

MARCH

**WELCOME 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.

 *Pastor's Notes* To reach Fr. Carlino at St. John's call 518
-372-3381 or at St. Anthony's 518-374-
4591. For The Last Rites of The Church, press 7. For any
other reason, you are to press 9.

What Should I Give?

 Sometimes parishioners ask how much should
they give? No one can determine that but you.
Your financial situation is unique and a private
matter. What you decide is based on your particular
situation. We would ask everyone to try to do something
within their means. After reading the information and
praying over your decision, we would ask every parishioner:
If your situation allows consider a pledge or one-time gift to
the campaign. Be an ambassador for the campaign, share
your enthusiasm with your fellow parishioners on how this
campaign can build our local parish and our sister parishes
throughout the Albany Diocese. Pray for the success of the
Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign, so that it may reach out
into all our communities and be a beacon of light and hope
for all members of our region.

Please know that whatever you decide will be appreciated
and greatly needed to strengthen our parish. For more
information or to watch the video, please visit the
website at: www.reignitingourfaith.org

Please remember

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

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan
Collection next weekend **March 9-10** 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 next weekend. Thank you.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

MARCH 6, 2019

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
8:00 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 Masses or Prayer
Services on **March 6**, 12:15 pm Mass, 2:00 pm, 3:00
pm, 4:00 pm, & 8:00 pm Prayer Services. Thank you.



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 Dio-
cese 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 participa-
tion 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. Mate-
rials will be available near the church entrances next
weekend to assist your participation.

LENTEN SERVICES AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Thursdays during Lent we will have our soup sup-
pers at 5:30 pm followed by Scripture reflection and the
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Stations of the Cross

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

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.

A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH

Little Black Books: Six- Minute Meditations on the Passion. will be available for you to pick up this weekend **March 3**. It is a pre-Lenten gift to you from your parish to assist you as you journey from Ash Wednesday, **March 6** through Easter Sunday **April 21**. 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.

ASHES FOR THE SICK/HOMEBOUND

Ashes for Ash Wednesday distribution to the sick/homebound will be located in a basket in the Sacristy. Please sign your name on the form next to the basket along with the name(s) of those receiving ashes. The ashes are to be distributed on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) only.

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 Works of Mercy Initiative – Schenectady area. The clients of both organizations served 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, conditioner, deodorant (men's and women's), disposable razors, shaving cream, chapstick, toilet paper, facial tissues, dish soap, laundry detergent, household cleaning products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine pads/tampons, body lotion, etc.** We will be starting this drive the weekend of **March 2/3** and ending **March 23/24**. 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.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

In answer to Jesus' directive from Matthew's Gospel, *"Whatever you do for the least of My people you do for Me."* Our Confirmation candidates would like to thank you for your generous donations of warm clothing and blankets. Their service project this year was to help the patrons and residents of City Mission during the cold winter months. Your help was gratefully appreciated. We believe our students learn a great deal when actually working and living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. ***From the Catechism of the Catholic Church....He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?*** Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate their third and final Sacrament of Initiation on **March 31**. God bless you - and Thank You.

BAKERS NEEDED - The Rosary Society will host a reception to honor our students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, **March 31**. We are in need of volunteers to bake cookies, brownies, breads, or cupcakes. The Parish Center will open at 10:30 am to receive your baked goods. For more info. contact Kathy Carney 518-377-7444 or Barbara Nyland 518-608-4059.



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Society will be meeting on Wednesday, **March 13th** 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria. We welcome all parishioners to join us celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Traditional Irish Refreshments as we anxiously await the First Day of Spring. Please enter through the double doors under the canopy.

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

On **April 4th** at 1:00 pm Sr. Joan will meet in Room 6 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center to discuss *A.D. 30* by Ted Dekker. Please enter through the double doors across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

FIRST THURSDAY FILM PROGRAM

March 7th at 1:00 pm in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center Sr. Joan will show Part Three of Christianity: The First Two Thousand Years. If you have missed Part one or Two it is possible to borrow the first of a two DVD program (180 minutes). The total four part program is 400 minutes. Part Three will be approximately 110 minutes. Please enter through the double doors across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

 *Mass Intentions*

SATURDAY, 03 - 09 19

4:00 PM John & Helen Stone by Estate
Rev. William A. Mc Namara by Margaret
T. Connoly
Anniversary Remembrance - Pietro
Zarrillo by Children Tony & Anna Zarrillo
Eugenio F. Gomes by Jeanne Bryant

SUNDAY, 03 - 10 - 19

7:30 AM Peter & Mary Paurowski by Estate
Rose Pileggi by Family
Mary Liebers by Mark & Colleen Reilly
& Family

9:30 AM Leonarda F. Caruso by Hon. Howard
Levine
Felcisimo & Basilia de Jesus by F.
Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy
Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., &
Families
Bernie Socha by Piatkowski Family

5:00 PM Robert & Mary C. Emmet by Estate
Florence Paurowski by Estate

WORKS OF MERCY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Good Neighbor Program has an urgent need for gently used and new clothing in GIRLS AND BOYS SIZES 8,10,12,14 and 16, jeans/pants, LONG and short sleeve shirts and hooded sweatshirts. The Program also need all sizes boys and men's (for teenagers) underwear and socks. These can be placed in the white baskets located at both rear exits.



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.

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.

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

PASTORAL CARE DEPARTMENT - Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive a visit/Communion? Please call our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Doreen Murdock 518-372-3381 ext. 234.

DAILY MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S - For Daily Mass attendees at St. Anthony's 8:00 am Mass: On days of bad weather, to find out if there is Mass from **7:00 am** onward, please call St. Anthony's Parish 518-374-4591 ext. 280 and listen to the recording. NOTE: Do **not** call **before 7:00 am** as the information will not be available. This **only** applies to **Daily Mass not Weekend Masses** for they are **never cancelled**.

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.

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", Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Room 5 of the Parish Center. Please come and receive this special grace. For more information contact Patti Schwartz email at schwartz63@gmail.com or call 518-796-3111.

**Looking for Something Different to do for Lent –
A Lenten Bible Study**

Did you know that our Lenten disciplines are historically associated with the catechumenate of the early Church? Those preparing for baptism at Easter have inspired Christians throughout the ages to better prepare for the celebration with mind and hearts renewed.

In this spirit, a short Lenten bible study (5 lessons, about one and a half hours each) will be offered to help better prepare us for Easter. This bible study will use Jeff Cavins' DVD bible time line study. The course is designed to give a complete overview of the entire time period covered by the bible, including when and where key events occurred; such as when people like Jacob, Isaac, Moses, David occur in history; how and if they are related; in what way they might help us understand Jesus; what time period each of the biblical books cover; when and why Israel divides; and many more enlightening biblical basics.

The course is **designed to be an introduction** that will provide you the foundation needed and **a plan to easily read through the bible**.

The materials cost \$40; (a couple can share one set of materials). Two options are available: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am or Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The morning session will be held at St. Luke's in Schenectady, the evening session will be held at Saint John the Evangelist school. The first meeting will be **March 13**. The course will be completed on **April 10**.

To signup for either number, the number of study guides requested, and the session you wish to attend.

St. Anthony's Church - Sacred Heart League

Day of Reflection - The St. Anthony's Sacred Heart League is having their Annual Lenten Day of Reflection at St. Anthony's Church at 331 Seward Place, on Saturday, **March 16th** at 10:30 am with Speaker Father Jeffrey L'Arche. Come and experience some food for thought as we create a Lenten buffet for the soul! There will also be a luncheon for \$10.00. Forms for the luncheon will be available at both entrances of your Church. All are welcome. Please plan on attending. It will be a fun day! If you have any questions, please call Chairperson Cathy Busher at (518) 366-2307.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

The Office of Development and Stewardship would like to remind all parishioners that the final pledge statements for the 2018 Bishop's Appeal will be mailed in February. The deadline to submit gifts for the 2018 Bishop's appeal is **March 15**, 2019. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, **March 10**, Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday.



Parish Support Collection 02/17: \$10,272.01
Collection 02/24: \$10,234.51
Candles: \$ 408.95

AUDIT TEAM: March 4, Team A
March 11, Team C

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