



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. Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, (**March 29th**), and Good Friday (**March 30th**).

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.



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.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (March 29th)

7:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist
followed by Adoration until 9:30 pm
7:30 pm at St. Anthony's
followed by Adoration until 9:30 pm

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.

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

holy **Vigil Mass Saturday, March 31st**
saturday 7:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist
7:30 pm at St. Anthony's

easter 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



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 envelopes 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 following week.

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.

PASTORAL CARE

Please assist Pastoral Care by helping to deliver one or more Easter gift bags along with a baked good item from the altar rail to our sick/homebound parishioners. A fully addressed envelope is attached to each bag. *****PLEASE NOTE***** Any envelope marked with a "yellow star" IS **NOT** to be accompanied with a food item per request of that particular nursing facility.

All too often, those who are sick, feel lonely and sad.... especially during the holidays. Thank you all for sharing your gifts of love and time with others.

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. Families with children and the Youth of our parishes 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 5:30 pm for Dinner. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances or call the office to register. Mass will follow at 7:30pm.



Please return your Rice Bowl during Holy Week or no later than **April 8th**. Thank you for your generosity.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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 Diocese 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please help by giving to the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

You may return the purple crosses to the baskets during Holy week to be put on our large cross in the sanctuary on Good Friday.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

We will be decorating St. John's Church for Easter on Saturday, **March 31st**, starting at 9:00 am. All are welcome to help! For questions call Kathy Carney 518-377-7444.

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.

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.

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP — On **April 5**, Sr. Joan will meet in Room 6 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center at 1:00 pm to discuss the book **AD 33 by Ted Dekker**. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH

During the weekend Masses of **March 31st & April 1st**, **Little White Books: Six Minute Reflections the Acts of the Apostles** will be available for you to pick up. It is a Easter gift to you from your parish to assist you as you journey through the next 50 days of the Easter season. We suggest you start with *How to use the "Little White Book"* and that for each of the next 50 days from **April 2nd through May 20th** you will take but six minutes to let God speak to you through the short Scripture passage and learn more about the customs, traditions and saints of our Catholic faith.

Religious Education Notes

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Our young children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **April 14th** and First Eucharist on **May 12th**. The children are learning how Jesus loves us through His grace and gifts of these sacraments. He comforts us through reconciliation and strengthens us through His Real Presence in the Eucharist. Sr. Maria Rosa will again be with our boys and girls on their retreat at St. Anthony's on **April 21st** when they will make bread which Father Carlino will then bless for them.

Please pray for these children and their families as we all look forward to their reception of the sacraments:

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| Markus Ahrens | Cipriana DeMania |
| Anthony Alotta | Samuel Fiori |
| Mikella Battaglini | Brennan Hammonds |
| Thomas Boler | William Lawton |
| Luciana Canelli | Nicholas Matthews |
| Adam Carangelo | Abigail Mullen |
| Lucas Caratini | Delaney O'Dea |
| Joseph Cassella | Brendan Pedone |
| Alex Cherubin | Chase Reynolds |
| Griffin Clark | Julianne Robison |
| Benjamin Curbelo | Sabine Testa |
| Domenico DeCarlo | Emma Villaume |
- Jack Youmans.

	Collection 03/18/18:	\$10,794.53
	Flowers collection:	\$ 2,108.00
	Candles:	\$ 293.52
AUDIT TEAM:		March 26, Team D
		April 2, Team A





SATURDAY, 03 - 31 - 18

7:30 PM Easter Vigil For the People

EASTER SUNDAY, 04 - 01- 18

7:30 AM Rose Petrozola by Kathy Longe
Marlene & Robert Martin by Family
PTL. Eric J. Verteramo by Verteramo
Family
Stephanie & Edward Karwan by
Daughter, Stephanie
Edward Puszcz by Stephanie Karwan

9:30 AM Laurence Carroll Rainey by Family
Francis J. Clark by Estate
Domenico & Teresa Rea & Family by
Mr. & Mrs. Alberto Martino
Hon. D. Vincent Cerrito by F. Teresa
Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito,
Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families
Isabelle "Betty" Mazzone Fioravante by
Anthony Commisso & Family
Joan Rutecki by Jeanne Hawkey
Birthday Remembrance - Brad Mc Kee
by Family

11:30 AM Carl Paurowski by Florence Paurowski
Estate
John & Helen Stone by Estate
Gilbert Kelley by Marine Family
For the People

5 :00 PM Marie D. Whipple by Estate

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.



St. Anthony's Food Pantry is running low on food. 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. Here is how to help: 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 and 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.

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, 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.

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.

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.

Our bulletin is made possible through the generosity of the advertisers who are listed on the back. Please patronize them.

Jack Falvo III Foundation Cavatelli Dinner
in St. Anthony's Church Hall
**Friday, April 13th 5-8 pm & Saturday &
April 14th 5-8 pm**

All proceeds to benefit Jack's Place.
Cost: Adults \$12.00, Children (8 yrs. old & under) \$6.00
Tickets will be sold at the door, take-out will also be available.

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 & desert 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 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*

DO YOU HAVE 2-3 HOURS 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

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 which began **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

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 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.

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

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.

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



From the desk of:

My dear Parishioners of St. Anthony's and St. John's Churches,

On April 13, Father John Facci will celebrate his 80th Birthday. There are so many of us in both churches who have known him for so many years. I include myself among that vast number, because we have been close friends nearly all my 39 years in the Priesthood.

Approaching this milestone in his life, for a good number of months I thought about all we could do to remember him. I did not discuss the issue with him, because I know him well enough to say that he would not want to call attention to himself on this day.

Here is what I have decided to do. For those of you who, like me, would like to send him a monetary gift, please consider the following way to do that:

- 1. Make a check out to St. Anthony's Church**
- 2. Write your name and address on the envelope**
- 3. In the left hand corner of the check, write "Attention Fr. Facci"**
- 4. In the left hand corner on the envelope, write it again.**
- 5. Send it to St. Anthony's Parish Office, 331 Seward place, Schenectady NY 12305**

In this way on his birthday I could present him with a gift that would be the sum total of all the gifts we would send him.

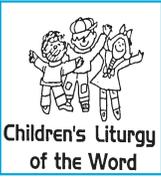
I do assure you that he would be told the amount that each of you would send him, and that within a month's time you would receive from me personally a Thank You note.

There is one favor I wish to ask of you all: Please do not tell Fr. Facci about this! I wish it to be a surprise for him. After having said that, I fear that someone may still call him about it. I hope that that does not happen. Again, let it be a surprise for him. It would brighten his day and bring him much happiness, a happiness he well deserves.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr. Carlino

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



The Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, April 8th. It 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



Coffee and Donuts

Next Coffee and donuts will be served in the cafeteria after the 7:30 am and the 9:30 am Masses on Sunday, **April 15th**. All parishioners and friends are welcome!



They took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
(John 12:13)