



**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.

**TRY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RETURN YOUR
DECISION TO THE PARISH ON OR BEFORE
"COMMITMENT WEEKEND" SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 23/24!**

You can return your envelope to the Parish Office by mail or simply placing it in the collection basket during the Mass.

Please Remember

**We may not all be able to make the same size gift;
But we can all make the same size sacrifice.**

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

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection today for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. 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. Thank you.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Miraculous Medal Novena will be held on Monday evenings 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.



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 are available near the church entrances to assist your participation.

LENTEN SERVICES AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Thursdays during Lent we will have our soup suppers 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

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 Fish Dinners at Our Lady Queen of Peace:

The Parish Evangelization Committee will be sponsoring three Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays **March 8, March 22, & April 5**, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Take out or eat in for the same great price of \$9.00 per meal. Proceeds will benefit the parish Faith Formation programs. We invite you to join us for a simple Lenten Fish Dinner at the **Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Center**, 210 Princetown Rd., Schenectady. Tickets may be purchased after all weekend masses or at the door.

Lenten Fish Dinners at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, 3040 Hamburg Street, Rotterdam. Fridays: **March 15, 22, April 5 & 12, 2019**, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the school gym. Dinners include: Baked or Fried Fish, a Baked Potato OR Mac & Cheese and Cole Slaw. Take Out or Eat in: \$10 adults; \$7 children 12 and under. Tickets available at the door ONLY.

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.

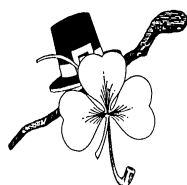
PLEASE OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SIGNS IN AND OUT OF OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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.** This program will end **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.



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.



Congratulations to our candidate Jennifer Martinez and her sponsor Joshua Rodriguez who will participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral Sunday, **March 10** at 2:00 pm. Jennifer was Baptized but never Catechized. She will receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to prepare for the reception of these Sacraments .



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.

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.

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**.

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.

Dear friends of Saint Anthony's and Saint John 's Churches - Last January 22, on the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Governor Cuomo signed it into law the Reproductive Health Act, or RHA - the most horrific late term abortion law to date. This law **legalizes abortion until the moment of birth and on-demand for essentially any reason. The RHA also removes legal protections that once ensured that viable babies who survived abortion would be given medical treatment. The RHA says that certain non-physicians can now commit abortions in New York. The RHA also takes away New York laws that punish criminals who harm women in an attempt to kill their preborn children- hence leaving the mothers of wanted children to mourn without recourse to the state."**

So, what can we do to counter this culture of death and support non-violent means of saving lives (as abstinence, natural birth control methods, adoption, and respect/dignity of human life? Let me suggest three. First, pray (alone and/or in groups) that this law will be overturned. **Second**, we must speak up and contact our political leaders, and let them know that the RHA is unacceptable by any human standards. **Third**, sign the petition, share with friends/family; http://www.voterveice.net/Shares/B7GUcAhdAE_YAAAdK8_T7FBA
Thank you,
Ottavio Lo Piccolo



SATURDAY, 03 - 16 - 19

4:00 PM Anniversary Remembrance - Joseph L. Connoly by Margaret T. Connoly
Birthday Remembrance Marco Caracciolo by Alfie & Anna Ventrice
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family
Daniel O'Connor by Cathy O'Connor
Jozefa Sasinowski by William Zebuda

SUNDAY, 03 - 17 - 19

7:30 AM For the People

9:30 AM Birthday Remembrance - Janice Hanaway by Family
Paul Fitch by Family
Mary & Elizabeth Godlewski by Family
Joseph Mc Evoy by Erin & Mark Robinson
Mary Liebers by Mike & Donna Wilson
Special Intentions of Antonio Santiago by Jeanne Bryant

5:00 PM Marie D. Whipple by Estate
Deceased Members of Paurowski, Tajkowski & Nynek Families by Paurowski Estate
Joseph Hanrahan by Dot Maher

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.

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.

THE FELLOWSHIP DINING GROUP

will gather to support Our Lady of Guadalupe Council of the Knights of Columbus Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School, Union Street, on Saturday, **March 16th**, 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for this fun filled event. Please call Dot Maher 374-6913 to reserve your place and for more information. Limited transportation is available.

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.

 *Parish Support* Collection 03/03/19: \$13,800.47
Candles: \$ 158.35

AUDIT TEAM: March 11, Team C
March 18, Team B

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Bishop Scharfenberger will once again lead Schenectady 40 Days for Life in prayer as we welcome speakers from National 40 Days for Life on Tuesday, **March 12**, 6:00 pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St. Come and join us as we pray for an end to abortion. Bring your family and friends! For more information email Sarah at Sch40days@gmail.com or call Viviane 518-399-0699.

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.

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 mfallacar@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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

RESTORATION MEMORIALS

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

IN MEMORY OF:

Joseph Hanrahan

By: Eileen Comley
Sue & Tim Conroy
Olivia D. Go
Patricia Poersch Robbins
Paula M. Waselauskas
Alma Willey
Jeanne M. Mc Donald
Nancy & Peter Kudan
Ruth M. Lentine
Kathryn Carney

Gerri Borne

By: Florence Graham

Mary Jane Dodds

By: Allen & Peggy Jones
Thomas & Connie Hayner

Jack Baugh

By: Mary M. Morrizon

Carol Spencer

By: Gretchen Wayne

Jozefa Sasinowski

By: Clara B. Doblewski

Looking for Something Different to do for Lent -

A Lenten Bible Study - The course is designed to be an introduction to that will provide you the foundation needed and a plan to easily read through the bible. Cost: \$40.00; (a couple can share one set of materials). Two options are available: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am at St. Luke's, or Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center. Meetings will be held **3/13/19 through 4/10/19**. To sign up for either session contact Richard Winslow, 518-399-4366 or rwinslo2@nycap.rr.com.

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.

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 ext.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.