

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 9, 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.



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/
Ps 19:8-10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11/
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10/
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/
Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28/
Ps 130:1-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19/
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/
Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 9:28b-36

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!

Commitments Make Life Worthwhile.

We have just celebrated **Ash Wednesday**—so begins **our Lenten Season**.

Lent is about us and our journey of faith. It is about God and us. It is a time of renewal to **Pray, Fast, Give,** and make a commitment.

Commitments make life worthwhile. Yet, so many times, commitments are difficult to keep. When we take a look at society, we notice how many commitments are made and how many are broken. We see it in ourselves. We see it sadly in our church. We live in a situation where some of us do not want to be dedicated to anything. We fail to understand who we are and our need to serve God from whom all things come. Everybody is crying for their rights but no one is talking about responsibility. For some of us, we feel very uncomfortable talking to a spouse, a child, a relative or even a friend about going to church.



We only think of church for our special needs.

How is the Gospel message going to be proclaimed beyond me? We can become so comfortable in our own sense of security that we tend to think we do not need God.

We can achieve much in this life by our faith in God and God wants us to aim high. "What do you possess that you have not received?"

1Corinthians 4:7. At least once a day we should stop and think about the fact that Jesus died

for us so that we could live with him forever! This is a commitment that we cannot abandon. Let us try to rise up and commit to something that deepens our faith. How well are we keeping the commitments that we have to—God, our spouse, our finances, and work? What type of situation presently is calling us into making a commitment?



Reawaken Your Heart with Hope!

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu

St. Joseph Table

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

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 until 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!

Masses for the Week—March 10—16

MONDAY, March 10 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Gary Hans*
 by Sister, Shirley

TUESDAY, March 11 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *John Enyan-Acheampong*
 by Brother, Fr Peter

2:30 PM *Mass at Hamilton*

WEDNESDAY, March 12 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *George Mikel*
 by Granddaughter

THURSDAY, March 13 *Lenten Weekday*

FRIDAY, March 14 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Evelyn Rinere*
 by Fatima Women’s Prayer Ministry

SATURDAY, March 15 *Lenten Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Shirley Pellman*
 by Jim & Trudy

SUNDAY, March 16 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM + *Alice Garney*
 by Judy

10:00 AM + *Deceased Members of St John’s*

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

This Week’s Schedule

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

Monday, March 10
 9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
 6:30 PM Fatima Women’s Prayer Ministry in Parish Center & Church

Tuesday, March 11
 2:30 PM *Mass at Hamilton*

Wednesday, March 12
 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 13
 4:30 PM Cursillo Men’s Group Mtg in Meeting Room

Friday, March 14
 3:30—6:30 PM Fish Fry in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 15
 3:00—3:45 PM Confession in Church

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



Please NOTE:

Opportunity for Confession will be offered Saturdays during Lent from 3:00 until 3:45 PM in Church.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

| Mar 9 | Mar 10 | Mar 11 | Mar 12 | Mar 13 | Mar 14 | Mar 15 |
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| James Muscatella | Thomas Nellis | Timothy Niven | Symon Peter Ntaiyia | Malachy Nwosu | John Omboga | Edward Palumbus |



Welcome Fr. Bob Schrader

We welcome Fr. Bob Schrader NEXT weekend, March 15/16, as Mass celebrant for the weekend Masses. Fr. Schrader is a priest of senior status currently residing at Our Mother of Sorrows Church. Fr. Schrader is kind enough to help Fr. Peter next weekend while he travels to baptize a young family member in Maryland. In

addition to celebrating Mass, Fr. Schrader will hear confessions on Saturday, March 15 from 3:00 to 3:45 PM. This is also the weekend for our St. Joseph Table and Fr. Schrader will provide the blessing. We thank God for Fr. Peter and all our priests especially the blessing of Fr. Schrader being able to help Fr. Peter and offer for us the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist.



St. John the Evangelist 2025 Lenten Retreat

THIS Wednesday, March 12,
 then **March 19, 26,** and **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

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

Here, participants will explore compassion as a tender yet powerful inner capacity that helps cultivate well-being and overcome divisions.

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.

Peace and Blessings,
 Fr. Peter and Deacon Lon



Stations of the Cross continue THIS Wednesday, March 12 following the 8:15 AM Mass and THIS Friday, March 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM in Church led by the Liturgy Committee.



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).



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!



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 Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Please know this is not the only day you can call to schedule, but it is the first day. If your 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*.



Food Drive for the Greece Food Shelf Weekend of 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.



Jubilee Year 2025
First 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.

Jesus in today's Gospel undertakes a pilgrimage of sorts. His journey through temptation prepares him for his public ministry. It truly is an outward journey reflecting an inner movement.

Ponder Point: How can you make this Lent a pilgrimage? In other words, what inner movement are you undertaking this Lent?



Lenten Challenge:

This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

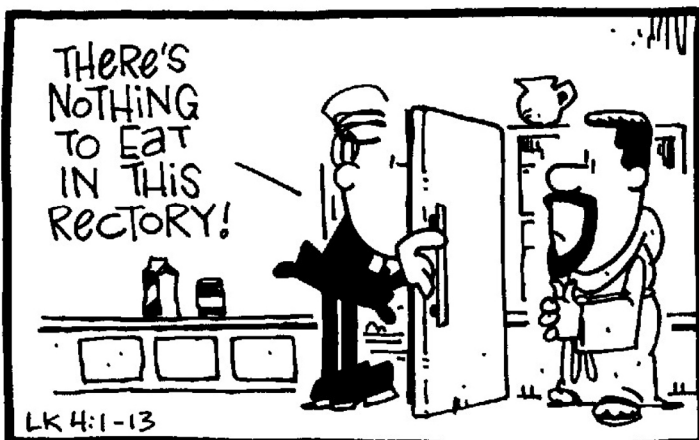
40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
Spring 2025 Rochester Campaign

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 **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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT





This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

† Tabernacle I and † Tabernacle II
Deceased Members of the Kwiatkowski Family

† Marian I Deacon Bob Burke

† Marian II Thomas O. Burke

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



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| March 1/2 Week 36 | ATTENDANCE..... | 388 |
| BUDGETED Sunday Offering..... | \$ | 9,321.00 |
| SUNDAY Offering..... | \$ | 8,941.42 |
| ONLINE Giving..... | \$ | 942.00 |
| TOTAL Sunday Offering..... | \$ | 9,883.42 |
| OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING..... | \$ | 562.42 |

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of March 2, 2025

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| YEARLY BUDGET | \$ | 494,000.00 |
| BUDGETED TO-DATE..... | \$ | 335,556.00 |
| ACTUAL COLLECTED..... | \$ | 326,575.48 |
| SHORTAGE TO DATE..... | (\$ | 8,980.52) |

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

Catholic Courier

March Offering

For those who receive church envelopes you will see in your current envelope packet a pink envelope for the Catholic Courier. For those who donate electronically online, there is an option for you to make a contribution for the Catholic Courier. What your donation does, through the pink envelope or your online contribution, is help offset the monthly cost the parish incurs for the Catholic Courier. Please know our monthly parish cost is currently \$1,685.00, therefore, your contribution is important to help offset this monthly invoice. We will, therefore, be grateful for all households to contribute the suggested contribution of \$20 (if you can contribute more, this will be much appreciated and if you cannot contribute \$20, please contribute what your household is able to do). We are all encouraged to read the Catholic Courier to see what Bishop Matano has to share with us, and to keep current on what is taking place throughout our diocese.

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.

Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



Mercy Spirituality Center

Heavenly Virtues

The "Seven Heavenly Virtues" exist to counter the "Seven Deadly Sins."

Each month we will gather to learn about one of these virtues and how that virtue can be used to overcome the corresponding sin.

Facilitator: Allison Murphy

Dates: third Wednesday of the month from March to September—March 19; April 16; May 21; June 18; July 16; August 20; and September 17

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Mercy Spirituality Center

Fee: \$20 per session

Membership eligible program

You can register by calling 585-473-6893. You can also email us at grogers@mercyspiritualitycenter.org with your name, phone number and email address.



**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.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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 9, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham
- March 16, 2025 Tom Grieco
- March 23, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

- March 9, 2025 Chris Hoefler
- March 16, 2025 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
- March 23, 2025 Carolyn Kerhaert
- March 30, 2025 Chris Hoefler