



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

Parish Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 PM. The office will be closed on Fridays.

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PRAYER

My heart is filled with thanks for you, my loving mother. On Mother's Day and every day I ask God to watch over you. Thank you God for choosing you to be my mother. Heartfelt joy is how I feel when I think of you. Everything I am is because of what you have taught me. Rejoice to the Lord, for He has given me you! Amen.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL CLEAN-UP

Today is called Bishop's Appeal Clean-Up day. Those who did not, as yet, make a pledge last weekend are asked to consider making one this weekend. You may do so by filling out the **St. John the Evangelist** Bishop's Appeal envelope in the pews and putting it in the collection basket. While we hope this does not happen, if you decide not to make a pledge, please state that by writing "0" (zero) on the line that says "Total Gift/Pledge" and your name. For those of you who still do not make a pledge today and /or do not write "0" on the envelope, Father Carlino will be writing to you to seek that pledge in the next few weeks. We thank you for your generosity.

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



In the words of the Rite of Baptism for Children every parent agrees to make it their constant care to bring their children up in the practice of our faith. The reception of Holy Communion for the first time is the greatest joy in the life of a soul. For this reason, it is called a "foretaste of heaven". First Communion gives to a person an immediate union with God in a physical and sacramental way by receiving the very Real Presence, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. This weekend our parish children celebrate this beautiful sacrament. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers.

Our First Communicants are:

Children from the Church of Saint John the Evangelist

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| Sofia Alotta | Luca Isopo |
| Miguel Curbelo | Tenley Kallner |
| Oliver Curbelo | Gavin Kress |
| Michael Dashiell | Julianna LaBarre |
| J'Voni DeLoreto | Myra Lowery |
| Cassandra Diacetis | Grace Pacella |
| Sydney Dorr | Brina Rodriguez |
| Benjamin Fay | Pellegrino Testa |
| Giovanni Greco | Anthony Teta |
| Natalie Hoffman | Aubrey Teta |
| Quinn Ingemie | Jack Villaume |
| Domenica Iovinelli | |

Children from the Church of Saint Anthony

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| Claira Golden | Luca Ianniello |
| Kaylee Golden | Giuseppe Viglione |

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**, 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.

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.

HUMAN CONCERNS BABY SHOWER

Because of the great need in our area, the Human Concerns Committee is having its Annual Baby Items Collection again this year. This weekend, **May 12/13** will be our last collection weekend. Items donated will go to, Birthright of Schenectady and City Mission of Schenectady's Family Life Center. These organizations are in need of: baby wipes, baby thermometers, washcloths, towel wraps, blankets, receiving blankets, bibs, booties/socks, onesies/T-shirts, diapers-sizes 2,3, 4,5,6, baby bottles with nipples, sleepers, new baby clothing 0 – 3 mos. and up to 2T, crib sheets, burp cloths, wash cloths, Sippy cups, 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. but you could bring these items directly to the City Mission of Schenectady. 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.

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 or food drop boxes by the back entrance on the left side of the church and the handicap ramp side. As always, thank you in advance for your support and generosity for those in need.

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.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jean Schultz, Florence Graham, Dominick Mazzucco, Robert Stater, Joseph Silverio Jr. & Rosemary Pitucci.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Rosary is one of the most beautiful, powerful, and sacred prayers we pray. It is our faith in God through the devotion to the Virgin Mary. What better time than to make a resolution to start to pray the Rosary every day, than the month of May!

We may have been taught that praying the Rosary means kneeling and praying the 5 decades without interruption. However, there are many who pray the Rosary while driving, sitting on a train, walking home, waiting for an appointment, etc., and some may break up the decades, praying them at different times of the day or night before sleep.

At every entrance to the church you will find Rosary Beads and Finger Rosary Rings as Gifts from St. John's Rosary Altar Society.

The Rosary rings, or Finger Rosaries, are ideal for praying the rosary while on the move every day. They are conveniently sized and can be worn, placed on a keychain or carried in a wallet, pocket or purse.

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. This weekend, 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.

OCTAVO SINGERS

Saturday, **May 18**, 7:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, "Peace Pieces: 'The Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins and 'Mass in Time of War' by Franz Joseph Haydn" Two of the best pieces from two well-known and very popular composers will musically highlight the need for peace in our time. Ever since its millennial commissioning, Jenkins' "Armed Man" has been performed the world over, and Haydn's "Mass in Time of War" was composed as his beloved Austria was under siege by the French and Italian armies. Join us as we pair these two sensational works in one sensational evening!

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.

 *Mass Intentions*

SATURDAY, 05 - 18 - 19

4:00 PM Stephanie & Edward Karwan by
Daughter, Stephanie
Mary & Chester Rogowicz by Stephanie
Karwan
Ellen Gleason La Fontana by Dot Maher
Mary Lou Petta by Dot Maher

SUNDAY, 05 - 19 - 19

7:30 AM Marie D. Whipple by Estate
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak
Smith by Family
William Hanrahan by Loretta Marco
Richard Rinaldi by Janet I. Rainey
Kathy Bernadette Lewis by Gutch
Family

9:30 AM Anniversary Remembrance - Paul C.
Coppola by Parents, Peter & Carmela
Coppola
Rosemary Rispoli by Family
Antonio Santiago by Jeanne Bryant
Florence Vogel by Sheryl & Laura
Slattery
In Honor of Rose Piatkowski by Socha
Family

5:00 PM Anniversary Remembrance - Rhona
Lanigan by James D. Lanigan & Family
Francis J. Clark by Estate

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.

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 meteoricist. **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.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 72

Congratulations and best wishes to our Troop 72 Boy Scouts—Connor Candee, Anthony Di Matteo, Dominic Faga, Andrew Shiely & Brandon Shiely, who studied all year and achieved the AD ALTARE DEL Catholic Scouting Award given at Auriesville Shrine by our Bishop on May 4th. Thanks to their parents who assisted all along.

RESTORATION MEMORIALS

We acknowledge with appreciation the following donations to St. John the Evangelist Restoration Fund:

IN MEMORY OF:

Edward Balga by: Bernadine Mastroianni

Jozefa Sasinowski by: Lottie Murawski

Barbara Rourke by: Susan & Bill Picotti, Helen & R.J. Murray

John Alvarez by: Giannina E. Mc Cadden, Rosemarie D. Tranelli

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Joseph Hanrahan by: Helen & R.J. Murray

Josephine Grabkowski Loubris by: Anne L. Hartranft, Jane Mc Closkey & Charles Carson, Melissa D'Agostino.

Florence E. Graham by: Isabel Krempa



Collection 05/05/19: \$ 10,937.79

Candles: \$ 267.76

AUDIT TEAM: May 13, Team B; May 20, Team D

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.

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 EASTER

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.

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 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 greena@ellismedicine.org or 518-243-4064.

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

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.