and Worship with Us Every Week!

If you knew Jesus would be somewhere, wouldn't you go see him? Mass is the central, necessary activity of Christian worship.*

*"This is my body given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me."*
 LUKE 22:19

What's in it for you? Everything! God desires only and always your good. If you don't think you need to go to church to get close to God, think again. At Mass, you receive God himself—Jesus truly present in the sacrament. Why should you deny yourself such a gift?!

**What is worship? To render your acknowledgement, deep respect, and thanks to God.*

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
Martin Truong	Jeffrey Tunnicliff	Michael Twardzik	Gary Tyman	Deceased Priests	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



On behalf of our beloved St. John the Evangelist Parish, we wish all of our parishioners a Joyous and Happy Easter. We pray that the spirit of the Risen Christ may always be in your heart and that He may walk with you always.

Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Deacon Elmer Smith, Tod Simone, Dawn Chmiel, Consuelo De Los Santos, Cristyn Simone, Marcia Parsons, Joe Spurrier, Christopher Frontale, and Jenny Ertel

Special Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement Collection

NEXT Weekend, April 6/7

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!



Sunday of Divine Mercy

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Next Sunday, April 7

We invite you to celebrate the gift of this great day—one like no other; you will not want to pass this Devotion by!

Jesus Himself spoke to St. Faustina Kowalska, teaching her about His great mercy towards sinners. He asked that on the Sunday following Easter a feast be solemnly celebrated. On this day, Our Lord promised that the divine floodgates through which mercy flows, would be wide open and the soul that will have gone to Confession and received Holy

Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. This is known as a Plenary Indulgence.

Divine Mercy Sunday was fixed on the Church calendar in April 2000 and has been officially recognized by the Vatican. This devotion was close to the heart of St. John Paul II and has rapidly spread throughout the world. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has urged us to keep in mind that we are now living in a time of mercy.

Here at St. John's we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the 10:00 AM Mass NEXT Sunday, April 7—all are invited and your participation is encouraged. Since the Chaplet is prayed using Rosary beads, please bring your Rosary or there will be some available. We will have a guideline on How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who may not be familiar with it—it takes less than 10 minutes to pray The Chaplet.



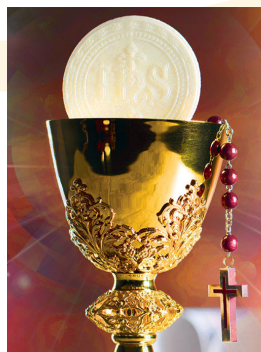
To further the Devotion of Divine Mercy next Sunday, April 7, we will gather together at Our Mother of Sorrows Church at 1:30 PM until 2:45 PM. Throughout this time we have the opportunity to partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we are blessed to have 4 priests who will hear confessions.

Also during our time together, Fr. Justin Miller will provide an Explanation of the Devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, there will be quiet time in prayer with Jesus in the Eucharist, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed during Adoration, there will

be opportunity to Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy and we will close with Benediction.

It is our hope and prayer that you will not pass this by—His graces and mercies are endless

Jesus, I Trust in You!



The following prayer was prayed by those of us who attended our recent parish Lenten Retreat sessions. I share this prayer as it is my hope that each one of us will make time for quiet daily prayer so we can reflect deeply on the words of this prayer so as to grow deeper in our belief and reverence of our Greatest Gift.

God bless, Fr. Peter

Prayer for Faith in the Real Presence

We come to Thee, dear Lord, like the Apostles, saying:
"Increase our faith."

Give us a vivid FAITH,
that Thou art really present in the Blessed Sacrament,
a strong and active faith that we may live by it.

Give us the FAITH of Thy beloved disciple, John,
to recognize Thee and say:
"It is the Lord." "My God and my All!"

Give us the FAITH of Peter
to fall on our knees and confess:
"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Give us the FAITH of Mary Magdalen
to fall at Thy Feet, crying,
"Rabboni, Master!"

Give us the FAITH of the father of the sick boy,
that FAITH which Thou did reward
with a miracle when he cried out in tears,
"I do believe, Lord! help my unbelief."

Give us the FAITH of all Thy Saints
to whom the Blessed Sacrament
was Heaven begun on earth.

In every Communion and at every visit,
increase our FAITH, our LOVE, our HUMILITY,
our REVERENCE, and all good things will come to us.

Dearest Lord, INCREASE OUR FAITH.



A Friendly Reminder

As I have expressed before, and I reiterate, I am so very grateful to each of you who made it possible,

through your sacrificial giving, for St. John's to attain our 2023-24 CMA parish goal. While we have attained our goal on paper, it will be officially complete once all balances are paid in full. I, therefore, provide this friendly reminder to those with outstanding balances to please be sure to keep your payments current so that your pledge is paid before May 31, 2024. The current report reflects slightly more than \$2,400.00 outstanding.

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter

Our Easter Flowers are Courtesy of the Following Donors

Donor	In Memory of	Donor	In Memory of
Elaine Angie	Robert & Joan Meiller	Jean & Tom	Deceased Members of Raisbeck, Barbato & Colangelo Families
Barry & Marie Balch	Leonard & Barbara Angie	Mom, Dad & Family	Jeff Lader
Mr./Mrs. Richard Bridgeman	Balch Family	Ray & Marcia Parsons	In Honor of Fr. Peter's 40th Anniv. of Priestly Ordination
Elizabeth Buda	Linda Shute		In Thanksgiving for All Those Praying for Us
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Michael & Ann Catalfano	Nick Buda		Deacon Bob
	Donal & Elizabeth Wiley		Ange Zegarelli
	Ken Hamilton		Deceased Members of Passero, Ventura & Galligan Families
Bill & Sue D'Ambrosio	Mary Ann & Frank Catalfano		Deceased Members of the Kenyon & Post Families
Daughters	John P. Meade		Clarence, Adrienne, Edward Kenneth & Patricia Preston
Ann Dellefave	Tom D'Ambrosio		Blanche & Arthur Blasius
James & Rita DeLucia	Albert & Helen DeConinck		Elizabeth & Ronald Dugal
	Nick Dellefave		Mr./Mrs. Vincent L. Tofany
	Deceased Members of Vorrasi & DeLucia Families		Molly & Leonard Trotta
Rose DiBella	Deceased Members of DiBella & Marisi Families		Giuseppa & Salvatore Verdino
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Louise Dominik	Martha DiPaola		Eleanor Zanni
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Dornan & Lombardini Families	Anthony Battisto, Joe, Angie & Annette Arbia		Alfreda & Leon Weise
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	Douglas Heh		
Susan Hartwig	Joseph & Lorraine Howard		
Maryann Heh	Pete Hunt		
Debbie, Steve & Wayne Howard			
Rita Hunt			



Thank you to all who made donations. Your gifts in memory of your loved ones enabled us to decorate our beloved St. John's in beautiful spring flowers. *Additional names will appear in next weekend's bulletin.*



"The Lord is kind and merciful" Psalm 103

REV. PETER ENYAN-BOADU

40th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM
 St John the Evangelist Church
 2400 W Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14626

A brunch will be held following Mass from Noon to 4:00 PM at Chef's Event Center and Party House 1875 N Union St, Spencerport, NY 14559

If you wish to celebrate this special occasion with Fr Peter by attending the brunch, please RSVP using the form at right.

REV. PETER ENYAN-BOADU 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Reservations \$50 per person
Paid Reservations due by May 22, 2024

Name(s) _____

Phone Number (to confirm receipt of your reservation) _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

*Please mail this card back with your check made payable to: **PEB 40th***

Mail to: **PEB 40**
PO Box 64633
Rochester, NY 14624-7033

Questions? Call Christine Paoletti at 585-478-2623.



Dante Sciarratta *Father of Joanne Bouvier*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Douglas Heh
- ✚ Tabernacle II Douglas Heh
- ✚ Marian I Douglas Heh
- ✚ Marian II Rose Marie Skrypek

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February March 16/17	ATTENDANCE.....	435
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,530.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,900.14
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,132.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,032.14
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	497.86)

Fiscal Year 2023-24 as March 17, 2024

YEARLY BUDGET.....	\$	486,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	362,140.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	358,602.83
SHORTAGE TO-DATE.....	(\$	3,537.17)

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

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to early bulletin deadlines for Holy Week and Easter, our March 23/24 Mass attendance and contributions along with Easter will be noted in the April 7 bulletin.

Thank you!

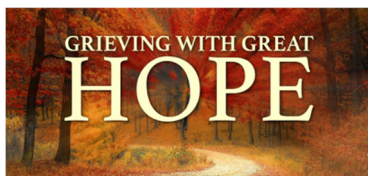
Online Giving

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.



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 THIS 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/April 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 31, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato
April 14, 2024	Ron LaForce
April 28, 2024	Steve and Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

March 31, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
April 7, 2024	Tom Grieco
April 14, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham
April 21, 2024	Tom Grieco
April 28, 2024	Bob and Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 31, 2024	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
April 7, 2024	Carolyn Kerhaert
April 14, 2024	Chris Hoefler
April 21, 2024	Terry & Pam Hearne
April 28, 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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