



**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.**

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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.

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

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection THIS weekend 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. Please place your envelope with your offertory envelope in the collection basket **today**.

**Rest in Peace**

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Christopher Giglio and Dominick Mancini.

**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](mailto: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.

**HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

We will be holding our annual 'Personal Care Closet' collection this year to support the Schenectady Office of Catholic Charities and students attending Schenectady City Schools who find it hard to afford personal hygiene products. By providing personal care products for these students, it not only takes a financial burden off families but can also help make students feel more comfortable and confident to face each school day. The clients that Catholic Charities 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. Some of the items needed are: **bars of wrapped soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, Q-tips, Chapstick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouth wash, paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, dish soap, sponges, laundry detergent, household cleaning products, feminine maxi pads/tampons, panty liners, body wash, body and hand lotion, face wash, shaving cream, 3in1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash and individually packed razor.** Travel size of hygiene products are also welcome. We will be starting this collection the weekend of **March 4 and 5** and ending **March 18 and 19**. You can place your donations in the boxes marked 'Personal Care Closet' located at each of the Church entrances. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support for this very worthwhile collection. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact - Jeanne Servidone - 518-357-9053 or Kathy Carney - 518-396-0504.

*Our Sincere Thanks* to all who supported and contributed to the "SOUPER BOWL" collection taken last weekend. We were able to send a check in the amount of \$970.00 to the SICM Food Program to be used by the Schenectady food pantries. Your generosity helps fight hunger in our area. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this collection.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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.

### A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH

**Little Black Books: Six- Minute Meditations on the Passion according to Matthew** will be available for you to pick up this weekend. It is a Lenten gift to you from your parish to assist you as you journey from Ash Wednesday **February 22** through Easter Sunday **April 9th**. 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.

#### LENTEN SERVICES STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year, the Stations of the Cross will take place at **St. Anthony's Church** every Friday during Lent - 3:00 PM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish.

OPERATION  
RICE BOWL



Please join in this meaningful Lenten observance. Materials will be available near the church entrances the weekend of February 18-19 to assist your participation.

#### TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

This 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.

#### 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 Thursday before.

**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."

### Choir News

Parishioners who like to sing are invited to join our Church Choir. The Choir sings at the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass and rehearses after that Mass. A warm welcome is assured.

### YOUTH MINISTRY PROJECT

We are happy to share an exciting initiative; we are partnering with St. Kateri's Parish on a mission trip to North Carolina in April. Students (16 years-of-age by April 1) will have the opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity during their school break. Community immersion projects are excellent learning experiences for young people and most importantly in answer to Jesus' directive from Matthew's Gospel. To help with the cost of this trip we are working with Schenectady's Uncle Sam's All-American Candy offering Easter Candy Selections. Please see the order forms at the entrance of the church or you can go to:

<https://stkateriparish.org/youthministryfundraiser> and place your order. Delivery Date: Week of March 27—time and location of pick up to be determined.

### ROSARY SOCIETY

Our Rosary Society will be meeting on Wednesday, **March 8th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Center Cafeteria. We welcome all parishioners to join us in celebrating St. Patrick's Day with refreshments as we await the First Day of Spring.

**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.



#### 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 with out 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.**

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



**Masses For The Week**

**MONDAY, 02 - 27 - 23**

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Union St.

**TUESDAY, 02 - 28 - 23**

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Union St.

**WEDNESDAY, 03 - 01 - 23**

9:00 AM Mass at St. John For the People

**THURSDAY, 03 - 02 - 23**

9:00 AM Mass at St. John For the People

6:00 PM Mass at St. Kateri, Rosa Road

**FRIDAY, 03 - 03 - 23**

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Rosa Road

**SATURDAY 03 - 04 - 23**

4:00 PM Rev. William A. Mc Namara by Margaret T. Connoly  
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family  
5th Anniversary Remembrance - Rosaria Facci by Giulio & Ann Facci  
All Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday 03 - 05 - 23**

8:45 AM Gloria Cuomo by Children  
Louis Mangino by Wife, Marlene & Family

10:30 AM Michael Celentano by Family  
Charles A. Monarch by Louise Monarch & Family  
Rose Pileggi by Family  
Anniversary Remembrance - Douglas Hoyt by Family

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.SchenectadyCounty.com)

**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:**

Contribution statements for 2022 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, mailed to the church, 806 Union St., Schenectady 12308 or email the parish office [ddepaula@sjchurch.com](mailto:ddepaula@sjchurch.com).

**Please send a statement of my 2022 Donations.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKS OF MERCY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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 [worksofmercyschdy@live.com](mailto:worksofmercyschdy@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.

**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:

**Robert Fulston** By: Debra & Larry Swartz

**Sunday Readings for February 26, 2023**

**First Sunday of Lent - Year A**

1st Reading Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
2nd Reading Romans 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19  
Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4: 4b  
Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11

**Last Week's Collection**

Collection 02/19/23 \$ 8,008.94  
Candles 02/19/23 \$ see next week bulletin  
Audit Team C, February 27;  
Audit Team B, March 6

**RESTORATION MEMORIALS**

We acknowledge with appreciation the following donations to St. John the Evangelist Restoration Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Leonard Tamasi**

By Joseph & Charlene Peters III and Family, Guy Mogavero & Family, Margaret T. Connoly.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**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](mailto:Mary.Coleman@sphp.com) or 518-238-4167

**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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