

St. John the Evangelist Greece

April 2, 2023

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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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 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

Thursday

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

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12/
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Gn 1:1—2:2
Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
Rom 6:3-11/
Mt 28:1-10

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

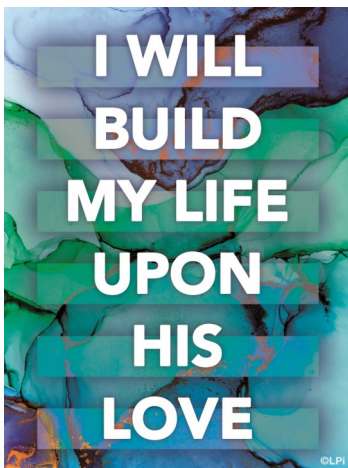
Welcome!

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 if you will please 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.

Passion Sunday/ Palm Sunday and Us

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most significant week of the year for us Catholic faithful. Everything that Jesus said and did while on earth was leading up to this week, to the moment of the cross, the climax of God's great plan for humanity. So what better way to spend this week than to walk with Jesus through his Passion and Death?

Let us try to imagine ourselves in Jerusalem some two thousand years ago. Let us watch and celebrate as Jesus enters Jerusalem under showers of praise. Let us watch as he is anointed at Bethany and shares a final meal with his disciples. Now imagine as the Son of Man, our Savior is **betrayed...seized...and brought to trial**. See Jesus as being **falsely accused...then beaten...crowned with thorns...** and led up the hill to be **crucified**. In our imagination, let us keep watch as the veil of the Temple **tears...the rocks split...the graves open...and the dead rise**. Wow! Let us slowly take it all in and let it change our hearts, for that is the reason why we came here to Church today, and if we couldn't be here because of something, we should remember that this is why we call ourselves Christians. No one, however weak or imperfect, is denied a share in the victory of the Cross. Come home to your faith, come home to your church. *"Everyone who acknowledges me*



before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven." MT 10:21.

During this HOLY WEEK, let us take the time to solidify our faith in what Jesus has done for us. Jesus has overcome **Satan, the devil, sin, and even death itself**. All we need to do is offer our life to Jesus in deep gratitude for his gift of the Cross. Jesus' hearers may not turn away from the life he offers us if only we will come to him with a humble and open heart. However, for some of us, our minds are

already made up and so we end up missing out on the Good News of his resurrection. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us on Good Friday. Just remember that Jesus loves us. Let this truth penetrate our heart so that praise and thanksgiving will well up from inside us; then be able to ask individually, *"What can I do as I live my life day to day in faith?"* We can resolve to be people of light taking our faith and trust in God into our homes, work-places, and to all we meet. We can step out in faith and say in God's justice, we are the prisoners set free, we are the blind whose eyes are opened, we are the poor hearing the Good News; all due to the fact that Jesus has freed us from the bonds of sin. May the prayer of praise of God well up in our hearts and strengthen us as we gaze upon the Suffering Messiah on the cross.

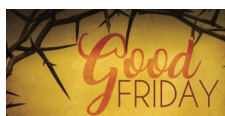


Peace and love to all this Holy Week, Father Peter



Gratitude to All

Our CMA Goal has been met.
May our good and gracious
God bless you all.



Parish Office CLOSED
THIS Friday, April 7



Decorate our Church for Easter

We will decorate our beloved
**St. John's Church for Easter on
Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 AM**. If you
are interested in joining this fun activity,
please contact Marianne Katz by phone
at 585-303-8860 or email at mkatz0824@gmail.com.
No experience needed and all are welcome.

Masses for the Week—April 3—9

MONDAY, April 3 *Monday of Holy Week*

8:15 AM + **Donald W. Nealon**
by Bernadette Laniak

TUESDAY, April 4 *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:15 AM + **Daniel Englert**
by Paul & Jan Weitz

WEDNESDAY, April 5 *Wednesday of Holy Week*

8:15 AM + **Roger and Matilda Paoletti**
by The Paoletti Family

THURSDAY, April 6 *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

7:00 PM + **Living and Deceased Priests**
of the Diocese of Rochester

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 *Passion of the Lord*

3:00 PM Passion Service

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
+ *For the People*

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

8:00 AM + **Deceased Members of the Braya Family**
by Family

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

Monday, April 3

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Tuesday, April 4

6:00 PM Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM Stations of the Cross and Rosary in Church
Priests' Day of Recollection

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 10:00 PM ending with Night Prayers

Good Friday, April 7

Parish Office CLOSED

3:00 PM Passion Service

Holy Saturday, April 8

9:00 AM Church Decorating in Church

2:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in Church

7:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 9

8:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



Priests' Day of Recollection

On Wednesday this week, April 5, Bishop Matano will gather the priests of our diocese for a Holy Week Day of Recollection. Let us remember Bishop Matano and all our priests, especially Fr. Peter, in our prayers as we all enter into this most holy of weeks.

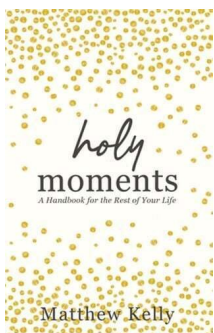
Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5	April 6	Apr 7	Apr 8
Pope Francis	Michael Brown	Timothy Brown	Roman Caly	All Deacons	Vocations & Seminarians	Deceased Priests

Searching for a Little More Joy?

This Easter, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, St. John's will distribute the book, *Holy Moments*, by Matthew Kelly. According to Dynamic Catholic, "*Holy Moments* will flood your life with meaning and divine purpose. They will also make you insanely happy. Moment by moment, they will turn the nagging dissatisfaction

in your soul into enduring and over-flowing joy. In a world full of distractions where we are encouraged to fill our lives with meaningless things and trivial activities, *Holy Moments* have the power to unleash the greatness of the human spirit." It's probably safe to say we could all use a little more joy so look for *Holy Moments* this Easter!



Mary, Mother of Jesus,
throw your mantle of purity over our priests.
Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart.
Be a Mother to them,
especially in times of discouragement and loneliness.
Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus.

Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons,
so keep their hearts pure and virginal.

Keep their minds filled with Jesus,
and put Jesus always on their lips, so that
he is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother,
loving them and bringing them joy.

Take special care of sick and dying priests,
and the ones most tempted.

Remember how they spent their youth and old age,
their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus.

Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility,
so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ.

Dear Mary, make them humble like you,
and holy like Jesus. Amen.

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**At the Procession with Palms - Gospel** Lk 19:28-40

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'" So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

First Reading Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24.**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;

they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:

"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,

let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,

a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;

They have pierced my hands and my feet;

I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,

and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far from me;

O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

"You who fear the LORD, praise him;

all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;

revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**Second Reading** Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Verse Before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of Endless Glory**

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**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of Endless Glory****Gospel** Lk 22:14-23:56

Please find today's Gospel for Palm Sunday on page 141 of the Celebrating the Eucharist Missalette.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, April 4 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, April 6 at 7:00 PM is *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. This year we will have *Washing of the Feet*. Following Mass there will be *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Compline (Night Prayer) at 10:00 PM*. and then the church closes. You are encouraged to spend some time before the Lord here at St. John's and/or one of our neighboring parishes.

Good Friday, April 7 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, April 8 at 2:00 PM in Church, Father Peter will *bless your Easter meal food items*.
At 7:00 PM Fr. Peter will celebrate the *Easter Vigil*.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 9, Father Peter will celebrate Mass at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM.

Blessing of Your Easter Food Baskets THIS Saturday, April 8 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!

God is entrusting to you the task ... of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.
—St. John Paul II

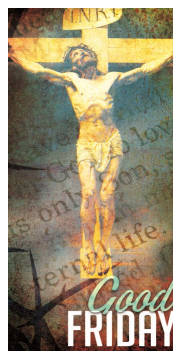
Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Number and Ages of Diocesan Priests

Currently the Diocese of Rochester has 86 parishes within 12 counties stretching from Lake Ontario south to the PA border and from Brockport to Auburn. These parishes are served by diocesan priests as well as a small number of religious order priests and priests from other dioceses. As of September 2022, only 34 of 133 diocesan priests were under the age of 60, while 52 were over the age of 75. The retirement age for priests has been gradually increasing to 75. We have 4 projected ordinations in the next 5 years. Three parishes are led by pastoral administrators: one deacon (St. Mark, Greece), one woman religious (St. Marianne Cope, Henrietta/Rush) and one layperson (St. Luke, Geneseo/Mt. Morris/Nunda/Retsof). Three parishes have assigned priests from religious orders: the pastor of Mary Mother of Mercy (Interlaken/Ovid/Trumansburg) and parochial vicars at Holy Family, Gates and St. Joseph, Penfield. More detailed information and the definition of terms are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from your parish office.

Good Friday Prayer Service and Stations of the Cross in Reparation for Abortion

Let us pray together to bring an end to abortion! This Good Friday, April 7, we invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross in reparation for abortion. We will begin with a prayer service in the chapel at McQuaid Jesuit High School, 1800 S. Clinton Avenue, Rochester, beginning at 9:00 AM and lasting approximately 1/2 hour. We will then pray the Stations of the Cross and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, led by several priests, deacons and religious sisters, outside of a nearby abortion facility. We urge you and your family and friends to be a part of this prayer on Good Friday.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Paoletti (585) 489-9555.



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, April 7, 2022 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!



Frank Magliocco, Jr. Brother of Paul Magliocco
Herbert Mattle Father of Andrew Mattle
Christina Novick Step-daughter of Carol Novick
Mary Ann Keefer Past Parishioner



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Bishop Emeritus Clark & deceased Priests of the Diocese of Rochester**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II Persecuted Christians**
- ✚ **Marian I Bishop Matano & living Priests of the Diocese of Rochester**
- ✚ **Marian II Fallen Away Catholics**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Due to an early bulletin deadline, the Mass attendance and contributions for March 25/26 will be posted in our April 8/9 bulletin.

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

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.

Upcoming Collections

Please use your church envelopes or please make your donation on-line for those who donate electronically. Thank you!

Friday, April 7 Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Sunday, April 9 Regular Sunday Collection

Sunday, April 9 Easter Offering



Easter Plants

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

All you need to do is complete the order form at right, write Easter Flowers in the memo on your check made payable to St. John's, and send your donation to: St. John's Church, 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 **OR** drop it off at the Parish Office at the Rectory.



What is the Pontifical Good Friday Collection?

It supports the people of the Holy Land and the pilgrims that visit.

At the request of the Holy Father, the Franciscans of the Holy Land promote the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the United States and other parts of the world. Funds are distributed at the direction of the Vatican's Congregation for the Oriental Churches. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to the educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the United States and a number of other countries support the ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. The Franciscans have served in the Holy Land for 800 years.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides, Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Places.

Serving those in need in the Holy Land

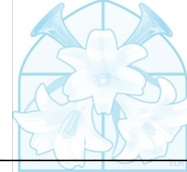
Help us continue to serve!

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)

*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.



From the River Jordan to the little font at your church, Holy Water has long been a powerful symbol of Grace and Blessing

Due to the pandemic, it has been a while since our holy water fonts by the church entrances have been filled, but this sacramental will soon be accessible once again. Next weekend, after the Easter Vigil, you will be able to bless yourself, once again, upon entering and exiting the church through the center doors or at either of the two far end doors. Water in the large main font inside church will contain blessed holy water that is available to those who have a holy water bottle to fill when you come to church.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March/April 2023

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

April 2, 2023	Tom Grieco
April 9, 2023	Bob & Barb Gotham
April 16, 2023	Tom Grieco
April 23, 2023	Bob & Barb Gotham

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 2, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
April 16, 2023	Ron LaForce
April 30, 2023	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 2, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
April 9, 2023	Carolyn Kerhaert
April 16, 2023	Chris Hoefler
April 23, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
April 30, 2023	Dan & Melissa Kabasin

