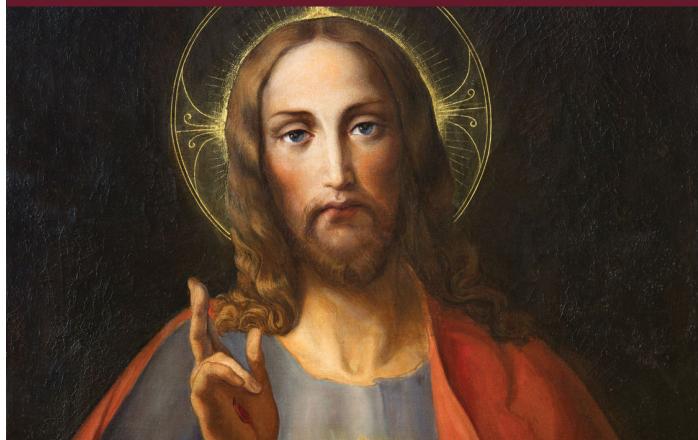


# St. John the Evangelist Greece

February 23, 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.*



"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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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

Sir 1:1-10/  
Ps 93:1abcd-2, 5/  
Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11/  
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/  
Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19/  
Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175/  
Mk 9:38-40

### Thursday

Sir 5:1-8/  
Ps 1:1-4, 6/  
Mk 9:41-50

### Friday

Sir 6:5-17/  
Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/  
Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday

Sir 17:1-15/  
Ps 103:13-18/  
Mk 10:13-16

### Sunday

Sir 27:4-7/  
Ps 92:2-3, 13-16/  
1 Cor 15:54-58/  
Lk 6:39-45

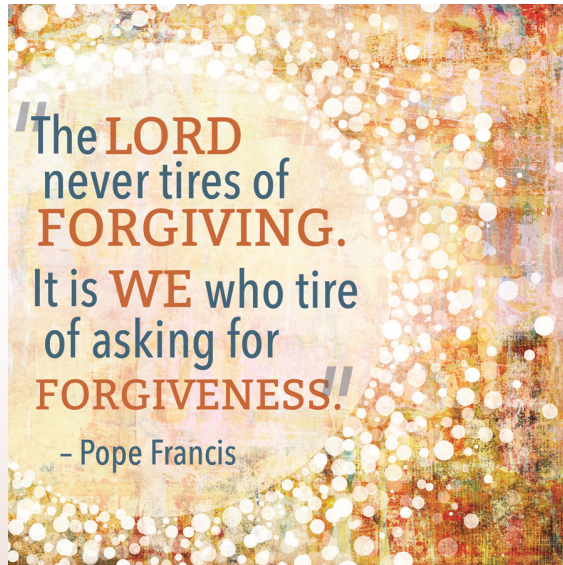
# Welcome!

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.

## Moment of Mercy

After the opening greeting at Mass, we have a Penitential Rite so that we as a people would recognize God's mercy in the face of our sinfulness. Our prayers show God and ourselves that we are in the process of converting and that we are in need of reconciliation with God and others.

When the priest who is leading the Mass says, "Let us call to mind our sins and ask for God's mercy," it is time for us to personally ask God to forgive anything we have done wrong or something we failed to do. We then speak words together which either show that we as a people have sinned (*I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers*



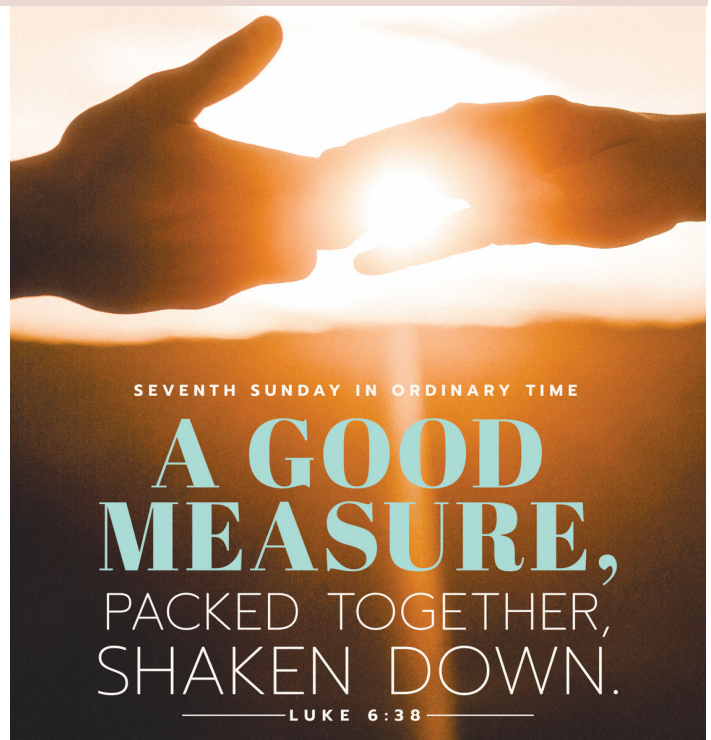
and sisters...etc.) or words that proclaim God's mercy (*Lord have mercy.*) Like the sign of peace, this moment of mercy makes us think of Jesus' words, "If you bring your gifts to the altar and you recall that you are angry at your brother or sister, first go and make peace with him or her, then come and offer your gifts." This moment of mercy at the start of Mass is a strong interior moment that leads to peace with God and peace with one another. So please,



kindly avail yourself to the flow of the Spirit within you.

*Peace and love to all.*

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



**Masses for the Week—Feb 24—March 2**

**MONDAY, February 24** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Matthew Borrelli*  
 by Mary Ann & Richard Carson  
 2:30 PM *Mass at Village at Unity*

**TUESDAY, February 25** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM *Intentions for James & Michael (living)*  
 by Mom & Dad

**WEDNESDAY, February 26** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM *Birthday of Daniel Zegarelli (living)*  
 by Mom

**THURSDAY, February 27** *St Gregory of Narek*

**FRIDAY, February 28** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM + *Rosemary Nassar*  
 by Peter Faris

**FIRST SATURDAY, March 1** *Weekday*  
 8:15 AM Fr Peter's Intention  
 4:00 PM + *Deceased Members of St John's*

**SUNDAY, March 2** *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM + *Eloise "Ellie" Shonk*  
 by Terry & Pam Hearne  
 10:00 AM + *John Brohman*  
 by Family

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

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, February 23**  
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room  
 11:00 AM Confirmation Class in Parish Center

**Monday, February 24**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
 7:00 PM KofC Holy Hour in Church

**Tuesday, February 25**  
 6:00 PM Mon Cty W Diaconal Meeting in PC

**Wednesday, February 26**  
 10:30 AM *Journey through Grief* Bereavement Group  
 in Parish Center

**Thursday, February 27**  
 4:30 PM Cursillo Men's Group Mtg in Meeting Room

**Saturday, March 1**  
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center

**Sunday, March 2**  
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

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

Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1
Inactive & Sabatical	Michael Merritt	William Michatek	Justin Miller	William Moorby	All Missionaries	Bishop Salvatore Matano



**Jubilee Year 2025**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Over the Jubilee Year we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider over the week—similar*

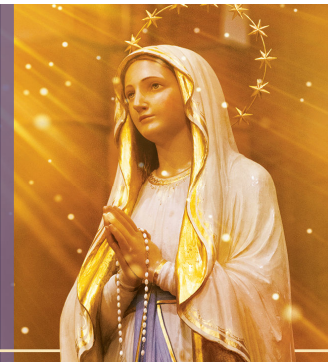
*to how Deacon Elmer ends his homilies—"What do I think we need to take home with us this week?"*

Loving your enemies is a tough lesson from Jesus. In today's world we want justice – or we think we do. True justice is putting right a relationship that has been hurt. It does not mean revenge, retribution, or forgetting; it means seeing Jesus' lesson in the situation and loving someone even when we can't like them. It a very jubilee stance.

**Ponder Point:** When have you wanted revenge? When have you wanted justice?

"O My Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage."

— SAINT BERNADETTE —



**Holy Hour to Honor Mary, Our Mother**

**THIS Monday February 24, 7 - 8 PM.**

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Cenacle Council #3892 will be sponsoring Holy Hour to honor Mary, Our Mother at St. John the Evangelist Church. The contents of the Holy Hour will be as follows, Exposition, Adoration, Reflection, Holy Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph and the Divine Praises. All are welcome to participate in this Holy Hour of Adoration and prayer along with Fr. Peter and Deacon Lon.





## Jubilee Year 2025

### Jubilee of Deacons

#### Celebrating Deacons Elmer and Lon!

In the Catholic Church, the diaconate is one of three degrees in ordained ministry – bishops, priests, and deacons. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Latin-rite Church has restored the diaconate “as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy”. Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons, while those not planning to be ordained priests are permanent deacons. Permanent diaconate can be conferred on a single or married man. If he is married, he must be so before receiving the diaconate.

Deacons embrace the Ministry of Word, Ministry of Liturgy, and works of charity which, in their turn, are carried into daily life. Depending on the circumstances, one or another of these may receive particular emphasis in an individual deacon’s work but these three ministries are inseparably joined together as one in the service of God’s redemptive plan.

#### Spiritual Reflection

The deacon is obligated to give priority to the spiritual life and to live his *diakonia* with generosity. His model *par excellence* is Jesus Christ, the Servant who lived totally at the service of his Father for the good of every person. It is necessary that each deacon must know Christ intimately to live out his ministry to the fullest, whether he is celibate or married.

In his 2021 address to deacons, Pope Francis expressed a greater focus on cultivating humility and generosity in ministry. Speaking to them, the Holy Father says he expects humble deacons, letting all good be a secret between him and God; he expects deacons to be good spouses, fathers, and grandfathers, inspiring others with their witness of joy in everything without complaining; he expects deacons to be sentinels, to both know the face of the poor and also help the Christian faithful recognize Jesus in them.

The deacon exercises his ministry within the communion and mission of the diocesan Church and in direct relationship with his diocesan bishop, under whose authority he is assigned, as a collaborator in the service of God’s people. As collaborators in ministry, serving alongside priests, deacons participate in the apostolic ministry bestowed by Christ upon the Apostles and their successors. “The diaconate is not an abridged or substitute form of the priesthood; it is full order in its own right.”

In this Jubilee Year, do everything with humility, with joy without complaining, and in radical hospitality to the poor and marginalized. Allow the love of Jesus to flow from you, as you humbly serve others as missionary disciples. Listen with tender care and affection to the needs of others, especially the poor in your community. In this way, you will be messengers of hope to the world.

*If you or someone you know might be interested in more information about becoming a deacon, we encourage you to speak with Deacon Lon, Deacon Elmer, or Father Peter.*



## St. John the Evangelist 2025 Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

**Morning Session:** 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

**Evening Session:** 6:00–7:30 PM

with simple Soup Supper in Parish Center

*Please Sign up in the back of church by Ash Wednesday.*

This year, consider some of the ways the graces of the Year of Jubilee might be unleashed in your life. Set aside more time for prayer, scripture, time for quiet reflection, and small group dialogue.

**You can attend either the morning OR evening sessions over these five (5) Wednesdays during Lent.**

Explore your lives through the lens of Boundless Compassion. Here, participants will explore compassion as a tender yet powerful inner capacity that helps cultivate well-being and overcome divisions.

*Living the Jubilee  
Year in this way is sure  
to be pleasing to our  
Heavenly Father...*

Along the way, we will learn practical skills and grow in trust as you discern your unique path toward compassionate living. The retreat offers opportunities for quiet

reflection and small group dialogue. This retreat is meant to encourage you during your Lenten journey. Experience this opportunity to deepen and expand the capacity for compassion in your life and that of others.

Live your sacramental life more deeply. Release another from the burden of their debt to you, perhaps by offering them your forgiveness and mercy. Living the Jubilee Year in this way is sure to be pleasing to our Heavenly Father, who rains down “all good giving and every perfect gift . . . from above” Jas 1:17.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Peter and Deacon Lon



### Spring 2025 Rochester Campaign

Help save lives in Rochester due to the ongoing scourge of abortion! One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is 40 Days for Life. Since its inception, over 25,000 babies have been saved from abortion!

Take part in the Rochester Spring 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **March 5 thru April 13**. Through prayer and fasting embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue.

Visit [40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY](http://40daysforlife.com/RochesterNY) for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or [Roc40DFL@gmail.com](mailto:Roc40DFL@gmail.com).

## LENT 2025 *Reawaken Your Heart with Hope!*



### Mass & Distribution of Ashes at St. John's on Ash Wednesday, March 5

Mass & Distribution of Ashes at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6:00 PM

*The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.*

Ashes will be imposed in the traditional manner, making the Sign of the Cross with the thumb on the foreheads of the faithful, while praying each time: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return", or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

### Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays beginning March 12 following 8:15 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Reflection by Father Peter or a member of the Pastoral Staff

March 7 Parish Council      March 14 Liturgy  
March 21 Confirmation      March 28 Fatima  
April 4 Bible Study          April 11 Choir



**Weekday Masses:** 8:15 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

### Lenten Mite Box Giving

As is our tradition, our Lenten sacrifice will be distributed to the following Recipients as approved by the Diocese: **Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana** (via Propagation of the Faith); **Seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester**; **Mary's Place Refugee Outreach Center**.



### Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy—Wednesday, April 2 Fr Peter will hear confessions during the following time periods

10:00 AM—Noon, 3:00—5:00 PM

### First Friday – March 7 and April 4

Eucharistic Adoration following 8:15 AM Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:00 AM

### First Saturday – March 1 and April 5

8:15 AM Mass followed by the Rosary, 15 Minute Meditation and Devotional Prayers

### St Joseph Table – March 16

Altar decorated in church for all Masses March 15 & 16; Reception following 10:00 AM Mass March 16 in Parish Center

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### Fish Frys on Fridays – 3:30 –6:30 PM

Take-out and Dine-in. Parish Center. March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11.

**NOTE:** No fish fry on Good Friday

### Our Lenten Sacrifice

**Days of Abstinence:** On Ash Wednesday, all Fridays\* in Lent, and Good Friday—No meat can be taken by all who have reached their 14th birthday.

**Days of Fast:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—A limit of one full meatless meal for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday. *Sufficient food is allowed at other meal times to sustain strength. No eating between meals. These regulations ought to be observed by all Catholics unless there is a truly important reason, such as health, that prevents their observance. While no dispensation is needed in these cases, a substitute Act of Penance (fasting, prayer, or act of charity) should be done.*

**Weekdays of Lent:** No obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended

**Easter Duty Obligation:** Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent (February 18) through Trinity Sunday (May 26)

**Self-Denial:** This is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and deeds of mercy and kindness.



### The Easter Triduum



**Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 PM;** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM, Compline at 10 pm



**Good Friday Passion Service: April 18 at 3:00 PM**

**Holy Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 PM in Church**  
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in the Polish Tradition



**Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 PM**  
**Easter Sunday Masses: Sunday, April 20**  
at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM



**Marie Measer**  
*Wife of Roger Measer*



*This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for*

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Lawrence Rossignolo**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II Lawrence Rossignolo**
- ✚ **Marian I Lawrence Rossignolo**
- ✚ **Marian II Lawrence Rossignolo**

**BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL**



Due to the President's Day holiday, our February 15/16 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.*

**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.

**Prayer When Facing the Unknown**  
Dear Jesus,  
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me.  
When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength.  
Help me to leave everything and follow you.  
Amen. ©LPI



**Mercy Spirituality Center**

**Lenten Mass and Soup Supper**



Join us for prayer and fellowship.  
**Date:** Monday, March 10  
**Time:** Mass is at 5:30 PM (Fr. Ray Fleming presiding) Soup to follow.  
**Location:** Mercy Spirituality Center  
**Fee:** Free will donation



**Little Black Books**

*The Little Black Book* is back this year as your companion for Lent. The idea is to find quiet time every day during Lent and walk through this *Little*

*Book* a page at a time. Using this book, our preparation for Lent will begin NEXT Sunday, March 2 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday), allowing us three days to prepare ourselves for Lent. We need to use these three days to ask for God's help in making some course corrections in our lives. We're confident this resource will afford you a faith-filled Lenten journey.

*The Little Black Book* will be available NEXT weekend, **March 1/2**. Look for them in the Narthex by the center doors or at each of the two far end doors. We kindly ask that you take one book per family. Let the journey begin!



JOIN US FOR  
**DINNER THIS LENT!**

St. John the Evangelist Church and Knights of Columbus Council 3892 invite you to our Lenten Fish Fry.

***Eat In OR Take Out!***

**When:** Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday) beginning March 7, 3:30 to 6:30PM

**Where:** St. John's Parish Center, 2400 W. Ridge Rd.

**FISH FRY Menu**

- Battered Fried..... \$15.00**
- Skinless Baked..... \$15.00**
- Fried Shrimp(7 Large Butterfly).. \$15.00**
- 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*).

### 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 February/March 2025

#### HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 2, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
March 16, 2025	Ron LaForce
March 30, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

#### THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

February 23, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
March 2, 2025	Tom Grieco
March 5, 2025	Distribution of Ashes Tom Grieco & Bob/Barb Gotham
March 9, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
March 16, 2025	Tom Grieco
March 23, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham

#### ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 23, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 2, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert
March 5, 2025	Distribution of Ashes Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 9, 2025	Chris Hoefler
March 16, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 23, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert
March 30, 2025	Chris Hoefler