

**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.



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.

**PRAYER OF RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH**



God of untiring mercy, open our hearts to hear your voice. Send your living flame of love into our hearts to overflow with abundant generosity of spirit. May the burning passion of your love for all transfigure our lives, our families and our parishes.

Re-ignite in us each day the joy of spreading the Gospel. May our living faith in your Real Presence shine in our hearts so that we may bring it to whomever you lead us each day.

We place our prayers in the heart of Mary, under Her title of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our nation and our Diocese, through which we consecrate ourselves to your Divine Mercy. Amen.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

**This week**, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in Disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please place your Catholic Relief Services collection envelope with your offertory envelope in the collection basket today. 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.

**LECTOR NEEDED**

A lector will be needed for Team I for the 9:30 Mass on Sunday. Rotations are every six weeks. Please call Sr. Joan at 518-372-3381 ext. 224 if you are interested.

**IS ABORTION EVER OKAY?** "You are called to stand up for life!...You are called to work and pray against abortion." ~ John Paul II ~

**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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Next weekend, Father Carlino and Father Ingemie will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with twenty-six children. Our students have been preparing for this special day for many weeks and are eager to share their excitement with our parish families. Each child has made a Thank You card to Jesus for the love He has brought to their young lives. Every card holds a personal heartfelt message from a child to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel we read. **"Then the little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them.** Jesus said, **"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them. For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."** After each child receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation they will put their card on the large cross in front of the Sacred Heart altar. This expression of love and thanksgiving to Our Lord from His little ones is a beautiful reflection for all of us during this season of Lent. Please keep *the little children* in your prayers.

### 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. **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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, March 31

St. John the Evangelist Church

**Please remember in your prayers** the following people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

#### Candidates of the Church of St. John the Evangelist

Alia Acosta	Benjamin Curro
Jilda Alvord	Victoria D'Elia
Gabrielle Caisse	Veronica Lewis
Nicholas Caporale	Lillyian Nguyen
Jacqueline Kenitz, DO (Adult Candidate)	

#### Candidates of the Church of St. Anthony

Lorenzo Bianchi	Jonathan DelaPaz
Francheska Castellar	Jessica DiMatteo
Connor Davison	Itzel Garcia
Alejandro DelaPaz	Annamarie Piccirillo

#### Candidate of Church of the Sacred Heart - Castleton

Harper Cartwright

**Our sincere gratitude** to our **Confirmands, Parents and Sponsors** for recognizing the responsibility of being the primary educators of our beautiful faith to your children. **Pastor - Father Carlino** for your leadership and service in helping to enliven knowledge and love for our Catholic faith in all people. **Sister Maria Rosa Querini, M.P.V., Sister Joan Vlaun, O.P.,** and Members of the R.C.I.A team. **Confirmation Catechists – Brother Ronald McClosky and Joyce Tremblay** for answering God's call to ministry and for integrating the knowledge of the Catholic faith with the development of practical skills that students can understand. **Decorating and Reception Committee** for your work in organizing our Confirmation reception. Our gratitude to the women of our Altar Rosary Society who donated their time and talent to make homemade baked goods for our reception. Honoring her mother's tradition of making homemade candy for the confirmandi we offer our special thanks to Christa Fogg. Christa's mother, Louise Monarch made candy for every sacramental celebration for many decades. **Sacristan – Toni DiCaprio** for your attention and dedication in preparing the sanctuary for this holy occasion. **Choir and Director Janet Rainey** for your continued support throughout the years and your help with selection and beautiful orchestration of sacred music. **Director of Buildings and Grounds; Brian Salisbury** for your attention to every detail in preparing the church for this celebration. **Guy Sementilli and Assembled Ushers** for your assistance with the many details of our Confirmation celebration. **Parish Staff Members; Danielle DePaula, Judy Mavente and Debbie May** for your assistance with the Sacramental Registry details.

**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.

 *Mass Intentions*

**SATURDAY, 04 - 06 - 19**

**4:00 PM** Anniversary Remembrance - Dennis H. Downey by Margaret T. Connoly  
Rose Pileggi by Family  
50th Anniversary Remembrance - Norma H. Devlin by Devlin Family  
1st Anniversary Remembrance - John M. Devlin Jr. by Devlin Family  
Ellen LaFontana by Janet I. Rainey  
Purgatorial Society

**SUNDAY, 04 - 07 - 19**

**7:30 AM** Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family  
Anniversary Remembrance - PTL Eric J. Verteramo by Family  
Ray & Muriel Borne by Gutch Family

**9:30 AM** Norbert V. & Mary Margaret Woods by Extended Woods Family  
John & Maria, John Jr., Dominick, Mingo Lombard by Jeanne Bryant  
Birthday Remembrance - Jim Mc Grath By Wife & Family  
Hon. J. Vincent Cerrito by F. Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families  
Jozefa Sasinowski by Mary Korkosz & Family  
Mary Liebers by Dr. & Mrs. Dominic Cirincione  
Isabella "Betty" Mazzone Fioraventi by Tony Commisso & Family

**5:00 PM** John & Helen Stone by Estate  
Deceased Members of Paurowski, Tjakowski & Nynek Families by Paurowski Estate

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

Our Rosary Society would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to join us at our **April 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup>** following the 9:30 Mass. Watch for the details on this year's Breakfast Brunch coming in future Bulletin Notices.

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

**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**.


**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.

 <i>Parish Support</i> Collection 03/24/19: \$16,738.71
Candles: \$ 180.25
<b>AUDIT TEAM:</b> April 1, Team A; April 8, Team C

**THE PASTORAL CARE DEPARTMENT ELLIS HOSPITAL**

- is in need of volunteers to distribute Holy Communion to hospital patients. If there are any Eucharistic Ministry volunteers who are interested in this ministry, please contact the Catholic Chaplain, Angie Marczewski: [marczewskia@ellismedicine.org](mailto:marczewskia@ellismedicine.org) or 518-243-4176. **Training will be provided. Thank you.**

 **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.

**FOURTH 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.

**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.

**Important Notice Regarding Bulletin Articles**

All articles must be submitted to the Church Office at least **two** weeks (**three weeks if there is a holiday during the month**) prior to the run date in order to meet transmission deadline. All submissions must be in writing and will not be accepted over the phone. **Deadline to submit is on Monday at noon.** Thank you.

**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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