



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CHURCH**

Please note that the Parish Office (806 Union St.) is only opened Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **The Parish Office is closed on Fridays. PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2023.**

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The Children's Liturgy of the Word is held on Sundays during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children in Grades Pre-K through 6 are invited by the priest to come forward to experience the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. They participate in songs, prayers and readings in the area of the church adjacent to the sacristy. The children will return to their seats after the Prayer of the Faithful. **Please note we will not have Children's Liturgy of the Word on January 1.**



MASS SCHEDULE

This year we will celebrate the New Year at the following time:

Vigil Mass

**Saturday, December 31, 2022
St. John the Evangelist 4:00 PM**

NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Sunday, January 1, 2023
8:45 AM and 10:30 AM**

**St. Anthony's - 7:30 AM, 11:45 AM
(Spanish) and 4:00 PM**

OFFERING CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Fr. Carlino will be hearing Confessions by Appointment only. For those wishing to participate will need to call Fr. Carlino at (St. John's) 518-372-3381 ext. 9 or (St. Anthony's) 518-374-4591 ext. 9 no later than 3:00 PM the Wednesday before.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Human Concerns Committee on **Thursday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Office Building Room 6. We will be discussing the Advent Giving Tree and the upcoming 'Souper Bowl' collection. Everyone is welcome!

VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

- To be in love with life and the Giver of it
- To practice the presence of God
- To forget self that Christ may be remembered
- To be strong enough to master evil
- To be wise enough to let the good master us
- To see in every friend a proof that God is good
- To see in those we may dislike an opportunity to show that love never fail
- To turn hindrances into helps
- To see the light along the edge of every shadow
- To be a living example of the joy deeply rooted in faith
- To be courteous to the aged, gracious to the maturing, and guide the steps of little children
- To profit by the past
- To look earnestly in the present
- To look hopefully to the future.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Children's Christmas Pageant

Thank you to the many people who worked many hours, tirelessly, planning, rehearsing and rehearsing again with our children who beautifully shared in portraying the Nativity story as a gift to the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. With heartfelt appreciation we thank our pageant director Debbie Testa and pageant assistants, Laurie and Jim Barone, Kim Beck, Tracey Ingemie, Amanda Kaczmarek, Renee Ross and Jennifer Terpening. Our music directors, Linda Jones and Janet Rainey. Narrators of the Nativity story: Gia Ciccone, Giuliana Palmieri, Marco Sgueglia, Emelyn Terpening, Sabine Testa, Emma Villaume. All roles are special, sacred and an integral part of the Nativity story, thank you to the following children who portrayed the Angels, Little Drummer Boy, Shepherdeses, St. Joseph, Our Blessed Mother, Wise Men and stable animals: Liliana Beck, Paolina Beck, Abram Brown, Avery Ducharme, Peyton Ferrucci, Adriana Guthinger, Bentley Guthinger, Tessa Ingemie, Clara Jordan, Lyla Jordan, Jake Jordan, Lorenzo Kaczmarek, Alexa Muscedere, Max Muscedere, Alexander Ross, Viktoria Ross, Matteo Sgueglia, Francesco Sgueglia, Patrick Terpening, Anna Terpening. **Thank You** and God bless you for all you do for Him.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

REQUEST FOR HELP!!!

On Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM we will be taking down our beautiful Christmas decorations. We will need help to un-decorate the church along with bringing the Nativity set, risers, Christmas trees and all the boxes of decorations to the basement. With a lot of help this can be done in a short period of time. If you can spare an hour of your time, please come and help. Thank you.

If you have any questions, call Kathy Carney – 377-7444.



PLEASE OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SIGNS IN AND OUT OF OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Last Week's Collection

Collection 12/18/22	\$
Candles 12/18/22	\$
Collection 12/25/22	\$
Candles 12/25/22	\$

See January 8th Bulletin for information

Audit Team C January 2 (even though office is closed.)
Audit Team B January 9

The King's Men Apostolate

All men ages 18 and above are invited to join the Schenectady Chapter of the King's Men Apostolate. We meet each Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the St. John's Parish Center, room 8 to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, spiritual reading and discussion. There are no dues or obligation to attend every meeting. For more information, contact Mark Roberts at 518-372-8322.

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER PLAQUE

If you would like to submit a picture of a St. John the Evangelist Parishioner serving active duty in any branch of the military for inclusion on the Armed Services Prayer Plaque, email it to mfallacaro@gmail.com or send a 5" X 7" or smaller photograph to the parish office at: St. John the Evangelist Church - Attn: Armed Services Prayer Plaque, 806 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308. Include a paper with their name branch of service, and where they are stationed.



St. Anthony's Church

Sister Maria Rosa and the Venerini Associates distribute food to needy families during the year. Help us restock our supply so that we may continue the good work. Please join us by dropping off any of the following nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation of any amount. No gift is too small. This is what we are in need of: Canned Fruit, Canned Applesauce, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Canned Green & Yellow Waxed Beans, Soups, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Boxed Scalloped Potatoes, Canned Beans, Canned Peas, Canned Corn, Canned Stews, Pudding, Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Jelly/Jam, Peanut Butter, Cooking Oil, Tuna Fish, Mayonnaise, Canned Meats. We couldn't do it without you. Let's continue to feed others both spiritually and physically. Thank you for your help!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS WITH EXPIRED DATES AS WE CANNOT GIVE THOSE OUT.

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022-2023

The Diocese of Albany has recently mailed the pledge envelopes for this year Diocesan Appeal. If you did not receive your pledge envelope, you can pick one up, they are located at the entrances of the church. We thank you for your support of the Diocesan Appeal.

MASS STIPEND -Just a reminder that the stipend for all weekend or daily Masses increased to \$15.00.

EYEGLASS & HEARING AID RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Take time to help those in need by giving the gift of sight and sound. The Lions International Eyeglass/Hearing Aid Recycling Program provides glasses and hearing aids to people in need in our community, as well as in developing countries. If you have either of these items that you no longer use, please place them into any of the three collection boxes at the entrances of our Church. Thank you.

Dear Church Family & Friends - St. John's Church is open from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, for individuals to pray. St. Anthony's is also open on week days from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

LIGHT HOUSE CD's

Visit our kiosk at the center Union St. doors for talks on our Catholic Faith. \$3 offering for each CD covers our cost. St. John the Evangelist does not make a profit on this outreach. Take advantage of these opportunities for enrichment of our Faith.

PASTORAL CARE DEPARTMENT - Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive a visit/Communion? Please call our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Ron Mc Closky 518-374-4591 ext. 103.

HOLY HOUR AT ST. ANTHONY'S - First Friday of the month , 6:00 to 7:00 PM.- Recitation of the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Subsequent Fridays-Rosary Prayer Service 6:00 to 7:00 PM, in Church.

WORKS OF MERCY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you for your continued support! Number of children served in 2022 to date: 149. Currently our most needed items are: Girls clothing new/gently used pants, sizes 12-18 girls, and juniors or women sizes XS - medium, new packages of socks all sizes. Boys clothing new/gently used pants sizes 6 - 20, and long and short sleeve shirts size 14-18. We also need boys new underwear in men's sizes small, medium and large and new packages of socks. To make a drop off appointment call 518-347-0871 or worksofermercyschdy@live.com We will also happily accept winter clothing, coats, and snow pants that have been outgrown so you don't need to store them away.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

St. Anthony's Office is now located at St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center. St. Anthony's phone number remains the same (518-374-4591). Mass Cards, inquiries about Weddings, Baptisms, and funerals will be available at the new location either by phone or in person. St. Anthony's Church will be open for private Prayer Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our Mass schedule will remain the same. Weekend Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Prayer Services will continue to be celebrated, and Group meetings will still take place in the building.

Mass Intentions



TUESDAY, 01 - 03 - 23

9:00 AM Marie D. Whipple by Estate

WEDNESDAY, 01 - 04 - 23

9:00 AM John & Helen Stone by Estate

THURSDAY, 01 - 05 - 23

9:00 AM 2nd Anniversary Remembrance - Gloria Cuomo by Children

Saturday 01 - 07 - 23

4:00 PM Stephanie & Edward Karwan
5th Anniversary Remembrance - Barbara Vergine by Family
8th Anniversary Remembrance - Arthur A. Gross by Family

Sunday 01 - 08 - 23

8:45 AM Toni Ann DiCaprio by Louise Monarch & Family
Doris Gionet by Boler Family

10:30 AM Louis Mangino by Linda & Tina Stegagno
Conor Sheehan by Wife, Susan

SYNOD ON RACE AND ETHNICITY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEEDS PLANNING HELP

Pope Francis has invited everyone to participate in the Synodal process. It is important for us to listen to each other's thoughts about the Church as we journey together to spread the Good News. In continuing with the Synodal process, Father Bob Longobucco has asked the network of St. John Evangelist, St. Anthony and St. Kateri Tekakwitha churches to organize a **Synod on Race and Ethnicity in the Catholic Church**. The planning committee needs more participants especially from People of Color, Native Americans and culturally diverse members to help plan and to perhaps serve as table facilitators at the listening session (training would be provided). The listening session will take place in February at the St Kateri Tekakwitha School gym. We are grateful that we will have this opportunity to share and listen to the experiences and suggestions of all. Anyone interested in helping can contact Clair Aimi clairaimi@gmail.com.

DO YOU HAVE 2-3 HOURS PER MONTH TO HELP SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

- 1 in 8 persons over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.
- 80% of Alzheimer's patients are cared for at home by family.
- Caring for someone with memory loss can be both isolating and exhausting for family members. **THESE FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP!** Belonging to a Care Team, *you only give the time you can when you can* because there are several of you to share the role of helping the family. The average volunteer offers just 2-3 hours per month. The team provides non-medical support and friendship. All volunteers are offered training and continued support from the staff at Eddy Alzheimer's Services. If you would like to receive more information about our Faith In Action CareTeam Program, please contact Mary Coleman at Eddy Alzheimer's Service email Mary.Coleman@sphp.com or 518-238-4167

RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

211 is a Resource in your Community – Burning question? Dial 211. Funded by the United Way, local and state government and private nonprofit organizations, 211 is a one stop resource for food, housing, child care, health care, substance abuse, financial problems and more available 7 days a week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties. 211 offers fast, accurate information on safety, relief and recovery services during natural disaster or regional emergencies.

St. John the Evangelist Purgatorial Society

Society Member recently enrolled:

Salvatore "Tory" Clemente

By: Stephen & Cathy Clemente

Charles W. Judeman Jr.

By: Dot Maher

Joseph Boland

By: Rinella Family

Sunday Readings for January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God Year A

1st Reading Numbers 6: 22-27

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67: 2-3 5, 6, 8

2nd Reading Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel Acclamation Hebrews 1: 1-2

Gospel Luke 2: 16-21

Caregivers' Program

To find out information about our Caregivers' program, please call St. John's office and leave a message at (518)-372-4619 Extension 326. When you do so, the following is the recording that you will hear: "Thank you for calling The Caregivers' Center at St. John's and St. Anthony's Churches. Someone will call you back within 3-4 business days if not sooner. As you leave your name and phone number, please speak slowly, clearly, and loudly, and make sure that you say your phone number twice."

The Rosary Altar Society would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the Rosarians, Parishioners, Friends and generous contributors who supported our Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale on **December 10**. Without your support in giving of your time, talent, treasures and donations, the Craft Fair would not have been the great success that it was. **A special Thank You from the Team:** Joanne McGrath, Barbara Mc Evoy, Jeanne Servidone, Carrie DiCaprio-Minucci, Tracey Nealon-Lotano, Alicia McGann and Patricia Morris.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Carmela Cannavo

Rosary Making Ministry

Come join us! We meet the First Tuesdays of September to June-10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. Anthony's Church Hall. All are welcome. Learn to make rosaries with cord and beads. Take kits home and make rosaries at your leisure. Return made rosaries for distribution. For inquiries call Linda 518-399-6965 and leave a message. The desire to help fulfill the endless request for rosaries is all that is required.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE SERVICES/NY CONNECTS

Your trusted source for reliable information and assistance for older adults and people of all ages with disabilities, their caregivers, and families, located at 107 Nott Terrace Suite 305, call 518-382-8481 ext. 1302. Your link to Long Term Services and Supports. www.SchenectadyCounty.com

St. John the Evangelist Parish Membership

Parishioners are individuals who are formally registered and active in our Parish. Please complete this form if you wish to join our Parish family. You may return this form to the Parish Office by dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it to the Parish Office.

Check One:

_____ New Registration (Please send Parish Registration Forms)

_____ Change of Address (New address is listed).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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