

St. John the Evangelist Greece

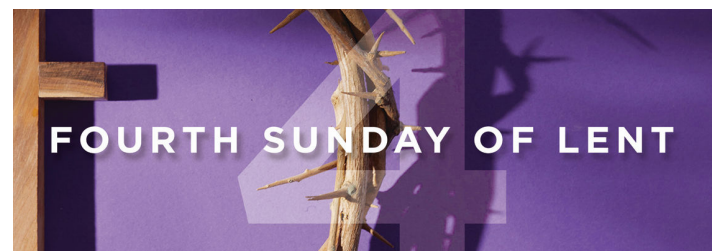
March 30, 2025

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.



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a



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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 65:17-21/
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15/
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14/
Ps 106:19-23/
Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/
Ps 34:17-21, 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20/
Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

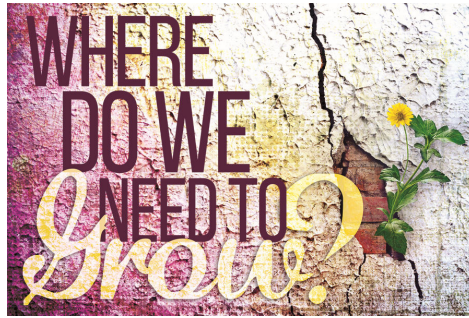
Is 43:16-21/
Ps 126:1-6/
Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11

Reawaken Your Heart with Hope!

Believing and Belonging

As I grow in these years, I have come across some wonderful priests, bishops, and laity who have taught and helped me serve in the Rochester area. They continue to be an inspiration to me. There are also enormous challenges to overcome as our faith is becoming so secularized, and people have a different connection with God, unlike what it used to be. For me, as the priest in charge of St. John's parish for nearly 13 years, I see hope and joy amid the many challenges present in the parish. I see a tremendous display of faith in those who make it to Mass every week. I also see some old and new challenges that need to be addressed in time. During this Lenten season of faith renewal, what comes to my questioning mind is, what does believing and belonging mean in our lives as Christians? Doesn't believing and belonging go hand in hand? Are we at the crossroads of faith? How do we invite others to worship with us? Who will build our church? Is it the priest, the nun, the religious, the teacher or the parents? *All* of us are needed and called forth to build the Church.

There is a story told about Alfred Nobel reading his own obituary because the people at the newspaper mistakenly thought he'd died. This gave him the opportunity to see how he would be



remembered. The article described Mr. Nobel as a brilliant chemist who made a great fortune as the inventor of dynamite. For lots of people, being remembered as brilliant and rich would be quite enough, but it wasn't for Nobel.

After significant reflection, he desired to leave a more positive

legacy. He bequeathed his considerable wealth to establish the Nobel Prizes to acknowledge great human achievements. Few of us can create something as momentous as the Nobel Prize, but we can all live lives that would earn a eulogy that our family, parents, and friends would be proud of.

In the hustle and bustle of everyday living, it's hard to keep perspective. Money, position, pride, and power, priest, bishop, and pope seem so important —until they're not. What matters is how long we will be remembered, by whom, and for what. Our Christian call is to love one another and do the best we can gracefully to accomplish the mission of Christ here on earth.

Lent and our journey of faith in this time of our Church's history should challenge us all. We need a new "us" to grow together in Christ. Believing means belonging together in Jesus.



Reawaken your Heart with Hope!
Father Peter



Celebrate the Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

Be one of the Palm Sunday Hosanna Children at the **Saturday, April 12, 4:00 PM** or the **Sunday, April 13, 10:00 AM** Masses. Re-enact the children who waved palm branches during

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem by joining Father Peter in the entrance procession to the altar. **If you would like to be a part of this joyous celebration, please contact Melissa Kabasin at 315-731-7454.**

We hope that you and your family will join us to begin Holy Week as we lead up to the miracle of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Knights of Columbus Easter Lily Sales



Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will be selling lilies for the homebound again this year. We will be pre-selling after Masses NEXT weekend of April 5/6. The cost is \$9.00 per lily. If you know of anyone you would like

to have a lily delivered to, you can specify a recipient, otherwise they will go to our homebound parishioners and local nursing home residents. You can also buy a lily for yourself which can be picked up after Palm Sunday Masses. Lilies will be delivered to the homebound during Holy Week. *Share the joy of Easter with this beautiful symbol of the Resurrection!*

Masses for the Week—Mar 31—April 6

MONDAY, March 31 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Barry & Marie Balch**
 by Parishioner

TUESDAY, April 1 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + **Lorne & Shirley Mikel**
 by Godchild

WEDNESDAY, April 2 *St Francis of Paola*
 8:15 AM + **Francesca Paiano**
 by Family

THURSDAY, April 3 *Lenten Weekday*

FIRST FRIDAY, April 4 *St Isidore*
 8:15 AM + **Joe Reynolds**
 by John & Carol Leary
 10:00 AM **Benediction**

FIRST SATURDAY, April 5 *St Vincent Ferrer*
 8:15 AM **Fr Peter's Intention**
 4:00 PM + **Frances Lombardini**
 by Dornan & Lombardini Families

SUNDAY, April 6 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + **Eugene Chmiel, Sr**
 by Fr Peter & Staff
 10:00 AM + **Living Members of St John's**

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 30
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room

Monday, March 31
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Wednesday, April 2
 Stations of the Cross Following 8:15 AM Mass
 10:00 AM—Noon Day of Penance Confessions
 10:30 AM Lenten Retreat in Parish Center
 3:00—5:00 PM Day of Penance Confessions
 6:00 PM Lenten Retreat & Soup Supper in PC

Thursday, April 3
 4:30 PM Cursillo Men's Group Mtg in Meeting Room

First Friday, April 4
 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

First Saturday, April 5
 8:15 AM Mass in Church
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Center
 3:00—3:45 PM Confessions in Church

Sunday, April 6
 9:00 AM OCIA Class in Meeting Room
 Coffee Hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses
 in Parish Center

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 30	Mar 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5
Felicjan Sierotowicz	Louis Sirianni	George Smith	William Spilly	Edison Tayag	Vocations & Seminarians	Bishop Salvatore Matano



Stations OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross continue THIS Wednesday, April 2 following the 8:15 AM Mass and THIS Friday, April 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM in Church led by the Bible Study Ministry.



Join Us for Coffee Hour! NEXT Sunday, April 6 following the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses

Come socialize with your fellow parish members and your hosts for this month, our **Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry**.
We look forward to seeing you there!



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)

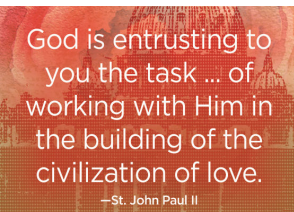


Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy

THIS Wednesday, April 2

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.**



Pastoral Planning Update

The Recommendation from our parishes went to Bishop Matano on January 15. Some excerpts from his response to the task force: "Allow me to begin by

expressing my deep gratitude for the time and effort made in proposing the Recommendations, which reflect a genuine love for pastoral ministry and a sincere desire to continue this ministry into the future with the mind and heart of Jesus Christ." "I have noted your consultations with the faithful and your sensitivity to their input, your emphasis upon fostering vocations to the priesthood, your areas of inter-parochial cooperation...and above all your emphasis upon the Most Holy Eucharist as the heart and center of every parish." The Bishop invited representatives from the Task Force to make a presentation at the March 11 meeting of the Presbyteral Council. The Recommendation and the Bishop's full letter are available on the ROC Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org> or from the parish office.

The Task Force had its last meeting on February 25. In its place a Steering Committee will be formed to coordinate the collaboration of our 7-parish committees. Its members will include Fr. Bill Coffas and Fr. Lee Chase as the two Deans within our parishes, Dcn. Frank Pettrone as our local Pastoral Administrator, a member from the Evangelization Committee, a member from the Vocations Committee, and either the Web Administrator or his backup. The committee will meet 2-3 times a year.



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:

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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).



Diocesan Chrism Mass Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, 14615

We invite you to **Sacred Heart Cathedral** for Holy Week Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM.** During this Sacred Liturgy, the Oil of the Sick and the

Oil of the Catechumens are blessed, and the Holy Chrism Oil is consecrated by Bishop Matano. Also at this Mass, the Priests and Deacons will renew their promises made during their Ordination. Parishioners from around the diocese travel to attend this Mass. It's a wonderful way to show our support for Fr Peter, other priests and deacons of our diocese. We hope you will be there! As always, please keep Bishop Matano, Fr. Peter, Deacon Elmer, Deacon Lon, and all priests and deacons of the Diocese of Rochester in your prayers.

Reminders

SANCTUARY CANDLES: Please know there are many openings for Sanctuary Candles. We are scheduling them through the end of 2025. Please call the Parish Office if you'd like to schedule. These candles burn for one week – beginning on a Saturday through the following Friday. The stipend is \$10/candle.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES: These are the red candles on the rack near the tabernacle and the blue candles on the rack near the Marian Shrine. The stipend for these candles is \$5/candle. Please place your donation into one of the envelopes found on the rack where the candles are and you can put this into the collection basket or drop it at the Parish Office.

Finance Council Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2025

Attendees: Fr. Peter, Chris Frontale (*Finance Dir*), Bob Skrypek (*Chair*), Debbie Smith, Jerry Dominik, Bob Gotham, Nick Verdino, Mary Speer (*on phone*), Joe Spurrier (*scribe*)

1—Review Meeting Agenda

2—Collections & Attendance

graphs distributed at meeting

Attendance: Avg total weekly is about 420 – but is inconsistent: Our aim is 430.

Our collections are down about 2% from last year but this matches other similar parishes.

No real surprises in any of these numbers.

Collections: the Charts from Chris summarized things clearly:

- After 30 weeks into the 2024-25 Fiscal Year, the collections from only 12 weeks met/exceeded weekly budget, and 18 were under budget.
- This was for regular collections (including online contributions) and does not include Holy Days and special collections such as Boiler/Capital Improvement Funds. Keep in mind that these “other” collections stay within the parish and are used to fund daily operations.
- We experienced a bad September in which all 4 weeks were under budget, but we have made steady progress since then
- We had about 40 funerals last year and that leads to lower weekly contributions and attendance.

3—Q2 Financial Statement Review

Balance Sheet – distributed at meeting:

We have a strong Balance Sheet and a very good cash position.

- We use our interest-bearing Money Market Acct to replenish our Checking Acct when needed.
- The Diocese wants us to move more of our money into Communis Investments – which have done very well recently.
- We have agreed to consider this as we move through the year.
- Communis Funds are a source of cash if needed.
- Can request 5% of the balance, once per Fiscal year, and it takes about a month to obtain the money.
- Communis Returns: approximately 8.6% over the past 5 years.
- St. John’s received \$830k from sale of school and this was to be the Parish’s “IRA” to serve our financial needs over time. It was deposited into Communis.
- Philosophy behind Communis Fund is to “out-perform if the market is down, and under-perform if the market is high”

Revenue and Expenses: printed results were distributed at the meeting.

- We expect, based on figures from 2 pg Summary of Revenue & Expenses:
 - 1.a \$20k **deficit from Operations**
 - 2.a \$115k in Non-operating **revenue** (Interest and Communis gains)
 - 3.a \$95k **overall profit**
 4. Need to consider an Increased Giving Campaign, and a parish sub-team was formed and a kick-off meeting was held on 2/8/25.

• Main expense items:

1. CBO (Central Business Office) expenses (included in Salaries) decreased 6% due to having more parishes in the CBO across which to allocate funds for Finance Director but added one person to help handle increased number of parishes.
 2. Snow removal costs have been very high this winter.
 3. Some expenses, e.g., School Subsidy and Insurance, are budgeted Qrtly to match the timing of bills.
 4. Courier – bill is based on the number of Catholics a Parish is “responsible for” in its geographic area – out of our control.
- I offer the following for those who might not be acquainted with the Central Business Office (CBO):
 1. The CBO is a team of 4 people responsible for many of the administrative business functions for the parishes who use it. The CBO, which resides on the campus of St. Charles Borromeo, currently serves 9 parishes on the West Side of Monroe County. Included are St. John the Evangelist - Greece, St. Charles Borromeo, Our Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross, St. Pius X, St. Theodore’s, St. Christopher’s, Parish of the Holy Family (combination of St Jude’s, St Helen’s, and Holy Ghost), and Parish of St. Martin de Porres (group of 3 worship sites serving Scottsville, Churchville, and Caledonia).
 2. The main duties performed by the CBO for St. John’s include using standardized posting of our Collections, and posting of our invoices, and then cutting checks for invoices and Check Requests approved by Fr Peter. The CBO also reconciles our Bank Accounts and administers Diocesan Finance Policies and Procedures – primarily those dealing with money handling by Ushers and Money Counting Teams.
 3. The CBO is managed by Chris Frontale, the Regional Finance Director for St. John’s and the other parishes.

4—CMA Update

- Goal for 2024-2025 was decreased by \$3,000 over previous year.
- Parish met it earlier than last year with 17 fewer donors.
- One key use of the funds is for the operation of the Diocese.
- If we exceed our goal, the Diocese returns 50% to the Parish. Reasoning is that if a parishioner gives a CMA gift to the Diocese, then any money returned as in 50% of the “overage”, is really a gift from the Diocese to the Parish.

5—Buildings & Grounds

Grounds – Misc items:

- Our Church Roof will come off warranty in 2026 so we have to start thinking about next steps – along with the issues with the Silo above altar.
- Will not be using Birchcrest this year to service Ash trees
- We have renewed our contract with Trimline for 2025 Lawn Maintenance

Snow Removal:

- Our contact with Trimline will end at the end of the 24-25 Winter Season. It covers snow removal from Parking Lot and sidewalks and is very expensive.



Theresa Radel *Mother of Shawn Radel*
Richard Dumontiere *Uncle of Diane Gekaski*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
Peace in Our World.

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



March 15/16 Week 38	ATTENDANCE.....	425
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	4,837.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,097.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	5,934.02
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SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	3,386.98)

March 22/23 Week 39	ATTENDANCE.....	408
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	6,681.02
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,758.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,439.02
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OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	118.02

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of March 23, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	363,519.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	355,124.54
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SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	8,394.46)

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.



Special Boiler Fund/Capital Improvement Collection
NEXT Weekend, April 5/6

Please donate when it is best suited for your household to do so. We appreciate your support throughout the year for this important fund that allows for upkeep and maintenance of our buildings, grounds, and equipment.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES *Continued from page 5*

- The snowplowing contract calls for a single amount to be spread over 3 payments over the season, but the sidewalk shoveling, and application of salt and ice melt are charged on a per-visit basis – sometimes more than once in a single day. For example, our most recent bill was for \$17,600 of which \$3800 was our 3rd installment on the contract and \$5,550 was for Salting, \$3,750 for Sidewalk Clearing and \$4,500 for Ice Melt.
- Shoveling and salting the walkways is a big expense.
- Terms and expectations for our next contract will be changed and we will consider other vendors.

HVAC Equipment:

Parish needs to replace one HVAC unit outside the Parish Center. This is the one closest to the Rectory. We got through the winter of 23-24 with it on borrowed time.

Considered proposals from 3 vendors:

Crosby/Brownlie - eliminated because proposal was too high, Leo J. Roth, and Monroe Piping

- Roth and Monroe are excellent vendors and each had strong support from Council members during the discussion.
- Council voted to accept the proposal from Monroe Piping mainly due to cost and the ability to handle any needed concrete work in-house and for no additional charges.
- The contract with Monroe was signed on 2/4/25. We have not yet seen a timeline for the work. One question to be decided: should the vents in the Parish Ctr be cleaned as part of the project. Monroe will assess. If it is needed, some other vendor will do it.
- Council also discussed how to proceed on a new PM (Preventative Maintenance) contract for all HVAC equipment used in Church and Parish Center. Rectory HVAC was not included because it is covered by a PM contract we have with Paris Heating/Cooling.
- Each vendor (Roth and Monroe) visited our site and took a good look at what would be the scope of PM for our older HVAC units (Boilers + Air Handlers + Control Units) and said they could handle the job.
- Based on the discussion:
 1. We terminated the PM agreement we had with Crosby/Brownlie
 2. We signed a one-year PM contract with Monroe Piping mainly to not mix vendors at this time. The Contract was signed on 2/4/25.
 3. The Contract and vendors can be revisited in the future.

Bankruptcy Update – was not discussed;

Date for next Council meeting was not set.

**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.

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Back!

**Saturday, April 12 at 10:00 AM sharp
on the lawn in front of Church***

Bring your own basket! Donuts & Juice
provided. Children to age 12 and their
families are invited to join the fun!

**In the event of inclement weather,
the hunt will be held in the Parish Center.*



Senior Home Communion Service Ministers March/April 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 30, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato
April 13, 2025	Ron LaForce
April 27, 2025	Steve & Mary Ann Donato

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

March 23, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
April 6, 2025	Tom Grieco
April 13, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham
April 20, 2025	Tom Grieco
April 27, 2025	Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 30, 2025	Chris Hoefler
April 6, 2025	Dan & Melissa Kabasin
April 13, 2025	Carolyn Kerhaert
April 20, 2025	Chris Hoefler
April 27, 2025	Terry & Pam Hearne