



**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CHURCH**

As we have announced previously, St. Anthony's long time Parish Secretary, Judy Mavente, will be retiring from her position effective at the end of this month. We wish Judy happiness in her retirement. *She certainly deserves it!*

As we move forward, St. Anthony's new Parish Secretary will be Debbie May. Debbie joins St. Anthony's Parish from St. John the Evangelist Church and brings a wealth of experience. This lateral move allows both St. Anthony's and St John's to be creative and best manage both Churches' budgets. As part of this change of personnel, we will be making a change in our office hours.

**Effective April 29th, office hours at St. John's will be:  
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
The office will be closed on Fridays.**

Please remember that our parishioners are important to us and we can only do this with the understanding and cooperation of one and all.

**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT**

This weekend, our children preparing for First Communion will be on retreat with Sr. Maria Rosa making bread and learning about the parable Jesus used to explain His Kingdom. ***"The Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a woman making bread. She takes a measure of flour and mixes in the yeast until it permeates every part of the dough."*** When Jesus told this parable, He was telling the people about God's love. If our heart is soft and pliable like the dough, then God's Word and Love can be kneaded and incorporated into our hearts, like the yeast is kneaded into the dough. The apostles, by their preaching, went out and preached to a few people. The Word of God continued to grow and more and more Christians continued sharing the Good News with others. The Kingdom of God which started small, is still powerfully at work and continues to grow and permeate the world. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us, ***"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty."*** Please keep our children in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive Jesus for the first time on May 11th.


**MAY CROWNING OF MARY**

Every year during the month of May we honor our Blessed Mother with special songs and beautiful flowers. A statue that represents our "Holy Queen enthroned above" is crowned with blossoms while our children sing Marian hymns and recite prayers associated with Mary. We honor the Mother who gave life to Jesus. All children are invited to participate in a procession to adorn Her statue with flowers. We will celebrate this beautiful Catholic tradition on Mother's Day, **May 12** at 9:30 am Mass. Children of all ages are asked to meet Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Galarneau at the main center aisle at the back of the church.

**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.

**CROP HUNGER WALK 2019** - The Crop Hunger Walk 2019 will take place on Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>**, at Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace. 1:00 pm registration, 1:30 pm Opening Remarks, 2:00 pm Walk begins. New Blues Band performing The Donna Triticco Band. Help end poverty here in the US and overseas. Ottavio LoPiccolo will be at the entrances of our church on the weekend of **April 27-28**. Please make a pledge and/or donation. Anyone who donates \$5.00 will get a raffle ticket to win a pencil and lithograph drawing that he made.

**FIRST THURSDAY FILM PROGRAM - A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE.** Will take place on May 9<sup>th</sup> instead of May 2nd. Part IV of Christianity: The First Two Thousand Years (approximately two Hours) will be shown in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center at 1:00 pm. Please use the double doors under the canopy. If you have missed any of this series you may borrow the DVD's.

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**CHURCH DOORS**

When leaving Church after any Weekend Mass, should the outside door ever be locked, please follow these 3 steps:

1. Put one hand on the door ready to push it open.
2. Press the White Button that says "Door Exit".
3. As soon as you hear a loud click, immediately open the door.

**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 May we are asking for donations of 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.

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

### ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

All Rosarians, Parishioners, Families and Friends are invited to our Annual Communion Breakfast following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Waters Edge Lighthouse—Terrace Room on Freeman's Bridge Road. A full Breakfast Brunch with an Omelet Station will be served at \$22.00 per person. Our Guest Speaker will be Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women. Please call Maureen Adamek (518)377-8497 or Toni Di Caprio (518) 895-8275. You may also fill out the coupon below. Place it in the collection basket with payment. RSVP & Payment must be received by April 29<sup>th</sup>.



Collection 04/14/19: \$ 14,735.74  
Easter Flowers Coll. \$ 573.00  
Holy Land Collection \$ 1,018.00  
Candles: \$ 275.72  
Collection 04/21/19: \$ 20,616.88  
Candles: \$ 264.30

**AUDIT TEAM:** April 29, Team A: May 6, Team C

### MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day cards have been placed at the Church entrances. You are invited to take one and return the intention envelope next weekend with the names you wish remembered in the Triduum of Masses at St. John's.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

### HUMAN CONCERNS BABY SHOWER

Because there is such a great need in our area, the Human Concerns Committee is again holding its Annual Collection of Baby Items this year. In front of Mary's Altar is a rocking chair with a basket of baby gift cards and set up near the main doors of church is a bulletin board with the same baby cards hanging on it. Before you leave church today, please take a card to serve as a reminder to bring a baby item with you to church either the weekend of **May 4/5, May 11/12 or May 18/19**. This year we will be donating these items to Birthright of Schenectady and the City Mission of Schenectady's Family Life Center. These organizations are in need of: baby wipes, baby thermometers, diapers-sizes 2,3,4,5,6, baby bottles with nipples, sleepers, new baby clothing 0 - 3 mos. up to 2T, towel wraps, blankets, receiving blankets, bibs, booties/socks, onesies/T-shirts, crib sheets, burp cloths, washcloths, Sippy cups, pacifiers, baby lotion, A & D ointment, soft infant toys, baby spoons, etc. You may place your donations in the collection boxes provided. We cannot accept items such as high chairs, car seats, baby furniture, etc. Thank you as always for your support and generosity in this endeavor. If you have any questions, call Jeanne Servidone - 357-9053 or Kathy Carney - 377-7444.

### Rosary Society Annual Communion Breakfast RSVP

*(Please place in Collection Basket with Payment)*

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTENDEES: \_\_\_\_\_ PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 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.

### BISHOP'S APPEAL 2019

Next weekend is the 2019 Bishop's Appeal Commitment Sunday. This Appeal supports all of the vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese of Albany. It is our one opportunity during the year to reach out in support of all the people of God beyond the boundary of our own parish of St. John. Please respond to the Bishop's Appeal by making a pledge that you can pay throughout the year. Your gift directly helps our parish to pay its share of the important work of the Diocese. Let us strive for 100% participation: not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice!

### WORKS OF MERCY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With the change in seasons and as you replace your children's spring/summer clothing and also find the winter clothing that no longer fits please consider donating these gently used items to the Good Neighbor Program. All sizes are needed and as always new clothing is very appreciated. Clothing can be left in the white baskets found at both entrances of the parking lot.



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, 05 - 04 - 19

**4:00 PM** Birthday Remembrance & 4th Anniversary Remembrance - Albert Valente by Daughters  
Ellen La Fontana by Mary Fitch & Jean Hanrahan  
Mark O'Connor by Family  
Purgatorial Society

### SUNDAY, 05 - 05 - 19

**7:30 AM** Lillian Willis by Sch'dy School District Nurses  
Ben Socha by Socha Family

**9:30 AM** Rose Pileggi by Family  
Hon D. Vincent Cerrity & Anniversary Remembrance F.V. & Basilia de Jesus by F. Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families  
Ellen La Fontana by Kathy Carney  
Jozefa Sasinowski by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Giaquinto  
Miele Family by Testa Family  
Anniversary Remembrance - Alice M. Kelley by Family

**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of Paurowski, Tajkowski & Nynek Families by Paurowski Estate



**Sponsored by St. Anthony's Church Hispanic Apostolate, Saturday May 4th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center Gym. All are welcome!**

**IS ABORTION EVER OKAY?** "Fewer women would have abortions if wombs had windows." *Dr. Bernard Nathanson, former abortionist turned Pro-Life, in his 1979 book Aborting America*

### FLOWERS FOR LIFE SALE

On Mother's Day we honor all mothers for the love, strength & support which they provide children and the family. Would it be wonderful if all babies were welcomed into this world with joy and love? At Birthright, we strive daily to help mothers choose life for their babies. Volunteers offer loving guidance and practical help to pregnant women and mothers who are in crisis, what the reason may be. On **May 11 & 12** volunteers will be selling flowers following church services to support Birthright activities. Please help support Birthright by purchasing one or more of these flowers. Your donation will be much appreciated by many mothers and their newborns in our community. If you would like more information about Birthright & its activities please call 518-370-1532.

### THE GUILD OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

On Monday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Guild of Catholic Charities will hold its annual fashion show and luncheon at Glen Sanders Mansion. Proceeds will benefit the activities and services provided to children by Catholic Charities. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities Guild and send a donation of \$35 per person to Nina Whitney at 150 Sherman St., Schenectady 12303 by April 29<sup>th</sup>. Questions or for more information call Nina on 518 356-0479.

### 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. 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.

### 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](mailto:saintanthony_bread@nycap.rr.com).

### 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.

**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: [marczewska@ellismedicine.org](mailto:marczewska@ellismedicine.org) or 518-243-4176. **Training will be provided. Thank you.**

Also looking for Volunteers to provide compassionate, friendly visits to patients and their families. Training is provided. Minimum of 4 hours per week. Contact Fr. Tony Green, Director of Pastoral Care [green@ellismedicine.org](mailto:green@ellismedicine.org) or 518-243-4064

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

### EASTER FLOWERS

#### Requested by

Brooks Sr., James & Florence  
Burch, Peg  
Cerrone, Joseph  
Clark, Margaret  
Davis, Chantal  
Delaney, John & Mei Li  
De Meo and Family  
Duda-Steele, Jessica  
Gleason Family  
Gwiazdowski, Mr. & Mrs. John  
Hoyt, Dr. Douglas  
Jankowski, Victor & Jean  
Jewett-Houck, Teresa  
Kennedy Family  
Kirkland, Mark & Anne-Marie, Carte, Bobby  
Neumann, Karen & James & Family  
Krauss Family  
Leonard Family  
Longe, Kathleen  
Ostergren, Kathleen  
Peters III, Mrs. J.A.  
Santor, Anthony & Joyce  
Thwaites, William  
Tietz Jr., Robert & Patricia  
Turner, Fran  
Urbanski, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph  
Williams, William & Judith

#### In memory of

Frances Brooks  
Deceased Members of Talbot, Burch & Quinn Families  
Deceased Members of Cerrone Family  
Mary Lou Galeazza, Carmella Albanese  
Deceased Members of Davis Family  
Mom Hu  
Janice Hanaway, Tommy Hanaway, Louie & Mary De Meo  
Deceased Members of Duda-Steele Family  
Ruth & Thomas Gleason, Ellen LaFontana  
Jane & Casimir Gwiazdowski, Marie Markiewicz, Daniel Yetuan, George Welch  
Paul Curry  
Deceased Members of Jankowski & Zeylen Families  
William Houck, Colette Cirillo  
John Sr. & Teresa Kennedy, Dorothy & Warren Walsh  
Joseph Gionet, Diane Gionet Halliday, Chet Granato  
Edward & Mildred Konieczak  
Valentino & Marilyn Furlani, Paula Boles, George Krauss  
Deceased Members of Leonard Family  
Fred Longe  
Stanley Ostergren  
Marvin C. Koonz Jr.  
Bonnie Bradley, Danny Drobnicki  
Mary Ann Thwaites, Diane Thwaites, Gina Pedone, Michael Ramundo  
William & Mary O'Connor, Joan O'Connor, Robert Tietz Sr.  
Deceased Members of Turner & Iannucci Families  
John & Eileen Newhard, Ed & Angie Urbanski  
Nicholas Palombo