

# St. John the Evangelist Greece

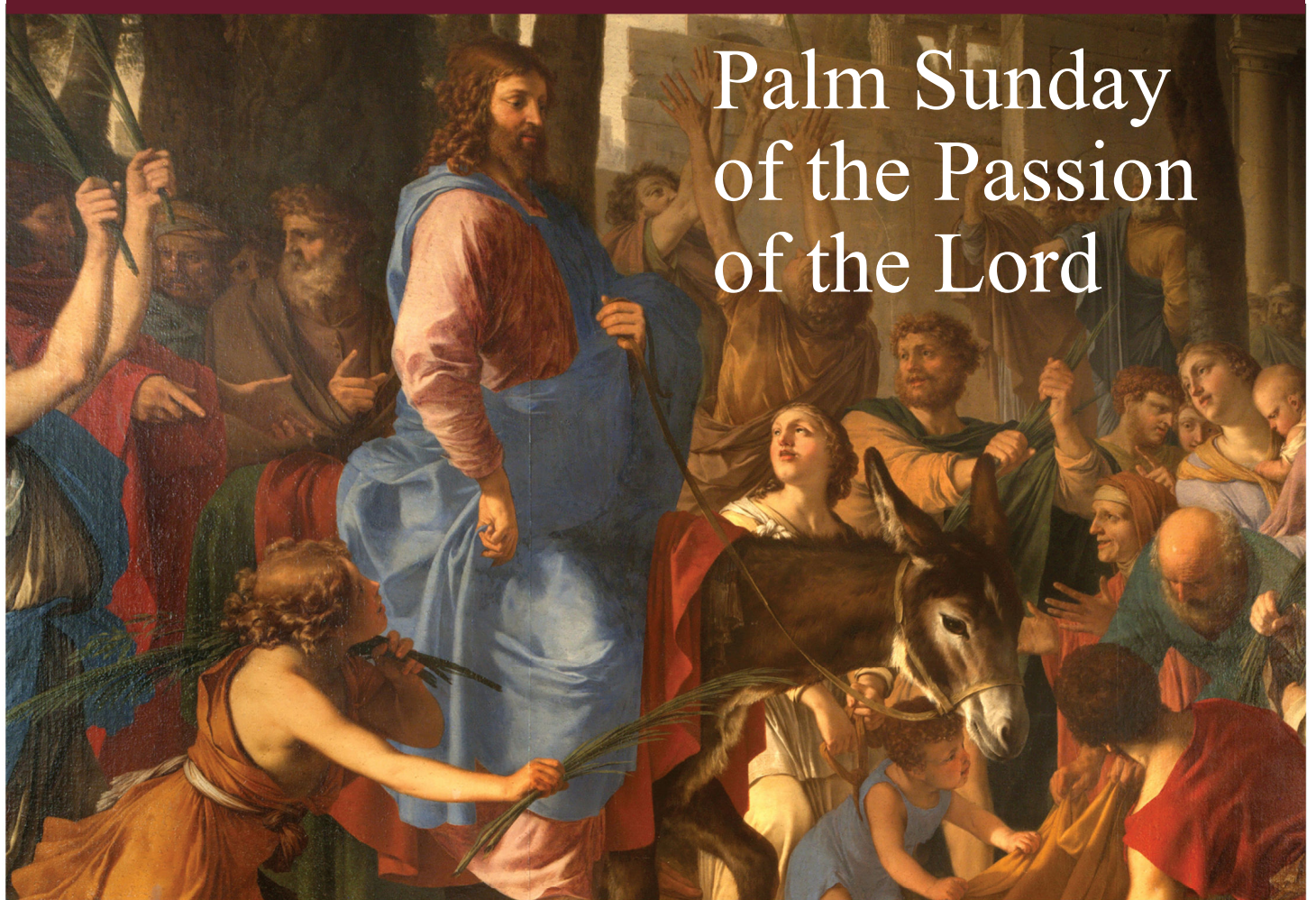
April 13, 2025

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 the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”

Luke 19:38

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

## SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

#### Monday

Is 42:1-7/  
Ps 27:1, 2-3, 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

#### Holy Thursday

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

#### Good 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

#### Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1, 26-31  
Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/  
Gn 22:1-18  
Lk 24:1-12

## 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 (Part II)

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?

 **PRAY**  
for the renewal of the Church

 **FAST**  
for the conversion of sinners

 **GIVE**  
through our Lenten Mite Box

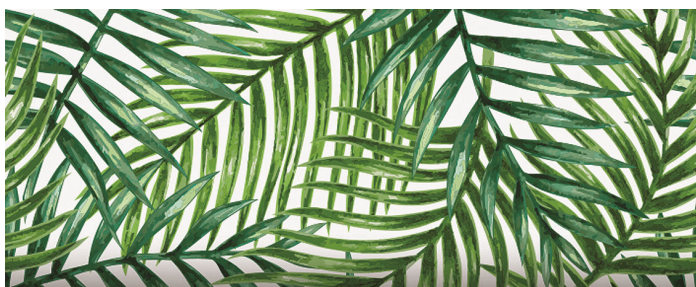
Do I respect the Eucharist?

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



**Masses for the Week—April 14—20**

**MONDAY, April 14** *Monday of Holy Week*  
 8:15 AM *Special Intention for Ray Parsons*  
 by Marcia

**TUESDAY, April 15** *Tuesday of Holy Week*  
 8:15 AM + *Nick Lipa*  
 by Sara Rossignolo

**WEDNESDAY, April 16** *Wednesday of Holy Week*  
 8:15 AM + *Josephine Embury*  
 by Jessica & Carrie Wunsch

**THURSDAY, April 17 Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 PM *Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
 Priests of the Diocese of Rochester

**FRIDAY, April 18 Good Friday**  
 3:00 PM *Passion Service*

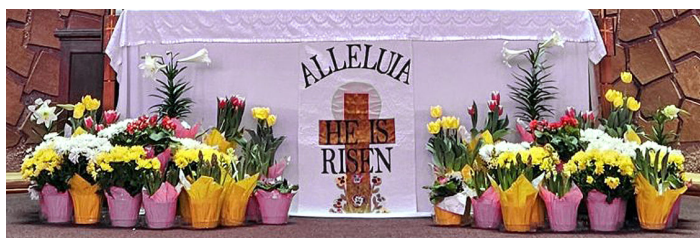
**SATURDAY, April 19 Easter Vigil**  
 7:00 PM *Easter Vigil*  
 All Those Baptized into the Church this Easter

**SUNDAY, April 20**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 8:00 AM + *Living Members of St John's*  
 10:00 AM + *Mr. & Mrs. Vincent L. Tofany*  
 by Pam Tofany-Kern

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

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

April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19
Basilian Fathers	Michael Upson	Peter Van Lieshout	Louis Vasile	All Deacons	Deceased Priests	Walter Wainwright



**Easter Decorating**

We will be decorating our beloved St John's for Easter on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 AM.

We will be meeting in the Parish Center to start arranging the flowers.

**If you are interested in helping with this, please contact me at 880-2426.**

Thank you

Patty Hoag, *Arts and Environment Committee*

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, April 13**  
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

**Monday, April 14**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

**Tuesday, April 15**  
 6:00 PM Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Wednesday, April 16**  
 Stations of the Cross following 8:15 AM Mass

**Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper in Church

**Friday, April 18 Good Friday**  
 Parish Office CLOSED  
 3:00 PM Passion Service in Church

**Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday**  
 10:00 AM Church Decorating for Easter  
 2:00 PM Blessing of Food Baskets in Church  
 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass in Church

**Sunday, April 20 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



**Stations of the Cross THIS Wednesday, April 16 following the 8:15 AM Mass**



**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.

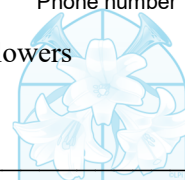
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Print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to donate toward Easter Flowers in memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if living (L) or deceased (D) \_\_\_\_\_





## Jubilee Year 2025 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Over the Jubilee Year we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a questions for you to consider over the week.

Today starts with a pilgrimage into Jerusalem. We see the disciples preparing for Jesus' entry, and then the crowd's reaction to his procession into the city. Pilgrimage is all about preparation and journey.

**Ponder Point:** When have you made preparations for a journey, maybe as simple as finding a jacket, that paid off and made the journey easier?



### 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

“Remember  
His Sacrifice”  
1 Peter 3:18



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

**Tuesday, April 15 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 they recommit themselves to priestly service among the people of God.

**Holy Thursday, April 17 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, April 18 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 19 at 7:00 PM** Fr. Peter will celebrate the *Easter Vigil Mass*.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 20,** Father Peter will celebrate Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.



### 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.



**Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word**

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, April 17**

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word (Lectors) are asked to attend the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 PM at which time Fr. Peter will commission and bless those serving in these two ministries.



**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 18, 2025 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!*

**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 Good Friday, April 18, 2025.



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



**Swieconka  
The Polish  
Easter Basket  
Blessing of Easter Food**

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025  
2:00 PM in Church**

For those with Polish “roots” the word Swieconka may be very familiar but to those with little to no exposure to Polish tradition you may see this funny looking word and wonder what it’s all about. Read on . . . .

Swieconka means “the blessing of the Easter baskets”. It is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday during Easter. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood, the typical Easter evergreen. Polish folks take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. Observing the creativity of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

The three-part blessing prayers specifically address the various contents of the baskets, with special prayers for the meats, eggs, cakes and breads. The priest or deacon then sprinkles the individual baskets with holy water.

The foods in the baskets have a symbolic meaning:

**Maslo (butter)** – shaped into a lamb or a cross. Butter reminds us of the goodness of Christ.

**Babka (bread)** – a round loaf topped with a cross is symbolic of Jesus “Our True Bread of Life.”

**Chrzan (horseradish)** – Symbolic of the Passion of Christ.

**Jajka (eggs)** – Indicates new life and Christ’s Resurrection

**Kielbasa (sausage)** – Indicates God’s favor.

**Szynka (ham)** symbolic of great joy.

**Sol (salt)** – Jesus said “You are the salt of the earth.”

**Candle** – represents Christ, the Light of the world.

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





*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ Tabernacle I Ministry Volunteers of St. John's
- ✚ Tabernacle II Bishop Matano, Priests, and Deacons of DOR
- ✚ Marian I Jeff Lader
- ✚ Marian II The Jweid Family

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



Due to early bulletin deadlines for Holy Week and Easter, our April 5/6 Collection and Mass attendance will be noted in Next Weekend's bulletin.

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



**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.

**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.

A Tenebrae Service & Passion Story  
Presented by the Contemporary Music Ensemble of Holy Cross Church

# The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Good Friday, April 18  
Holy Cross Church  
4492 Lake Ave | Rochester NY 14612  
7:00 pm \*Doors open at 6:45 pm

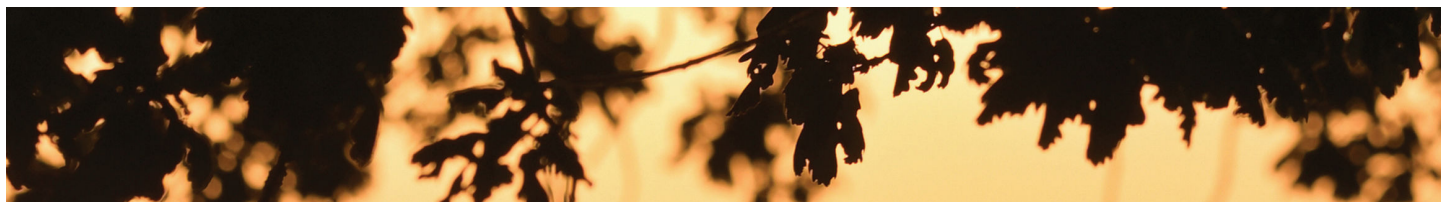
Gather friends and family to experience an unforgettable evening of prayer and remembrance...  
—a fitting end to your Lenten journey.

We recommend this service for children 10 years and over that are comfortable being in a darkened church environment.



**Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the Civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coor:**

**Deborah A. Housel, 585-328-7177, x1555; Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, x1555 or by e-mail to [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)**



**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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