



TO
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CHURCH**

Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Monday, **January 15** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

OFFICE HOURS FOR FR. CARLINO

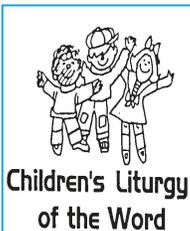
St. John's Parish Office on Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 4:00 pm and St. Anthony's Parish Office on Thursdays from 12 Noon to 4:00 pm. He is available to schedule appointments at other times as well. You can call him personally 7 days a week from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at 372-3381 Ext. 7. You can call him for The Last Rites of the Church 24/7 also at 372-3381 but at Ext. 9.

To find out if 8:00 AM Daily Mass is cancelled due to Bad Weather:

1. After **7:00 AM** call **518-374-4591**.
2. When the voice recording comes on press **5**.
3. If the voice begins by saying "The recording you are about to listen to is not programmed to receive a message from you," hang up, because it means that **Mass is being celebrated**.
4. Otherwise it will say "**Due to bad weather, today** [it will give the day of the week and the date] **the 8:00 AM Mass is canceled**."

BAPTISM

Baptisms at St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony's Churches will take place only on the First Sunday of each month and only **during** Mass. Baptisms are not scheduled outside of Sunday Morning Masses. If you wish to schedule a baptism at St. John's please contact **Debbie May at 372-3381 ext. 5**. For one at St. Anthony contact Judy Mavente at 374-4591 ext. 5.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word is held on Sundays, during the 9:30 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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Miraculous Medal Novena will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 in the **Parish Center Room 8**. Please enter through the double doors at the Canopy Entrance closest to the church parking lot.

NEW BOOK GROUP

Beginning **January 8** and continuing on **January 22, February 5, February 26, March 12, March 19, April 9, April 23 and May 7** Sr. Joan will lead a discussion on *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self* by Richard Rohr. Father Rohr likens true self to a diamond, buried deep within us, formed under the intense pressure of our lives, that must be searched for, uncovered, and separated from all the debris of ego, that surrounds it. In a sense, **True Self** must like Jesus, be resurrected, and that process is not resuscitation, but transformation. *Immortal Diamond* (whose title is taken from a line in Gerard Manley Hopkins poem) explores the deepest questions of identity, spirituality, and meaning. We meet in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Please use the double doors under the awning across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church. If you wish Sister Joan to order this book for you please call 518-372-3381 ext. 224.

Roe v Wade anniversary Holy Hour

Monday **January 22nd**, 5:30 - 6:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church with celebrant, Fr. Jeffrey L'Arche. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration at 5:30 pm, we will pray the Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin, finishing with Benediction. Fr. L'Arche will speak and we will have plenty of time for personal reflection and prayer, concluding at 6:30pm. Any questions, call Patty Gutch 518.372.3381 ext. 229.

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP FOR FEBRUARY

On **February 1st**, Sr. Joan will meet in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center at 1:00 pm to discuss *Joy: Poet, Seeker & the Woman Who Captivated C.S. Lewis* by Abigail Santamaria. Joy Davidman is known, if she is known at all, as the wife of C.S. Lewis. Their marriage was immortalized in the film *Shadowlands* and Lewis's memoir, *A Grief Observed*. Now, through extraordinary new documents as well as years of research and interviews, our author brings Joy David Gresham Lewis to the page in the fullness and depth she deserves. A poet and radical, Davidman was a frequent contributor to the communist vehicle *New Masses* and an active member of New York literary circles in the 1930's and 40's. After growing up Jewish in the Bronx, she was an atheist, then a practitioner of Dianetics; she converted to Christianity after experiencing a moment of transcendent grace. A mother, a novelist, a vibrant and difficult and intelligent woman, she set off for England in 1952, determined to captivate the man whose work had changed her life. Davidman became the intellectual and spiritual partner Lewis never expected but cherished. If you wish Sr. Joan to order a copy of this book for you please call 518-372-3381 ext. 224.

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



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

This year the Feast of St. Blaise occurs on Saturday, **February 3rd**. Throats will be blessed at the 8:00 am Mass at St. Anthony's Church and at the Saturday's Vigil Mass on **February 3rd** as well as at all the Sunday Masses on **February 4th**. The celebrant of the Mass will need three Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist him. A card with the Blessing of St. Blaise as well as the candles needed will be available. Please call Sr. Joan at 372-3381 ext. 224 if you are willing to assist.

THANK YOU

The Decorating Committee would like to send out a BIG 'Thank You' to those of you who took the time to come and help us bring the Nativity set, trees and other decorations up from the basement and for those who came to help us decorate our church for the Christmas season. Many hands made light work and with your help, our church looked BEAUTIFUL this holiday season. Thank you all so much.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE

This year we placed 752 cards on our Advent Giving Tree and through your overwhelming generosity, many less fortunate lives were brightened by the numerous gifts received. A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to each and every one of you who supported this year's Giving Tree. You helped to bring the miracle of Christmas to those in need. A 'special' THANK YOU to all those who donated the precious gift of their time to write cards for the tree, sort and organize all of the wonderful gifts received for distribution.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CENACLE - All parishioners are invited to join "The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cenacle, every Thursday, 7:00 pm in room 5 of the Parish Center. Please come and receive this special grace. For more information contact Patti Schwartz 518-796-3111 or email at schwartz63@gmail.com.

2017 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2017 will be **sent only to those who request them**. If you wish to receive a statement of your donations for tax purposes, please complete the form below. Your completed form can either be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office - 806 Union St., Schenectady NY 12308.

Please send a statement of my 2017 Donations.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Envelope # _____



CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection 12/31/17:	\$12,964.65
Christmas	\$ 2,060.00
Collection 01/01/18	\$ 1,794.00
Candles:	\$ 292.09
Collection 01/0718:	\$12,780.62
Candles:	\$ 124.61

AUDIT TEAM: January 15, Team C
January 22, Team B

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 for your assistance in donating to this wonderful cause.

THE KING'S MEN APOSTOLATE

All men, age 18 and over, are invited to join the Schenectady Chapter of the King's Men Apostolate. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the St. John's Parish Center room 8 for an evening of praying the rosary, spiritual reading, discussion, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. No dues or obligation to attend weekly. 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 BREAD APOSTOLATE

The St. Anthony's Bread Apostolate will receive your special request for prayer that will be "lifted-up" in silence at the St. Anthony's Novena on Wednesday evenings. Those requests will be received by email only and thereafter placed in our "Book of Remembrance" for one year. If you are inclined, submit your prayer request to saintanthony_bread@nycap.rr.com.

The Journey Bereavement Ministries consists of a team of Bereavement Ministers available to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. We invite those in need to call for an individual meeting with one of our ministers at 518-374-4591 Extension 103 to schedule an appointment. Please leave a message with your name and phone number so we may contact you and know that all communication is held in the strictest of confidentiality.



SATURDAY, 01 - 20- 18

4:00 PM Marge Ditoro by Margaret Giaminelli

SUNDAY, 01 - 21- 18

7:30 AM Carl Paurowski by Florence Paurowski Estate

9:30 AM Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family
Rita Rutkoski by Family
Fred Roaslie Scott and Denny Scott by Daughter & Sister, Nancy

5 :00 PM For the People



TEAM 6

January 13, 2018
4:00 PM Bob Nicolella

January 14, 2018
7:30 AM Bob Fredette
9:30 AM Barbara Leonard
5:00 PM Ann Foskett

TEAM 1

January 20, 2018
4:00 PM Vincent De John

January 21,
7:30 AM Donald Buckley
9:30 AM Joe Di Caprio
5:00 PM Sara Kesten

WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE...

We appreciate children's gently worn or new clothing up to age 18. Clothing items may be dropped off to us at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Please contact us for drop off days and times at 518-347-0871. For more information go to www.worksofmercyshdy.org and click on the "Good Neighbor" Program tab.

Volunteers Needed! - Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital is looking for volunteers to work in the Gift Shop, Monday through Friday for 9:30 am to 12:30 pm shift as well as the 12:30 to 4:00 pm and the 4:00 to 6:00 pm shifts. On Saturdays and Sundays, volunteers are needed from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Our Carmen Road Physical Therapy Office needs office help in the mornings on weekdays. If you are interested in any of these volunteer openings, please contact Joan Laviolette, 518-386-3631.

Our bulletin is made possible through the generosity of the advertisers who are listed on the back. Please patronize them.



THE QUEST FOR GRACE FOUNDATION

The Quest for Grace Foundation would like to thank you for your generosity and support you have given us this Christmas Season. Founded on the premise that "Every Child is a Gift", we seek to make a positive difference in the lives of foster children. With your assistance, we are able to provide clothing and goods to foster children throughout the Capital Region. With the continued support, we are able to continue our mission that has been underway since 2005. For more information on how your generosity will help to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our website at questforgrace.org. With thanks and appreciation,
Louie & Michele Ianniello

BIRTHRIGHT OF SCHENECTADY

There is presently a great need for gently used baby clothing (especially warm winter clothes). As your children outgrow their baby clothes please consider donating them to Birthright. We accept sizes newborn to 24 months. We pass on what is donated to us with no charge to our clients. Our address is 12 Jay Street, Suite 1; Schenectady, NY 12305. If you have questions please call our office at (518) 370-1532.

Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Carol Consalvo, Anna Lepri, Mary Di Cenzo & John Polsinelli.

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: _____

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP FOR EGIVING

RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

211 is a Resource in your Community – Burning building? Call 911. Burning question? Dial 211. Funded by the United Way, local and state government and private non-profit 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.

THE HOME FURNISHINGS PROGRAM

NEEDS OF THE MONTH - Furniture: *small dressers and kitchen table sets, small sofas/love-seats. Furnishings: we are desperate for flatware, especially dinner forks, teaspoons, soup spoons (and as always) need spatulas, can openers, large pots & pans, cereal & dessert bowls small appliances: toasters/ovens, coffee-makers, blenders, crock pots. To donate, call Jamie Doriguzzi, Program Director, at 518-346-2444 or email us at homefurninc@aol.com to arrange for pick-up or warehouse drop-off of useful items. Please, focus on basic housekeeping items in immediately useful condition. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! www.schenectadyhomefurnishings.org*

DO YOU HAVE 2-3HOURS 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 the Care Team at your church, 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 Care Team Program, please contact Sandy Monahan at Eddy Alzheimer's Services-238-4167 /e-mail Sandra.monahan@sphp.com