

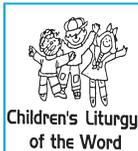


TO
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CHURCH**

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.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word is held
on Sundays, during the 9:30 am Mass, chil-
dren 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Next 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: Pan-
cakes, Syrup, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Coffee/Tea/Cocoa.

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 03/04/2018 \$13,535.31
Candles: \$ 244.98

AUDIT TEAM: March 12, Team C
March 19, Team B



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We would like to offer parishioners an
opportunity to donate to the Easter flowers
Collection in memory of your loved ones.
This year, we provided Easter Flower en-
velopes with your regular envelopes.
Please place your donation in the collection basket with
the names of your loved ones or mail them directly to
the parish office. Be sure to mark clearly who is being
remembered. All donations will be acknowledged in the
bulletin at Easter and the following week.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This weekend, our parish is take up The Catholic Re-
lief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collec-
tion 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. Please give generously to the
CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise** by placing your
CRSC envelope with your Contribution envelope in the
collection basket today.

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 candi-
dates 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 re-
ception 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 col-
lected between Catholic Charities (Schenectady office)
and the SUSTAIN Ministry Program held at the First Unit-
ed 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 pan-
tries 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 tooth-
brushes, 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 box-
es 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.

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



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Rosary Society will be meeting on Wednesday, **March 14th**, 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.

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.

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 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.

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF FEET

Our Holy Thursday Service will be at 7:30 pm on **March 29th**. Please call Sr. Joan at 372-3381 Ext. 224 if you would like to participate in the Washing of Feet.

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).

PASTORAL CARE

Anyone wishing to share Easter baked goods with our sick/homebound parishioners is asked to bring their items to the altar rail on Palm Sunday weekend, **March 24-25**, to accompany our holiday gift bags. This is a simple, yet generous way to share our gifts of time and love with those unable to join us in church during this holy season.

If you are willing to bake but are unable to bring your goodies to church, please contact Mary Fitch to make arrangements for pick up at (518) 355-3752. Thank you.

Seder Meal

You are cordially invited to our Seder Meal, sponsored by the RCIA Group, on Wednesday, **March 28th** at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center. The Last Supper was a Jewish Passover, a "Seder," a solemn sacrificial meal carried out according to ancient Jewish ritual by Our Lord and His Apostles. This ceremony enables us to enact the events of the Last Supper in the Mass. Booklets will be at each place and the traditional foods of grape juice or wine, lamb, matzos, celery, horseradish and haroses (*ground apples, nuts, cinnamon and raisins*) will be served to all. However, since most of these foods are not taken in great quantities it is advised that those participating have supped on some light fare prior to arriving. Please call Sr. Joan at 372-3381 Ext. 224 before **March 23rd** to make a reservation. Families with children and the Youth of our parish are welcome.

St. Anthony's Holy Thursday Dinner

You are invited to join us in St. Anthony's Church Hall on Thursday, **March 29th** at 5:30pm for Dinner. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances or call the office to register. Mass will follow at 7:30pm.

You are Invited—

The '**Saint Joseph Men's Group**' of Saint Anthony's Church cordially invites you to a Brunch in the Church Hall right after the Spanish Mass on **Sunday, March 18**. The event is sponsored by our Group to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph. It is free of charge. However, any voluntary donations received will be delivered to the Church for the Church's Restoration Fund. Hope you can attend.



SATURDAY, 03 - 17- 18

4:00 PM Laurence Carroll Rainey by Family
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak
Smith by Family
Anniversary Remembrance - Joseph L.
Connoly by Margaret T. Connoly
Josephine Massaroni by Family

SUNDAY, 03 - 18- 18

7:30 AM Carl Paurowski by Florence Paurowski
Estate
Marie D. Whipple by Estate
Rose Petrozola by Jonathan & Elaine
Kemp
Joseph Sangiovanni by Jeff & Colleen
Seeley

9:30 AM Birthday Remembrance - Janice
Hanaway by Family
Anniversary Remembrance - Thomas J.
McCarthy by F. Teresa Mc Carthy,
MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq.,
Amour Johnson, MD., & Families
Janice Murphy by Jeanne Hawkey
Charlotte Hawkins by Friend

5 :00 PM Giovanna Delia by Enzo & Family and
Elizabeth
Georgette Jette by De Paula Family
Anne Drapkin by Family

LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

We invite you to join us for a simple Lenten fish dinners 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.



**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE**

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

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of
the souls of Antoinette Carboni,
Albie Ferrucci, Josephine Riccio,
Ron Prusko, Pasquale Gabriele,
John Juhren, Madeline Petraske, Gilbert Kelley, Bonnie
O'Neill, Rosaria Facci.



PALM SUNDAY

Vigil Mass Saturday, March 24th

4:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist
4:00 pm at St. Anthony's

Sunday, March 25th

7:30 am, 9:30 am and 5:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist
8:30 am & 10:30 am at St. Anthony's



**Holy Thursday
March 29th**

7:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist
7:30 pm at St. Anthony's

**Good Friday
March 30th**

At St. John the Evangelist Church, on Good Friday, beginning at 12:30 pm we will have Silent Meditation, followed by 1:00 pm Scriptural Rosary, 1:30 pm Silent Meditation, 2:00 pm Seven Last Words, 2:30 pm Silent Meditation and 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross.

7:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist
7:30 pm at St. Anthony's

Easter

Vigil Mass Saturday, March 31st

7:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist
7:30 pm at St. Anthony's

Sunday, April 1st

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm.
at St. John the Evangelist
8:30 am, 10:30 am at St. Anthony's

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The telephone recording at Ext. 280 of Holy Week and Easter Holy Day schedules are recorded quickly to fit all the information in the message. The phone recording only allows so much time.

BLESSING OF THE FOOD

Fr. Carlino will be blessing Easter Foods on Holy Saturday, March 31st, 11:00 am at St. John the Evangelist Church. The Blessing of the Food is a festive occasion. The three-part blessing prayers specifically address the various contents of the basket with special prayers for the meats, eggs, cakes and breads.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

The deadline to submit gifts for the 2017 Bishop's Appeal is **March 15, 2018**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

SCHENECTADY AOH/LAOH ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Please join us starting with our Feast of St. Patrick Mass at 11:00 am at St. John the Evangelist Church. Then come over to the pub, open to the public: The Hibernian Hall, 1748 State St. for an all day celebration with Music, Food and Fun. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. For more information email us at AOHJFKStPats@gmail.com or visit our website: <http://www.aohjfk.org>.

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.

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.

Works of Mercy - 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 worksofmercyschdy@live.com or at (518) 347-0871.

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.



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
MARCH 17, 2018**