

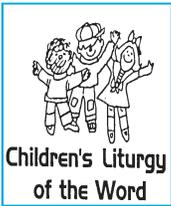


TO  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CHURCH**

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.



Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

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.



Coffee and Donuts

**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, **March 11, 2018**.

**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 SERVICE PROJECT**

Our Confirmation candidates will conduct a Bottle Drive on **March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** before all Masses. A truck will be parked in our lot 30 minutes before each Mass for your donations of clean returnable cans and bottles, **please bring them in plastic bags**. The students chose St. Jude's Children's Hospital to receive half of the proceeds. The remaining half will be donated back to St. John's to help enhance future faith formation projects. The candidate's focus is in adherence to Jesus' directive to care for those in need and the Corporal Works of Mercy. Please help us fulfill this mission. We thank you in advance for your support.



**JUST A REMINDER  
NEXT WEEKEND  
MARCH 11TH, DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.**

**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.

**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.



**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

Rosary Society will be meeting on Wednesday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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 and Easter. Please enter through the double doors under the canopy.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Please place your CRSC envelope with your Contribution envelope in the collection basket next week.

## 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.

	Collection 02/18/18: \$11,680.56
	Candles: \$ 210.65
	<b>AUDIT TEAM:</b> March 5, Team A March 12, Team C

## 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

Purple crosses are 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).

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



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.

## ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY CONSECRATION

**33 Days to Merciful Love**—Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting Catholics throughout the Diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period starting **Tuesday, March 6**, with the book: *33 Days to Merciful Love*, by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. The preparation will lead to the Annual Diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.** Please find more information on the dedicated webpage: [www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration](http://www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration)

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Coming up on Sunday, **March 18**, our Boy Scout Troop 72 will host a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Parish Center Cafeteria. Cost: Adult \$8.00, Children 12 and under \$6.00. Breakfast will include: Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Coffee/Tea/Cocoa.

## 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.

## 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.

## LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

We invite you to join us for a simple Lenten fish dinner at the Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Center, 210 Princetown Rd., Friday **March 23rd**, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Take out or eat in for the same great price of \$9.00 per meal. Tickets may be purchased after all weekend masses or at the door.



Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, 03 - 10- 18**

**4:00 PM** Francis J. Clark by Estate  
Robert & Mary Emmet by Estate  
Rev. William A. Mc Namara by Margaret  
T. Connoly  
Pietro Zarrillo by Children, Anna & Tony  
Zarrillo

**SUNDAY, 03 - 11- 18**

**7:30 AM** Deceased Members of Paurowski,  
Tajkowski & Nynek Families by Estate

**9:30 AM** Rose Pileggi by Family  
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 & Sister, Nancy  
Dora Richute by Phyllis Beaudette  
Domenica Krakat by Jim & Regina  
Kratat

**5 :00 PM** For the People

**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](mailto:schwartz63@gmail.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.

**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 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.

**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 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](mailto: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](http://www.schenectadyhomefurnishings.org)*

**THE GIFT, MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA** - St. Ambrose Church, Latham, is sponsoring a Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, **March 10**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Two age appropriate Session: ages 12-14 and Age 15-17. \$10.00/person or \$15.00 at the door. For more info call 518-877-8358.

**Good Neighbor Program continues to grow!** Since the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, we have served almost 300 local children, providing them with clothing care packages to help them feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn. We have also given out 73 pairs of sneakers or boots and 86 winter jackets. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We have urgent inventory needs for the following sizes: Boys size 7-14 jeans/pants, long and short sleeve shirts, and hooded sweatshirts. Spring is around the corner so please remember us when you are transitioning closets or if you see great clearance sales. We always happily accept clean, gently-used and new clothing in all children, teen, and adult sizes. Remember adult clothing should be basic styles that teens may wear. Please contact us to drop off donations at [works-of-mercy-schdy@live.com](mailto:works-of-mercy-schdy@live.com) or at (518) 347-0871

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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*

**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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