

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 14, 2021

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.



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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 couples requesting Baptism for their child, please contact the Parish Office at (585)225-8980.

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

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Saturday

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

Sunday

Jer 31:31-34/
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/
Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33

A Dialog between God and Us

Once the Opening Prayer is said by the celebrant, the First Reading is read.

After the First Reading, like on this Sunday which is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we pause for a moment to reflect on the

WORD we have just heard proclaimed. The First Reading is generally from the Old Testament. It gives us an insight into the history of our salvation and points us to Christ our Savior through the law and the prophets. Our Mass is full of the ancient history and traditions that presents our salvation history from the creation story of Adam to Jesus who is revealed to us as the New Adam in the New Testament readings, as well as meditate on them. After the First Reading, we *sing or recite a psalm*. We call it a “*responsorial psalm*” because the congregation (people) sing a refrain, while the cantor or choir sings the verses of the psalm. Our responsorial psalm for the fourth Sunday of Lent is: “Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you.” PSALM 137.

“*In listening to the Scriptures and having them touch our hearts, along with breaking and sharing bread together, Jesus is truly and wonderfully experienced.*”

We are to listen attentively to rediscover the work of God in ourselves. This listening involves a dialog between God and us. Our response to listening to God is singing a refrain

in a short and simple invocation: “Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you.”

The responsorial psalm, as well as helping us to remember God is in our midst, also gives us space to reflect on the work of God that involves us, His people.

The psalms that are picked, like in today’s psalm, relate to other readings. Sometimes they are selected for the season of the year or for different groups of Saints that are being celebrated in the liturgy of the day.

At the end of the responsorial psalm, we pause again to reflect and ready ourselves to listen again

to more of God’s Word.

Peace and love to all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, March 19, 2021

Celebrated on **March 19**, the feast honors **Joseph**, husband to the Virgin Mary and earthly father to Jesus. It is also the day in which Italy celebrates **Father’s Day**.

While **St. Joseph** and **Father’s Day** are celebrated in Italy, the celebration of **St. Joseph** is more prominent in Southern Italy, particularly **Sicily**. Considered by Sicilians as the Patron Saint of their region, **St. Joseph** is credited to have saved Sicily’s residents during one of their many devastating droughts. Tradition has it that residents prayed to **St. Joseph** for rain. The rain came, and as such, their spring crops were spared from being destroyed, preventing a widespread famine for Sicily. It is widely believed that this is the reason the celebration is held in March.

A traditional “**altar**” or “**St. Joseph’s Table**” is also popular in Italy. Placed in private homes, churches, social clubs and even cafes, creating a table for **St. Joseph** is commonplace. Many Italians brought that tradition with them to the States and while it is less common these days, it is something older Sicilians still take great pride in. The table is filled with gifts, both of food and sentimental ones, offered to the saint in thanksgiving for prayers answered.



Generally, a statue of **St. Joseph** is placed at the head of the table and is surrounded by gifts of various foods, citrus fruits, and of course, breads. On the feast day, an open house is held, inviting friends and family to join in the celebration of eating the gifts left on the table. Fava beans, one of the spared crops, represent good luck and abundance, so be sure to add them to your table on March 19.

As with anything in Italy, the menu for a **St. Joseph** celebration is rooted in tradition. Because the holiday falls during lent, meat is generally not eaten on the feast day. Foods containing breadcrumbs, or the “poor man’s parmigiano” are enjoyed. **Joseph**, as you might know, was a carpenter, so breadcrumbs are eaten to resemble the sawdust left behind after a day’s work in the carpenter’s shop. Lemons, like fava beans, are said to bring good luck, particularly to the single ladies looking for a husband.

While relatively unknown to the non-Italian U.S. population, one city that widely celebrates this feast day is **New Orleans**. Louisiana used to be a popular arrival port for Sicilians and at one point, the French Quarter was known as “**Little Palermo**.” Celebrations occur, even to this day, with traditional foods and festivities.

Masses for the Week—March 15—21

MONDAY, March 15 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Laura Leshner*
 by Janet Pencola & Family

TUESDAY, March 16 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM *Special Intention of Patricia Montrois*
 by Richard

WEDNESDAY, March 17 *St Patrick*
 8:15 AM + *Al, Kay, and John Keane*
 by Jim & Delia Keane

THURSDAY, March 18 *St Cyril of Jerusalem*

FRIDAY, March 19 *St Joseph, Spouse Virgin Mary*
 8:15 AM + *Joseph Donoghue*
 by Ray & Marcia Parsons

SATURDAY, March 20 *Lenten Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *Katherine Cullen*
 by The Clavette & Cullen Families

SUNDAY, March 21 *5th Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM+ *Faith (Fay) Manczak*
 by husband, Jim
 10:00 AM + *For the People*

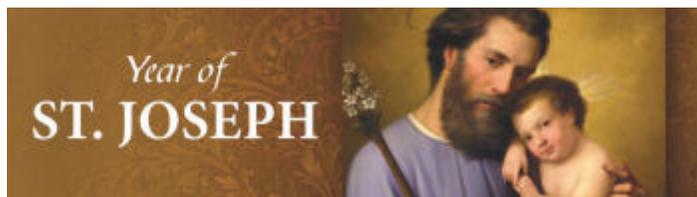
**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
 Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 15
 5:30 PM Fatima Women's Prayer Ministry in Church

Wednesday, March 17
 Stations of the Cross/Rosary following 8:15 AM Mass

Friday, March 19
 4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry (take-out) in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church



Celebrating St. Joseph's Day, in this Year of St. Joseph, at our beloved St. John's

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph THIS Friday, March 19. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to carry out our usual tradition of serving a meal, however, this being the Year of St. Joseph (Dec 8, 2020—Dec 8, 2021), as promulgated by Pope Francis, we wish to honor this very special Saint so this is how we plan to do so. First of all, we invite anyone who is able to come to Mass on Friday morning, March 19, 2021, at 8:15 AM, to please do so as a special way to honor St. Joseph on his actual feast day. At our weekend Masses on March 20/21, we will have a display set up in the Sanctuary honoring St. Joseph—a display similar to what we normally would have. This display will include fruits, vegetables and flowers donated by parishioners. Each family attending Mass will receive a brown bag with a small loaf of St. Joseph Bread inside, so generously donated by our friends at Savastano's Bakery, along with an orange, a fava bean and a prayer card.

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20
Inactive & Sabbatical	Stephen Kraus	Robert Kreckel	Gerard Krieg	Scott Kubinski	Joseph Martuscello	All Missionaries



Congratulations to Emma Foos (left) and Anastasia Zodorecky (right) and on their spiritual journey having received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation from me on March 9, 2021. Together as the faith community of our beloved St. John's, let us offer our prayers for these children and their families as they grow in their faith. I extend special thanks to Cris Simone for her faithful commitment in preparing Ana and Emma for this special day. God Bless, Fr Peter

4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land?
If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not,
If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

R. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

Verse Before Gospel Jn 3:16

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

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king of endless glory.**



Gospel Jn 3:14-21

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up. Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Mass Intentions

On Wednesday this week, March 17, 2021, we will begin accepting **phone calls** to the Parish Office (225-8980) to schedule Mass requests for the months of May through August, 2021.

On Wednesday, March 17, you can call the Parish Office between the hours of 9:00 AM and Noon, and 2:00 PM 'til 5:00 PM. Please know this is not the only day you can call; it's the **first** day you can begin calling to schedule. You may call us on any day after that during regular office hours. Due to Covid, we are unable to receive in person Mass requests at the office and we are not accepting requests through voicemail as we need to speak with you directly.

For scheduling Masses from May through August, 2021, we will follow the same format as follows:

- A St. John's parish household will be allowed to schedule 1 or 2 Masses every 4 months (maximum of 6 per year).
- For one Mass, you can schedule a weekend Mass OR a daily Mass.
- For two Masses, you can schedule two daily Masses OR one weekend Mass and one daily Mass.
- If you find you have multiple deceased family members to schedule, please consider combining family members

for one Mass (i.e. Michael and Susan Smith OR Deceased Members of Smith Family

- For those who have a Mass Card(s) and the Mass(es) has not yet been scheduled, please call as they need to be scheduled in order to alleviate our backlog of unscheduled Masses.

PAYMENT INFO: There is a \$10 stipend/donation for each Mass payable immediately by check or cash. Checks are made payable to: *St. John the Evangelist Church*. At the time of scheduling you will be given information to include with your payment.

NOTE: Those who wish to obtain a Mass card to present to the family of someone recently deceased, please call the office when the need arises so we can promptly prepare the Mass Card for you. You do not need to wait until the opening dates for Mass Card requests.

Thank you for your understanding working with us through this new system. It worked well when we started using it back in November and we expect a similar good experience this second time around. Scheduling for the final four months of the year (Sept thru Dec) will take place some time in July, 2021; we will include that date in the bulletin and pulpit announcements as we get closer

Due to potential updates and/or unforeseen circumstances, these guidelines are subject to change.

Reflect & Respond to Scripture



First Reading:

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance.

How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us.

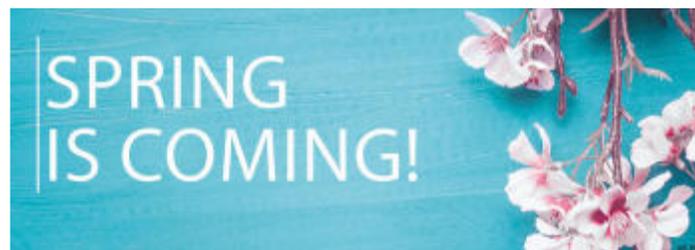
In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

Gospel:

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers.

Who in your life needs to hear this message?

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Live the Liturgy

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow

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more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at. ©LPi



Guglielmo Maniscalco *Husband of Rosa Maniscalco*



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✠ Tabernacle I **George & Marie Mikel**
- ✠ Tabernacle II **Daniel & Amy Donoghue**
- ✠ Marian I **James & Helen Mikel**
- ✠ Marian II **Joseph Donoghue**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



March 6/7	ATTENDANCE....	336
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	9,591.99
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	2,063.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	11,654.99
OVERAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	\$	1,948.99

Fiscal Year 2020-21 as of March 7, 2021

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	349,416.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	348,004.72
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	1,411.28)

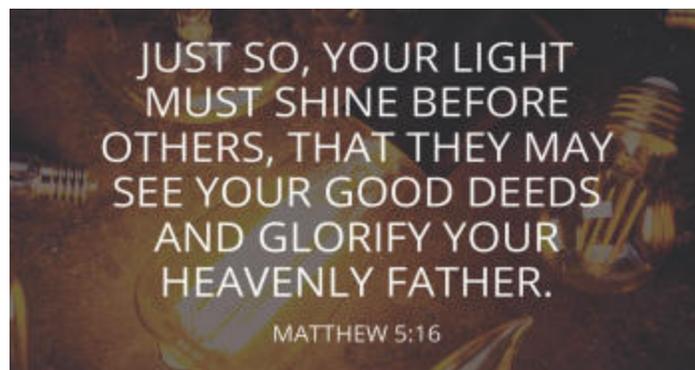
With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.

**Special Collection
Capital Improvement 2nd Collection
NEXT Weekend, March 20/21**



This Collection for ongoing maintenance of our buildings and campus will be taken up next week, however, please know you can donate when it is best suited for your household. Please use the pink envelope

found in your envelope packet OR you can donate through online giving OR you can donate with a loose donation into the Collection Box in church. Thank you for the ongoing support of our parish needs.



If your name does not appear here this weekend, look for it in the March 20/21 bulletin next weekend.

For those who have already made a pledge/donation, we are very grateful!

The most recent report at the time of this bulletin printing shows **338 households have pledged \$ 69,063, taking us to 78.7%** of our \$87,757 parish goal.

In an effort to reach our parish goal, **we need the support of ALL households who have not yet pledged**, so please do so very soon. *Remember to write "039-St. John's Greece" in the memo section of your check!*

Misplaced Your Pledge Card?

Pick up one at the back of church. Fill it out and put it in the Sunday offering basket. Keep in mind that you can even pay your pledge in monthly installments until May 31, 2021.

As furnished by the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, the following was added to the listing of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Ministries Appeal Donors since the last CMA update listed in our March 7 bulletin:

Mr./Mrs. Joseph A. Leuzzi Mrs. Theresa Miraglia

If you have contributed and your name does not appear here this weekend, in a prior bulletin, or in an upcoming bulletin, please contact the parish office at 225-8980.

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.



All Those Affected by the Coronavirus throughout the World

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

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, this will be take-out only. Please come to the Parish Center to place your order. Socially distanced guidelines will be in place.

When: Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday) beginning February 19, 4:00 to 7:00 PM.
Mark Your Calendars! 2/26, 3-5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26.

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

FISH FRY Menu:

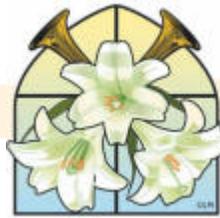
- Battered Fried.....\$ 11.00
- Skinless Baked.....\$ 11.00
- Fried Shrimp (7 Large Butterfly).....\$ 11.00
- Half portion of any of the above.....\$ 7.00

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 under 3 eat free!
(choice of mac & cheese or half slice of pizza).*



Easter Plants

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

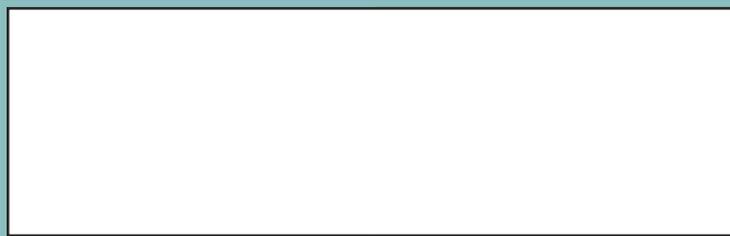
complete the order form below and send your donation to: St. John's Rectory, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626, **OR** place your order and donation in an envelope marked **Easter Plants** and put it in the collection basket.

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Print your name _____ Phone number _____

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



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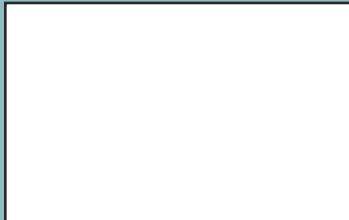
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