

St. John the Evangelist Greece

March 21, 2021

2400 West Ridge Road
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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.

Stop the Spread

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.

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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

Dn 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-6/
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9/
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Dn 3:52- 56/
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/
Ps 40:7-11/
Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Jer 20:10-13/
Ps 18:2-7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28/
Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Mk 11:1-10
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47



A Word of Instruction

“In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.” The words of today’s second reading truly convey the sense of what the second reading should be for us every Sunday: a word of instruction, a communication of encouragement, a witness of faith and a personal story of eternal hope.

The Church listens to this second reading together, that we are united more closely in the love of Christ and in the love of each other by the Word of God.

As we listen, we are freed by these stories which are usually from the letters (epistles) of the Apostles. We are free to make these stories our own any time we listen, hear, and reflect. After we listen, we pause for reflection. After a brief reflection, we rise to the ALLELUIA.

ALLELUIA is our call to reverent attentiveness to prepare for the Good News of the Gospel.



Peace and love to all.

Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu



Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn’t need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes.

Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God’s

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own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves.

We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God’s DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life’s lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God’s law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus’ deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

Masses for the Week—March 22—28

MONDAY, March 22 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Nazzerio & Cathrine Bianchi Family*
 by B.L. de M, SSJ

TUESDAY, March 23 *St Turibius of Mogrovejo*
 8:15 AM + *Terrence White*
 by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 24 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Norma Waters*
 by Jack & Gail Drexel

THURSDAY, March 25 *Annunciation of the Lord*

FRIDAY, March 26 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:15 AM + *Frank Capoldo*
 by Wife, Leslie & Family

SATURDAY, March 27 *Lenten Weekday*
 4:00 PM + *For the People*

SUNDAY, March 28 **Palm Sunday**
 8:00 AM + *Clarence & Adrienne Preston*
 by Sons, Gene & Ken
 10:00 AM + *Jack Borrelli*
 by Family

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 21
 8:50 AM Faith Formation Class in Parish Center

Wednesday, March 24
 Stations of the Cross/Rosary following 8:15 AM Mass

Friday, March 26
 4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry (take-out) in Parish Center
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross in Church



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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator.

Deborah A. House at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555

Or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27
William Laird	Steven Lape	Charles Latus	James Lawlor	William Leone	Christopher Linsler	Frank Lioi



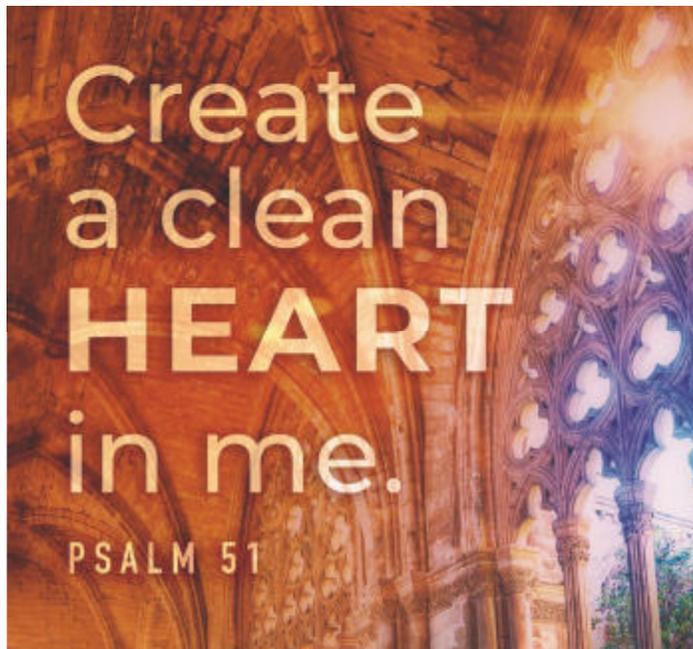
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.



Responsorial Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

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Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Verse Before Gospel Jn 12:26

R. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

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Gospel Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to **Peter and Erin Stoianoff** on the birth of their son, **Lucas Peter** on March 1, 2021. Erin has gifted us with her beautiful voice as a Cantor during many of our weekend Masses. Please keep this beautiful

family in your prayers and may God bless them with good health and much happiness.



Mass Scheduling

Mass scheduling for the months of May through August, 2021, is underway. If you would like to schedule a Mass during these months, please call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

Reflect & Respond to Scripture



First Reading:

Around 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied that God would establish a new, unbreakable covenant with his people, one written "upon their hearts."

In what ways is your faith heart-felt?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus learned "obedience" from his suffering.

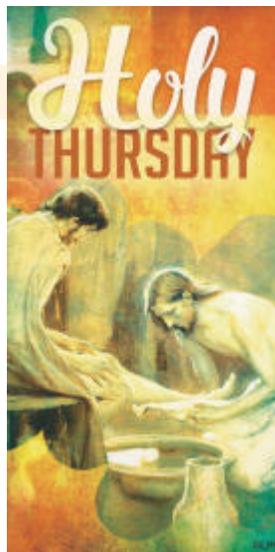
What have been some fruits from the suffering in your life?

Gospel:

We hear today of Jesus' own struggle with his impending death.

During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

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Covid-19 Modified Holy Thursday Adoration

On Holy Thursday the Blessed Sacrament is reposed following the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* and tradition here at St. John's has been that Adoration takes place until 10:00 PM. Before Covid it was common to receive visitors from other parishes who would travel from church to church for Adoration, **however**, this year, due to Covid, **we need to proceed a little differently** as follows:

Following Mass on Holy Thursday, April 1, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Everyone already in church will remain

in their pew for 45 minutes of Adoration; please do not relocate to another pew. In addition to staying in your pew, in an effort to maintain an already sanitized environment, the church doors will be locked as no outside visitors can be received into church for Adoration following Mass. We know this is a very holy time and recognize it is customary for many people to travel church to church for Adoration, however, we need to do our part in maintaining best safety practices. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation.

Live the Liturgy

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to

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fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on

God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

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Reverend Father Frederick F. Eisemann
Retired Priest, Diocese of Rochester



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for
✠ Tabernacle I **Living & Deceased Members of Leonard & Molly Trotta Family**
✠ Tabernacle II **Living & Deceased Benefactors of St. John's**
✠ Marian I **Jeffrey Poehlman**
✠ Marian II **Special Intentions of St. John's**

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



March 13/14	ATTENDANCE....	307
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,706.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,381.51
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,658.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,039.51
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING.....	(\$	666.49)

Second Collections

Catholic Relief Services.....	\$	347.00
Parish Boiler Fund Collection.....	\$	2,286.00

Fiscal Year 2020-21 as of March 14, 2021

YEARLY BUDGET	\$	495,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$	359,122.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$	357,044.23
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$	2,077.77)

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



If your name does not appear here this weekend, look for it in the March 27/28 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 **342 households have pledged \$ 69,283, taking us to 78.95%** 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 16, 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 14 bulletin:

Mr./Mrs. Armand Cantatore Mrs. Diane N. Kozakiewicz
Mr./Mrs. Edward Lennox Mr./Mrs. Raymond Sciaratta

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.



The Annunciation of the Lord—Thursday, March 25



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.
FINAL Opportunity, THIS Friday, March 26.

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

FISH FRY Menu:

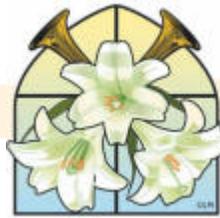
- Battered Fried.....\$ 11.00
- Skinless Baked.....\$ 11.00
- Fried Shrimp (7 Large Butterfly).....\$ 11.00
- Half portion of any of the above.....\$ 7.00

All above meals come with a roll and a choice of two of the following sides:

- 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

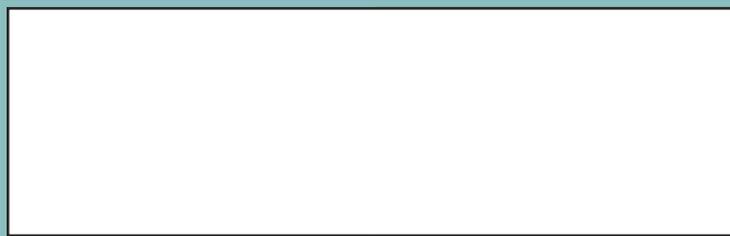
complete the order form below and send your donation to: St. John's Rectory, 2400 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14626, **OR** place your order and donation in an envelope marked **Easter Plants** and put it in the collection basket.

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Print your name _____ Phone number _____

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