



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 on Monday, **February 19th** in observance of Presidents' 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.



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.

**BLACK, NATIVE AMERICAN & LATIN
AMERICAN MISSIONS COLLECTION**

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection this weekend **February 17-18** for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs. The Black and Native American Mission Office provides grants for projects that promote Native American and Black evangelization efforts throughout North America including programs in the Diocese of Albany. By contributing to next week's collection you will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Black and Native American Missions of the United States and the Church in Latin America by placing your envelope **with** your offertory envelope in the collection basket this weekend. Thank you.



Parishioners who like to sing are invited to join our Church Choir. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 10:30 am to noon. A warm welcome is extended to all who are interested in joining us.

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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.

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

Bakers Needed: The Rosary Society will host a reception to honor our students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, **March 18**. We are in need of volunteers to bake cookies, brownies or cupcakes. The Parish Center will open at 12:00 noon on that day to receive your baked goods. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Carney at 377-7444. Thank you.

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.

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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

The Office of Development and Stewardship would like to remind all parishioners that the final pledge statements for the 2017 Bishop's Appeal will be mailed in February. The deadline to submit gifts for the 2017 Bishop's Appeal is **March 15, 2018**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FIRST THURSDAY FILM PROGRAM

March 1, DVD *Risen* 107 minutes *Risen* is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. The film will be shown in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center at 1:00 pm. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP - FOR APRIL

On **April 5** at 1:00 pm in Room 6, Sr. Joan will lead a discussion on ***AD 33* by Ted Dekker**. A gripping story of Maviah, a slave who becomes a queen in Arabia, A.D. 33. They call her the Queen of the Outcasts. Maviah, a woman whose fate was sealed on her birth by this world unwanted, illegitimate, female, a slave-subject to the whims of all. But then she met a man named Yeshua who opened her eyes. She found strength in his words, peace from the brutal world around her. Because of what he taught her, she has gathered her own traveling kingdom of outcast deep in the desert, wielding an authority few have seen. But when her growing power threatens the rulers around her, they set out to crush all she loves, leaving her reeling as a slave once more. She must find Yeshua to save her people, but when she does, she will be horrified to discover that he faces his own death. Enter a story full of intrigue, heart-wrenching defeat, uncompromising love and staggering victory-one that re-examines everything you thought you knew about the heart of Jesus' stunning message and the power that follows for those who follow his easily forgotten way. If you wish Sr. Joan to order this book please call 518-372-3381 ext. 224.

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.

LENTEN SERVICES

Simple Soup Suppers and Lenten Prayer Service at 5:30 pm every Thursday during Lent at St. Anthony's Church.

Stations of the Cross

at St. Anthony's Church every Friday during Lent - 3:00 pm (English) and 7:00 pm (Spanish).



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.

HUMAN CONCERNS/SOUPER BOWL THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who supported and contributed to the "SOUPER BOWL" Collection which raised \$750.54 to be used by the Schenectady food pantries. Your generosity helps to fight hunger in our area. Special thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time after each Mass to help with this collection. JOB WELL DONE!

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Again we will be participating in the '**Personal Care Closet**' drive. This year we will be dividing the items collected between Catholic Charities (Schenectady office) and the SUSTAIN Ministry Program held at the First United Methodist Church located on State Street here in Schenectady. The clients both organizations serve live on fixed, limited incomes. Once basic needs are met, they have little or no money left for other necessary items such as personal care products, cleaning and laundry supplies. The '**Personal Care Closet**' provides these types of items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and are not usually available through food pantries or other sources. We would like to help both these worthwhile programs. Some of the items needed are: **bars of wrapped soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, toilet paper, tissues, dish soap, laundry detergent, household cleaning products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine pads/tampons, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Pull ups all sizes (2T-5T), etc.** We will be starting this drive the weekend of **February 24/25** and ending **March 18/19**. You can place your donations in the boxes marked '**Personal Care Closet**' located at each of the Church's entrances. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support for this very worthwhile collection. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jeanne Servidone - 518-357-9053 or Kathy Carney - 518-377-7444.

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY'S

Spring Open House will be on Monday, **March 5th** from 11:00 am - 12:45 pm, followed by a presentation on our program. Located at 201 N. Ten Broeck Street in Scotia, RCA is an accredited academy for grades preK-12 that emphasizes classical education and a love for the Catholic Faith. All are welcome to come and see our classrooms in action! Please contact Katie Stirton at 518.882.7025



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 02 - 24- 18

4:00 PM Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family
Birthday Remembrance - Ruth Gleason by Family
Stephanie & Edward Karwan by Daughter, Stephanie
2nd Anniversary Remembrance - Edward Puszcz by Stephanie Karwan
Theresa C. Wilson by Mike & Donna Wilson

SUNDAY, 02 - 25- 18

7:30 AM Peter & Mary Paurowski by Florence Paurowski Estate
Mary De Lorenzo by Niece, JoAnn Aragosa
Deceased Members of Paniccia Family by Paniccia Family

9:30 AM Maria Esposito by St. John's Rosary Society
In Honor of Estela Hutchings (Birthday) by F. Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families

5 :00 PM Birthday Remembrance - John Bove by Gertrude Purcell

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.

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.



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

Collection 02/11/18: \$10,775.72
Evangelist: \$ 496.00
Candles: \$ 157.60

AUDIT TEAM: February 19, Team B
February 26, Team D

**EYEGGLASS & 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.

**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**."

Mark your calendars...



St. Anthony's Church Bake Sale

Saturday , February 24th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, February 25th, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

You will find a variety of cookies and pies, Italian bread, rolls, pasta, cavatelli, frozen dough, tomato & broccoli pizza and much more!

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.

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.

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

STAR EXEMPTION

Renewal applications for the Enhanced (Senior) School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption for 2018 are due by **March 1, 2018** in the City of Schenectady. The 2016 income for resident owner(s) is required as part of this process. If there was no income tax filed, we will accept ALL income Statements: Social Security, Pension, Interest Income, Etc. Seniors must turn 65 years old before December 31, 2018. Renewal forms are available in City Hall, 105 Jay St., Room #8 or at www.tax.ny.gov (RP-425 Rnw) Please note that March 1 is deadline for filing all NYS property tax exemptions. For more information call 518-382-5075

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.

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