

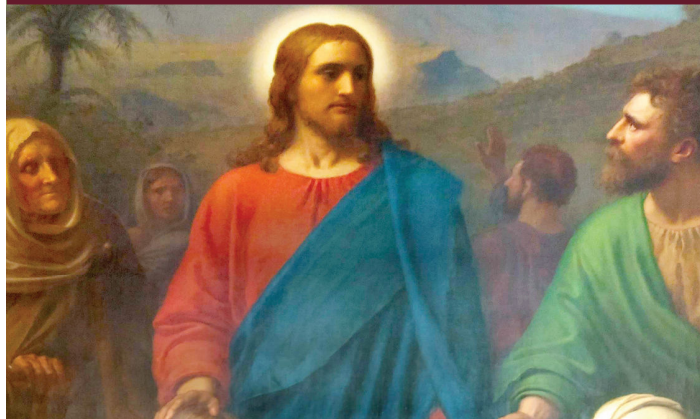
St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 2, 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.



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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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 17:20-24/
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12/
Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/
Mk 10:28-31

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/
Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/
2 Cor 5:20–6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20/
Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a/
Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14/
Ps 86:1-6/
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10/
Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/
Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13

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.

Ash Wednesday: Remember, you are dust...

This coming week we as Catholics will show our stuff to the world. It is the ash of penitence we traditionally receive on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. In my nearly 41 years as a priest of the Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday, which begins our Lenten season, has a very unique affect on us Catholics, and indeed many other Christian groups have imitated our tradition.

Something about Ash Wednesday reminds us of God's desire to shape us into something beautiful. Also, this reminder of our own mortality brings in people from everywhere. After the priest blesses and sprinkles the ashes with holy water, he, together with the deacons and in some cases Eucharistic ministers, puts the ashes on the foreheads of those present; the head being the *seat of pride*. He puts them on our foreheads to remind us of our hope, and as he does so, he says the words of Genesis 3:19. **"Remember you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."** Or the priest says, **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

We make no response to these words, we simply leave.

Ash Wednesday prayer invokes the begging of God's grace and mercy on all. The ashes express and symbolize our need for repentance and are to be seen by us:

- To give us the grace and strength to do penance.
- To give us the spirit of contrition deep in our hearts.
- To secure pardon of sin for those who receive the ashes.



- To be a spiritual help for all who confess their sins.

After we leave church on Ash Wednesday, we leave the ashes on our foreheads until they wear off naturally over the course of the day's activities. They are a public witness to those things in our society we sometimes do not wish to embrace: conversion

of the heart, the reality of death, and the hope of the Resurrection in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Are we ready for Lent to begin? I invite each of us to take our struggles and challenges and walk to Calvary with Jesus.

In her wisdom, the Church invites us once again to embark on the Lenten journey. In the coming days, we will have the chance to discover just how gracious and merciful our God is. Through Scripture and the wisdom of the Church we will have countless opportunities to respond to God's grace and mercy—through acts of repentance, generosity, worship, forgiveness, and in acts of service to one another.

Whatever else we may *take on* or *give up this Lent*, we definitely need to *lean into the simple, enjoyable practices* that strengthen community—like family dinners, and helping the needy through the mite box.

Let us pray that the same God who graciously transforms our simple bread and wine into the body and blood of his Son will lovingly transform each of us, so that we might rise, reshaped and renewed, in the glory of Easter.

Reawaken Your Heart with Hope.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Masses for the Week—March 3—9

MONDAY, March 3 *St Katherine Drexel*
 8:15 AM + *Connie Rucinski*
 by Daughter

TUESDAY, March 4 *St Casimir*
 8:15 AM + *Anthony DePetres*
 by Wife, Jean & Family

WEDNESDAY, March 5 **Ash Wednesday**
 7:00 AM + *Donna Livingston*
 by Ray & Marcia Parsons
 9:00 AM + *Barry Sarpong*
 by Carol Novick
 12:05 PM + *Deceased Members of St John's*
 6:00 PM *Fr Peter's Birthday Intention*

THURSDAY, March 6 *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

FIRST FRIDAY, March 7 *Sts Perpetua & Felicity*
 8:15 AM + *Mary Barbato*
 by Jean & Tom
 10:00 AM *Benediction*

SATURDAY, March 8 *St John of God*
 4:00 PM + *Norman & Clara Ann Pero*
 by John & Carolyn Kerhaert

SUNDAY, March 9 *First Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + *Living Members of St John's*
 10:00 AM + *Eraldo Sartini*
 by Mary Ann Proia & Victor Tifone

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

This Week's Schedule

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

Monday, March 3
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg in Parish Center
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Mtg in Parish Center

Thursday, March 6
 4:30 PM Cursillo Men's Group Mtg in Meeting Room

Friday, March 7
 Following 8:15 AM Mass Adoration until 10:00 AM
 in Church
 10:00 AM Benediction in Church
 3:30—6:30 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 8
 1:00—3:00 PM Pizza Party with Pageant Children
 & Parents in Parish Center

Sunday, March 9
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room
 2:00 PM Rite of Election & Calling to Continuing
 Conversion at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Birthday Celebration

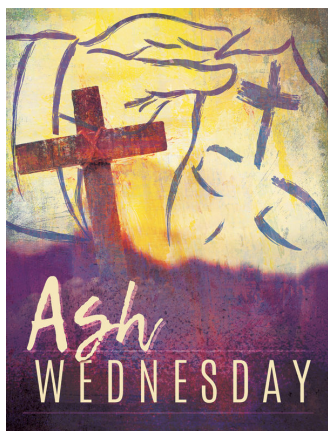


Still Not Done at 71!

This week, Thursday, March 6, brings the special occasion of a special person – the **71st birthday** of our Pastor, **Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu**. Wishing you a blessed birthday, Father! May God continue to bless you with strength and guidance as you serve the Lord and the faith community of our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church. Most of us have heard that 71 is not considered old any longer but, our bodies might tell us differently. Through thick and thin, Father, you forge ahead doing the best you can and we appreciate ALL you do. Wishing you a holy, happy and healthy year ahead! Let each of us offer a spiritual bouquet of 3 Hail Marys on Father's special day for his intentions.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8
Pope Francis	Peter Mottola	Anthony Mugavero	Deceased Priests	Thomas Mull	Vocations & Seminarians	John Mulligan



**Distribution of Ashes
 THIS Wednesday,
 March 5
 at the following
 Mass times
 7:00 AM
 9:00 AM
 12:05 PM
 and 6:00 PM**



**Stations
 OF THE CROSS**

**Stations of the Cross begin
 THIS Friday, March 7, 2025
 at 5:30 PM in Church
 and will be led by members of
 Parish Pastoral Council.**



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:

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| 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*).

WHAT TO GIVE UP
A Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining – focus on gratitude.

Give up pessimism – become an optimist.

Give up harsh judgments – think kindly thoughts.

Give up worry – trust Divine Providence.

Give us discouragement – be full of hope.

Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness.

Give up hatred – return good for evil.

Give up negativism – be positive.

Give up anger – be more patient.

Give up pettiness – become mature.

Give up gloom – enjoy the beauty that is all around you.

Give up jealousy – pray for trust.

Give up gossiping – control your tongue.

Give up sin – turn to virtue.

Give up giving up – hang in there!

**Reawaken Your Heart
*with Hope***

God bless you on your Lenten journey – may it be filled with endurance, perseverance, reawakening, hope & peace—culminating with the joy of Easter!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

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 **THIS Wednesday, 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 for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or Roc40DFL@gmail.com.



**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



Jubilee Year 2025
Jubilee Focus for the Month of
March: Jubilee of Volunteers

Volunteering in agencies that serve the marginalized can help us all bring hope to those in need. In what ways does your family work to serve the poor? Choose an agency to support this month. If you are able, bring the family to the site to serve as it will make a meaningful impression on you all. If you cannot serve in person, involve your family in an effort to acquire necessary goods for the agency’s wish list!

Speaking of Volunteers – a special salute to ALL the VOLUNTEERS here at our beloved St. John the Evangelist Church. You are many in number so I dare not attempt to name each of you but you know who you are and others know who you are. The volunteers of our faith community make such a difference in the day to day running of parish life. How do I know this? Try losing a volunteer or two in whatever aspect of parish life you consider and quickly one notices the change that takes place (not for the better). On the other hand, when we receive a new volunteer, the change is for the better. Please know we value your spirit of volunteerism in no matter what capacity. As God blesses St. John’s with you as our volunteers, may God bless each and every one of you!

Blessings, Fr. Peter

Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

March 2, 2025 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6:39-45

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord’s words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **“For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they**



gather grapes from brambles” Luke 6:44.

When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let’s recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

St. Joseph Table

Join us on Sunday, March 16 in the Parish Center following the 10:00 AM Mass for this Italian Tradition



Ceremony will include a blessing of the Altar in the Church with a buffet of food in the Parish Center following Mass. We ask that you

bring a dish to pass. Meat is **not** eaten at this meal but we suggest meatless soups, stuffed breads, macaroni, vegetables, quiches and, of course desserts! If need be, food may be dropped off at the Parish Center before the 10:00 AM Mass.

Food donations of whole fruits and/or vegetables for the St. Joseph Altar in Church can be dropped off to the Parish Center on Friday, March 14 from 1:00—6:00 PM.

This event is free but a free-will offering will be collected to help the poor.

Please call/text Christine Paoletti at (585)478-2623 with any questions or to find out how you can volunteer!

Inspiration for the Week

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother’s. This doesn’t mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don’t have it, we can’t share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls? ©LPi

Prayer for Interior Life

Dear Jesus,
 Fill my heart so full of goodness that it produces your goodness.
 Let my thoughts, words, and actions reflect you.
 Amen. ©LPi



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ **Tabernacle I Comfort & Peace for Pope Francis**
- ✚ **Tabernacle II In Honor of Fr Peter's Birthday**
- ✚ **Marian I Eleanor Zanni**
- ✚ **Marian II Anna Konopelski**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



February 15/16 Week 34 ATTENDANCE.....302

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 4,269.29
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 1,487.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 5,756.29
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$ 3,564.71)

February 22/23 Week 35 ATTENDANCE.....369

BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$ 9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$ 10,270.06
ONLINE Giving.....	\$ 2,788.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$ 13,058.06
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$ 3,737.06

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of February 23, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 326,235.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 316,692.06
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 9,542.94)

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

Black, Native, and Hispanic Collection
Weekend of March 8/9 Second Collection




Your donations will be given to evangelization programs nationwide in the Black, Native American, and Hispanic communities.



Turn Your Clocks Forward **NEXT** Sunday, **March 9 at 2:00 AM in the Morning.**

Ash Wednesday Collection



We kindly ask you to remember to use your Ash Wednesday envelope or to donate through electronic on-line giving. Loose donations are also appreciated.



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!



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May the Queen
of Peace preserve
the world from the
madness of war.
- POPE FRANCIS

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 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

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

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