



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.

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.



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.

HUMAN CONCERNS NEWS

"Souper Bowl" Fund Drive - Once again, it is time for the Super Bowl Game (**February 4**) as well as our annual "SOUPER Bowl" Fund Drive. The monies raised in this drive are used by our local food pantries in the Schenectady area. The Human Concerns Committee will be holding its BOWL Collection this weekend of **February 3 and 4**. If you could give just one dollar to one of the volunteers near the church exits, your donation will be used to help feed those in need throughout Schenectady County. As always, thank you for your generosity.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

This year the Feast of St. Blaine 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Confirmation Retreat: All candidates will experience a day-long retreat on Saturday, **February 3** in the parish center. At the conclusion of their retreat they will meet their parents and family members for the Vigil Mass at St. John's where they will have participatory roles. We are pleased to have such an inspiring group of young people dedicated to their faith and eager to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. Please continue to keep the candidates in your prayers throughout the remaining period of preparation. All are invited to please come and join us in supporting these young people at their Vigil Mass.

Best Lent Ever Please join our students and families in an exciting online Lenten experience. It's a free email program that will guide you on a 40-day journey to become *the-best-version-of-yourself*, making this a truly life-changing Lent. Matthew Kelly, author of Dynamic Catholic has launched this new program. Here's how it works, starting Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, participants receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into their everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. Throughout Lent, participants will discover how to open their hearts to God, leading to their best Lent ever. Visit, www.BestLentEver.com to learn more.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger on Sunday, **March 18** at 2:00 pm in St. John's Church. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers. A reception will follow in the parish center hosted by our Rosarians.

NATIONAL BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, **February 4th** is **National Boy Scout Sunday**. Our Troop 72 will participate in the 9:30 am Mass at St. John's that morning and also will host the Parish Coffee in the Cafeteria. Scouts from any other unit are welcome to join us.



Sunday Coffee and Donuts

Parishioners and friends are invited to join us for Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Center cafeteria after the 7:30 am and 9:30 am Masses **TODAY**. Next Coffee and Donuts will be Sunday, **February 11, 2018**.



Collection 01/28/18: \$11,014.37
Second Collection: \$ 6,025.82
Candles: \$ 167.97

AUDIT TEAM: February 5, Team A
February 12, Team C

NEW BOOK GROUP

Continuing on **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.

LENTEN PREPARATION FOR FAMILIES

Come and join our annual potluck gathering to share and learn ideas of bringing the Holy Season of Lent into your hearts and homes. Learn ways to lovingly share with children of toddler ages and up about the meaning, traditions, and beauty of Lent. Tuesday, **February 6th**, 5:30 pm, Saint John the Evangelist Church Parish Center. Please rsvp by calling Patty Gutch @ 518.372.3381 ext. 229.

A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH

Little Black Books: Six- Minute Meditations on the Passion according to Mark will be available for you to pick up **February 10-11**. It is a pre-Lenten gift to you from your parish to assist you as you journey from Ash Wednesday **February 14** through Easter Sunday **April 1**. We suggest you start with *How to use the 'Little Black Book'* and that you use the next three days to get ready for Lent.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

Next weekend, purple crosses will be available in baskets near the church entrances. You are invited to take a cross as you enter the church. The cross will be worn throughout Lent to signify you are willing to carry your own cross and you may wish to add the intentions of a family member, friend or someone most in need of help during this time. You may return the cross to the baskets during Holy week to be put on our large cross in the sanctuary on Good Friday. Special thanks to the people who volunteered their time to make the crosses.

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.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

- 12:15 pm Mass with distribution of Ashes
- 2:00 pm Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes
- 3:00 pm Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes
- 4:00 pm Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes
- 7:30 pm Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

- 8:00 am Mass with distribution of Ashes
- 10:00 am Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes
- 11:00 am Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes
- 5:00 pm Mass with distribution of Ashes
- 6:30 pm Spanish Mass with distribution of Ashes

LECTORS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please call Sr. Joan at 372-3381 ext. 224 if you can lector at any of the Ash Wednesday Mass or Prayer Services on **February 14**, 12:15 pm Mass, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm 4:00 pm & 7:30 pm Prayer Services. Thank you so much .

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday of Lent, 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church **only**.



PRAY FAST SHARE

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the diocese of Albany the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



As we travel along our Lenten journey, we grow closer in our relationship with God through prayer. Prayer is also an essential part of reaching out to those in need and growing in solidarity with them. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl helps reach those in need, both in our own community and around the world. Please join in this meaningful Lenten observance. Materials will be available near the church entrances next weekend to assist your participation.

PLEASE NOTE: In the past few weeks we have found two sets of car keys in the Church building. Please call our office if you think on of them may be yours (518-372-3381 ext. 221) Thank you.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 02 - 10- 18

4:00 PM Marie D. Whipple by Estate
Joseph & Antoinette Forte by Family
Clara Caplinger by Janet & Joe LaMar,
Amy Candida & Jim Brunick
Ellen Renzi by Renzi Family

SUNDAY, 02 - 11- 18

7:30 AM Deceased Members of Paurowski,
Tajkowski & Nynek Families by Estate
Francis J. Clark by Estate
Birthday Remembrance - Fred R. Longe
By Wife, Kathy

9:30 AM Felicisimo & Basilia de Jesus by F.
Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy
Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., &
Families
Fred Roaslie Scott & Denny Scott by
Daughter & ister, Nancy
Birthday Remembrance - Pauline
Carney-Clark by Rit & Kathy Carney
Sally Harrison by St. John Choir
Barbara Barry Vergine by Katherine
Quinlan & Marty Byster

5 :00 PM For the People

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 Chapel. 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.



We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the Rosarians, Parishioners, Friends and generous contributors who supported our Annual Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale this year. Without your support in giving of time, talent, treasures and donations, it would not have been the great success that it was. Thank You All, from the team: Joanne McGrath, Toni DiCaprio, Barbara McEvoy, Patricia Morris and Jeanne Servidone.

**To find out *if* 8:00 AM Daily Mass at
St. Anthony's Church 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**."

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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Robert K. Mc Kechnie Jr., Rita Polsinelli, Doris Latorra, Barbara Vergine, Cesare Bucci, Richard Piatkowski, Phyllis O'Connor, Maria Esposito & Eleanor Cummings.

**EYEGLOSS & 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 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.

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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.

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

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.

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 # _____