

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.



THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

Today, we ask all parishioners to make a decision and return their pledge envelopes at Mass today during the collection. If you have left your envelope at home there are pledge forms & envelopes in the pews. Please take the time to fill it out and place it in the collection basket during Mass.

The response to date has been encouraging but we have not heard from all our parish households. We ask that you consider a gift to the Re-igniting Our Faith Campaign in order to strengthen our parish for the future.

The Case for Support was mailed to every registered household. If you have not received the information, there are materials in the back of Church. Please take the time to read through the materials and based on your personal ability consider a gift to the campaign. Your gift can be spread over time (a pledge) or a one-time gift the decision is yours. Just understand that whatever you decide will be greatly appreciated in helping spread the Gospel and transforming lives in our own parish as well as our diocesan community.

For more information or to watch the video, please visit the website at: www.reignitingourfaith.org.

**Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9.7**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please place your Catholic Relief Services envelope with your offertory envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.

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 are available near the church entrances to assist your participation.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marylou Petta & Concetta Palmo.

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 Friday **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 at the door.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, 3040 Hamburg Street, Rotterdam. Fridays: **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.

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).



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE/SICM

At a meeting of the Schenectady Community Ministries (previous known as SICM), we were told that the food they purchase from the Food Bank does not include **tuna fish, peanut butter or spaghetti sauce** at their regular food rate per pound. These items cost more and are always in high demand. SICM is asking if we would take up collections for these specific items to help with their cost. **For the month of April, SICM is asking for donations of tuna fish. For the month of May – peanut butter and for June – spaghetti sauce.** Donations can be put in the white emergency barrel by the back entrance on the left side of the church or in the wicker basket by the handicap ramp side. As always, thank you in advance for your support and generosity for those in need.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

An Introduction to the Universe: The Big Ideas of Astronomy by Dr. Guy Consolmagno, S.J., Ph.D. 12 DVD Lectures. He is director of the Vatican Observatory, a leading astronomer and meteoriticist, A Jesuit brother, & an award-winning lecturer. Before entering the Jesuits in 1989, he was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard and MIT, served in the US Peace Corps, & taught physics at Lafayette College. He has worked as a Vatican Observatory astronomer since 1993. Since he does not provide notes for this series there will not be a fee. Let the beauty of astronomy inspire your contemplation of God's creation. In his engaging lectures, you'll deepen your sense of joy as you gaze at the stars and appreciate the profound achievements of their Creator. **April 2**, 1. Naked Astronomy 2. Dark Skies; **April 9**, 3. Astronomy in the Bible 4. Astronomy and Astrology; **April 23** 5. A Bestiary of Telescopes 6. A Night at the Telescope; **April 30** 7. My Favorite Planet 8. Exploring Other Solar Systems; **May 7** 9. Walking on Other Worlds Lecture 10. The Big Bang; **May 14** 11. The Known Unknown Lecture 12. The Big Questions. Classes begin at 1:00 pm in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center and end at 2:30 pm. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

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. If you wish for Sr. Joan to order book please call 518-372-3381 ext. 224.

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.

 **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY, 03 - 30 - 19

4:00 PM Steve & Bertha Kowalczyk by Family
John Alvarez by Janet I. Rainey

SUNDAY, 03 - 31 - 19

7:30 AM Deceased Members of Paniccia Family
by Family
5th Anniversary Remembrance -
Margaret Della Rocco by Zeppetelli &
Della Rocco Families
1st Anniversary Remembrance -
Edward Zampella Jr. by Wife, Jennie

9:30 AM Jose Da'Gracia & Alex Alves by Jeanne
Bryant
Danny Quinn by Janet I. Rainey &
Family
Mary Liebers by Robert & Elaine
Kennedy
4th Anniversary Remembrance - James
Maloney by Wife, Kathleen & Sons

5:00 PM Carl Paurowski by Florence Paurowski
Estate

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our Rosary Society would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to join us at our **April 10th** meeting in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 7:00 pm. (*Please enter thru the double doors under the canopy.*) Prior to our Business Meeting, we will be saying the Scriptural Rosary reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries as we all prepare for Easter. April's Business Meeting is traditionally when we elect our Officers for the coming year and setting our plans for our Annual Communion Breakfast Brunch and once again this year, it will be held at the Waters Edge Lighthouse – Terrace Room on Sunday, **May 5th** following the 9:30 Mass. Watch for the details on this year's Breakfast Brunch coming in future Bulletin Notices.

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.

 *Parish Support* Collection 03/17/19: \$10,663.37
Candles: \$ 198.70

AUDIT TEAM: March 25, Team D
April 1, Team A

IS ABORTION EVER OKAY?

According to Holy Scripture, "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them from the hand of the wicked." *Psalm 82:3-4*

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.

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**.

Regina Caeli Academy

2019 Upcoming Admissions Events - Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy 201 Ten Broeck St. Scotia (located inside Scotia United Methodist Church) provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre-K 3 - 12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Mark your calendar for our upcoming events: Spring Touring Event on Monday, **April 1**, 9:30 am. Event includes a tour, classroom observation, and Q&A; children welcome! **RSVP to imparisi.alb@rcanybrid.org or call (845) 379-0680. www.rcanybrid.org**



St. Anthony's Food Pantry - As you may be aware Sr. Maria Rosa and the Venerini Order distribute food to the needy throughout the year. Sister is able to do this with your help and participation.

Please bring your food donation (non-perishable) to the Parish Office and we will get make sure Sr. Maria Rosa get all donations. Food donations are accepted all year. We are always in need of coffee, canned vegetables, soups, pasta, jarred sauce, peanut butter, jams/jellies, boxed cereals, rice etc. Thank you for your generosity.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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.

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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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.