

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 16, 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.



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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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

Dn 9:4b-10/
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20/
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10/
Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/
Lk 13:1-9

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 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.

Reawaken Your Heart with Hope!

"Hear I am Lord... Your Servant is Listening!"

Let us go to the top of the mountain, too. Peter, James, and John are already there with Jesus. We will stand just a little bit off to the side and observe. We can't see all that is happening but we sense that Jesus is somehow different and transformed. And we hear a voice. Can it be the voice of God? **"This is my beloved Son—Listen to him."**

It is in listening to Jesus and following him that we will find our transformation, our glorification. Our transformation is not by any merit of ours (today's 2nd reading) but because of God's design. Our response is our faithful listening to God who has first called us.

Throughout its pages, the Sacred Scripture encourages us to bring our needs to the Lord. Jesus himself gave us 'Our Father,' telling us to ask for our daily bread. He also promised that if we ask for anything in his name he would do it John 14:13,14. He reminds us that if a parent knows how to give good gifts to their children, "how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11. Repeatedly, we see God drive this point home: **"Ask in Jesus' name. Ask with the right motives. Ask in faith. I will give it to you, even the impossible."**

As we faithfully petition God and await his answer this Lenten season, something else happens. We enter into a deeper relationship with him. We build our faith. We take up our cross and follow Jesus and lean on Jesus hoping



that we will have the strength to carry on.

We grow closer to him because we are opening the lines of communication for God's grace to come on us. We learn to trust and persevere because we may not see an immediate answer; yet we will discover how deeply God is

committed to us and how much God wants to shape our hearts to be like his. In prayer today, picture Jesus looking at us with love in his heart. Let us listen as he invites us to follow him wherever he goes. He may even point out a specific way to do that. We should remember: God is beside us and all things are possible for him. Keep faith in his everlasting love for God's love endures forever. P.S. "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." John 1:18.

Today Jesus reveals to us the hidden presence of God. God who is the most different one, the most distinct one, the most 'other' became the most hidden one, the one who is the same. We encounter this God every day if we open our hearts to his hidden presence through Christ. I would like to encourage you to make use of your BIBLES this Lent to explore and meditate on God's word. Each day's Scriptural readings for the Mass can be found on the front cover of our parish bulletin.



Take your Bible and allow the Word of God to enrich your life.

Reawaken Your Heart with Hope!

Father Peter

Masses for the Week—March 17—23

MONDAY, March 17 *St Patrick*
 8:15 AM + *Daniel & Amy Donoghue*
 by Granddaughter

TUESDAY, March 18 *St Cyril of Jerusalem*
 8:15 AM + *Fannie Nardone*
 by Daughter

WEDNESDAY, March 19 *St Joseph, Spouse of Mary*
 8:15 AM + *Frank & Sylvia Rutkowski*
 by Family

THURSDAY, March 20 *Lenten Weekday*

FRIDAY, March 21 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Terry White*
 by Anthony & White Families

SATURDAY, March 22 *Lenten Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Living Members of St John's*

SUNDAY, March 23 *Third Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + *Deceased Members of the Braya Family*
 by Steve & Terri Braya
 10:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John's Choir*
 by Judy Weiser

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 16
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room
 11:00 AM St Joseph Table in Parish Center

Monday, March 17
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Wednesday, March 19
 Stations of the Cross Following 8:15 AM Mass
 10:30 AM Lenten Retreat in Parish Center
 6:00 PM Lenten Retreat & Soup Supper in PC

Thursday, March 20
 4:30 PM Cursillo Men's Group Mtg in Meeting Room

Friday, March 21
 3:30—6:30 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 22
 3:00—3:45 PM Confessions in Church

Sunday, March 23
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room
 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 1 and 2 in Parish Center



Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22
Pius Pathmarajah	All Deacons	John Podsiadlo	Jorge Ramirez	John Reif	Leo Reinhardt	Robert Ring



Prayer for St. Joseph's Protection

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of Departing Souls – pray for me.
 Amen.

**Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf
 NEXT Weekend, March 22/23**

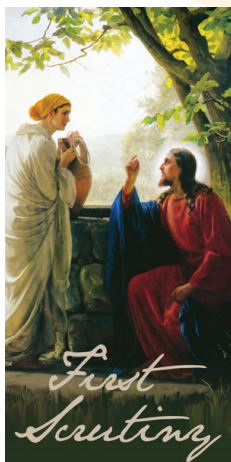
The Greece Food Shelf feeds over 300 Greece residences each month. We are asking for donations of the following items.

- Cereal, Chunky Soups, Diced Tomatoes, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Peanut Butter, Regular size Dish Soap and Bars of Soap

If you can help box and deliver the food to the Greece Food Shelf on the morning of Monday, March 24 at 9:00 AM, please contact Pam Tofany-Kern at 585-227-6053 or email gakern85@gmail.com.



Stations of the Cross continue THIS Wednesday, March 19 following the 8:15 AM Mass and THIS Friday, March 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM in Church led by the Confirmation Candidates.



The Scrutinies

The Scrutinies, of which there are three, are celebrated on consecutive weekends beginning with the 3rd Sunday of Lent, namely to reveal what is weak, sick and sinful in the hearts of the elect so that it can be healed; and what is honorable, strong and holy, so it can be strengthened. The purpose of the Scrutinies, is mainly spiritual for they are ordered toward liberation from sin and the Devil, and they give strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life of the elect. Moreover, the Scrutinies

are set forth to purify minds and hearts, to fortify against temptations, to convert intentions, and to awaken the will, so that the elect may cling more closely to Christ and pursue more vigorously their desire to love God.

In order to awaken a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, the three Scrutinies take place, both to teach the elect gradually about that mystery of sin from which the whole world and every person longs to be rescued in order to be saved from its present and future consequences, and to fill their spirit with the sense of Christ the Redeemer, who is living water, light, and resurrection of life. From the first to the final Scrutiny, the elect must grow in the awareness of sin and in the desire for salvation.

Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

March 16, 2025 | Second Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, **"This is my chosen Son, listen to him"** Luke 9:35. It's all so precious that **"they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone."** Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Next Mass Book Opening Please Mark Your Calendar

For those wanting to schedule a Mass Intention during the months of May through August, 2025, please know you can begin doing so, by telephone (225-8980), beginning **THIS Wednesday, March 19, 2025**. Please know this is not the only day you can call to schedule, but it is the first day. If you are looking to schedule for a particular date, it is suggested that you call on Wednesday, March 19 as this will give you the best opportunity (not a guaranteed opportunity) to get the date(s) you are asking for. Scheduling will be done by telephone on March 19 from 9:00 AM 'til Noon and from 2:00 'til 5:00 PM. After the 19th you may call the office during regular office hours.

We will continue using the same scheduling guidelines: 1 or 2 Masses can be scheduled during May through August, 2025. If scheduling 2 Masses, both Masses cannot be scheduled on the weekend; one can be on a weekend but the second one will be during the week. Two Masses, however, can both be scheduled for our 8:15 AM weekday morning Mass. For those who have received a Mass Card and the Mass has not yet been scheduled, we will ask that those be scheduled during May through August, 2025 (before any new Mass request). Mass Cards that have not been fulfilled after three months will be scheduled automatically and will be listed in the bulletin under *Masses for the Week*.



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) continues through April 11, 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).



Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Before his Ascension, Our Lord entrusted to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” John. 20:21, and so from apostolic times the Church has always exercised this essential aspect of her Divine constitution as the instrument of salvation in the world.

The Sacrament of Penance is the ordinary means by which the faithful are restored to sanctifying grace after having fallen into post-baptismal grave sin. Cf. *CIC*, c. 960. It is also a channel of particular graces which assists the faithful in avoiding sin in the future, overcoming habits of sin, and growing in the life of supernatural grace and virtue.

“Those who approach the Sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from the mercy of God for the offence committed against him and are at the same time reconciled with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins...”

Cf. *Lumen gentium* no. 11.

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, ask God for help to *examine your conscience. Spend time reviewing your conduct in light of the commandments and the example of Christ. Be prepared to tell the priest the specific sins you have committed, and to the best of your ability, how many times you have committed them since your last confession. Avoid generalizations and inform the priest of any relevant circumstances in which your sins were committed.

Here at St. John the Evangelist Church, as well as all parishes throughout our diocese, there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Times at parishes vary but here at St. John’s, Fr. Peter will hear confessions from 10:00 AM ‘til noon AND 3:00 PM ‘til 5:00 PM.

**For a copy of an Examination of Conscience, find one on the table in the Narthex at the center doors.*



**Jubilee Year 2025
Second Sunday of Lent**

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.

A Jubilee is a time set apart from other years for renewal and refreshment. It should change us, so we come out of it closer to God – much like the journey up the mountain for the disciples in today’s Gospel.

Ponder Point: When have I encountered God in my life? How has that encounter changed me?



**Save the Date for our
Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 10 AM

If the weather is good, the egg hunt will be held on the lawn in front of Church but if there is inclement weather, we will gather in the Parish Center. Watch for more details in a future bulletin but for now, save the date!



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

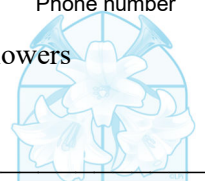
complete the order form below and send your donation to: St. John’s Rectory, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626, **OR** place your order and donation in an envelope marked **Easter Flowers** and put it in the collection basket.

Please print

Print your name _____ Phone number _____

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

Please indicate if living (L) or deceased (D) _____





Robert Weiser
Husband of Judy Weiser



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I **The conversion of sinners**
- ✚ Tabernacle II **Those considering abortion**
- ✚ Marian I **Prayer requests from our prayer line**
- ✚ Marian II **Our hospitalized and homebound parishioners**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



Ash Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 2,961.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 30.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 2,991.00

March 8/9 Week 37 ATTENDANCE.....398

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 9,871.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 3,305.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 13,176.02
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 3,855.02

2nd Collection

Black, Native, and Hispanic Ministries.....	\$ 835.00
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 10.00
Black, Native, and Hispanic Ministries.....	\$ 845.00

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of March 9, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 344,877.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 339,751.50
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 5,125.50)

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. 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.



Magnificat Rochester invites all **Women** to a meal at **St Pius X Parish Center** 3010 Chili Ave. on **Saturday, April 12, 2025**; the program

begins at 9:30 AM until noon. Seating begins at 8:30 AM. Our speaker is **Fran Karpiej** from Fairfield, CT, has been involved in Healing Prayer Ministry for over 40 years and has given numerous seminars, prayer services, workshops, and retreats on topics of faith and evangelization. With her vibrant faith and sense of humor, she shares a message of peace, hope, healing & conversion believing Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Reservations \$25.00; Student \$20.00; **deadline to register is April 5th.**

Registration required; no tickets sold at the door.

To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.

For more information:

call **Janet Pontarelli** at **585-451-1918**, or send an email to: **RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com**.



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday March 22	<p>Women's Lenten Retreat "A Lenten Journey ... A Walk to the Well" with Marie Mozzi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:30am-3:30pm</p>
Weekend March 28-30	<p>Lenten Retreat for Men & Women "Spiritual Exercises as GPS" with Roc O'Connor, SJ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 5:00pm - Sunday noon</p>
<p><i>For more details and updates about these events:</i> www.notredameretreat.org www.facebook.com/NDSpirituality 585-394-5700</p>	

**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.



Prayer of Listening

Attune the ears of my heart, Lord, to the soft and still
ways You are inviting me today. And then give me
the strength and courage to respond to what You say.
Amen. ©LPI

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

March 16, 2025 Tom Grieco
March 23, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 16, 2025 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
March 23, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert
March 30, 2025 Chris Hoefler