



NOVEMBER

**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.



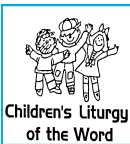
**Pastor's Notes**

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.



Fr. Richard Carlino cordially invites you to join Bishop Scharfenberger in prayer and to learn more about our plans for addressing our needs at

**St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony Parishes** while strengthening the future of the Diocese of Albany, on Tuesday, **December 11, 6:30 pm** in a Prayer Service at St. John the Evangelist Church. Following the Service, please join Bishop Scharfenberger for a presentation launching the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign for both St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony's Parishes. Refreshments immediately following the presentation.



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.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Last weekend, the Advent Giving Tree was set up and decorated with various gift cards. If each family would take at least one gift tag from the tree and purchase the item requested, it would help to brightened the Christmas Season for so many in our community who have so little. Wrap the gift in holiday paper, securely attach the **original tag to the outside of the package** and return the gift under the Giving Tree. To ensure the gifts reach their recipients in time for Christmas, **we ask that all gifts be returned by the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Servidone at 357-9053 or Kathy Carney at 377-7444. Your continued generosity to those less fortunate is greatly appreciated.

**PARISH CALENDARS**

2018 Parish Calendars provided by the Gleason Funeral Home will be available at all the Masses next weekend (December 1 & 2). Our sincere appreciation to the Gleason Funeral Home for this generous donation.

**Religious Education Notes**

**'Tis (almost) the Season of Advent**

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our homes, and shop - sometimes too much. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Our older students will be participating in this and we invite you to join us for the Best Advent Ever; a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with a short inspirational video, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. Plus, every Sunday during the program, you'll receive a thought-provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life. To sign up, visit [www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas](http://www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas). You won't be disappointed.

**A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH**

During the weekend Masses of **November 24-25, Little Blue Books - Advent/Christmas Seasons 2018-2019** will be available for you to pick up. It is a pre-Christmas gift to you from your parish to assist you as you journey through the 43 days of the Advent/Christmas season. We suggest you start with *How to use the 'Little Blue Book* and that for each of the next 43 days you take but six minutes to let God speak to you.

**NEW TUESDAY ADULT ED COURSE**

*The Apostle Paul's Letters* by Fr. Raymond F. Collins, M.A., S.T.D. 24 DVD Lectures. If you want to gain a deeper understanding of the New Testament, this course is for you. You will explore the thirteen letters of Paul, the oldest canonical work in the New Testament and some of the most influential works ever written. Under the guidance of Father Collins, you will enter into Paul's world and letters. Beginning Tuesday, **December 4** and continuing with two lectures a class at 1:00 pm on **December 11, January 8, 15, 22, 28, February, 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12** ( and we have two make-ups for March 19 & 26 if needed). There will be a \$3 fee for materials. All sessions are in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Masses for the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception are:

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass at St. Anthony's Church**

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE**

**Sponsored by the Rosary Society**

Saturday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Lunch will be available. Admission is free.

There will be many fabulous vendors selling a variety of items - great for gifts. We have fabulous raffle baskets that include donations from area restaurants and businesses. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will be there to greet the children and to provide a holiday treat from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.

Our Annual Bake Sale table is in need of your delicious baked goods. Drop off time for baked goods is from 8:30 am to 9:30 am on Saturday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Toni Di Caprio 518 -895-8275 if you are able to assist.

Our "Elegant Leftovers" (aka White Elephant Sale) booth will be accepting your donations of gently used items (please no large items) on Friday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm.

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT!**



**Christ is in our Christmas**

**The Rosary Society's Annual Christmas Party  
Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

All Parishioners are invited to join in the festivities!  
Turf Tavern, 40 Mohawk Ave., Scotia  
6:00pm Arrival with Dinner being served at 6:30pm

**Choice of Entrees**

- Chicken Marsala
  - Roast Top Sirloin of Beef
  - Panko Parmesan Tilapia
- \$22 for Rosarians ~ \$28 for Guests

♪ \*Entertainment by Mike Purcell  
with A-1 Entertainment\* ♪ ♪

Please join us for an evening of  
Fine Food and Christmas Celebration

**Reservations & Payment must be made  
on or before December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Please call:  
Barbara McEvoy @ 518.421.5024  
Toni DiCaprio @ 518.895.8275

**IN REMEMBRANCE** - During the month of November, a Book of Remembrance has been placed on the Altar rail in front of the Mary Altar. You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones and friends. They will be remembered in a special way during the Miraculous Medal Novena on Monday evenings.

**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.

**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.

**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 email at schwartz63@gmail.com or call 518-796-3111.

**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.

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

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

**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, 12 - 01 - 18**

**4:00 PM** George & Grace Ventrice - Alfie & Anna Ventrice  
 Birthday Remembrance - Ed Heiserman by Family  
 Birthday Remembrance - Barbara Vergine by Family  
 Evelyn Hewitt by Family  
 1st Anniversary Remembrance - Genevieve Deery by Family  
 1st Anniversary Remembrance - Shelley Minahan by Jennifer Lotano  
 Purgatorial Society

**SUNDAY, 12 - 02 - 18**

**7:30 AM** Florence Paurowski by Estate  
 Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family  
 Scott White by Bob White & Debbie West

**9:30 AM** Birthday Remembrance - George Krakat by Jim & Regina Krakat  
 Hon D. Vincent Cerrito by F. Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families  
 Gerri Borne by RCIA Team  
 Shelly Minahan by Family  
 Dr. Kellie Cosselman by Janet I. Rainey

**5:00 PM** Moe & Betty Hoffman by Bob & Cathy Hoffman  
 Norb & Mary Woods by Bob & Cathy Hoffman  
 Ernesto Tongson Sr., Norma Tongson, Salvador Ascalon, Jr., & Aida Ascalon



Collection 11/18/18 \$ see next week  
 Campaign for Human Dev. \$ bulletin  
 Candles: \$

**AUDIT TEAM:** November 26, Team B  
 December 3, Team D

**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.

Also, we are actively seeking volunteers to help specifically with some of our "heavy lifting" tasks. These tasks require repetitive lifting of sometimes heavy and bulky bags of clothes. There are two flights of stairs at our work site that the bags must be carried up and down. Volunteer days would typically be on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please call 518-347-0871.

**ADVENT PREPARATION FOR MOMS**


Ever wonder how to introduce the season of Advent to your family at home? Come and join other Moms as we share ways of bringing the Reason for the Season of Christmas to their families at home. Learn about the Advent Calendar and Wreath as well as other ways to prepare for the coming of the infant Jesus on Christmas morning. St. John's Parish Center, 5:30 pm Monday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>**, bring a snack to share. Lots of fun and meet new friends! Questions and to register call Patty 518 - 372 - 3381 ext. 229.

**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).

**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.

*We're Collecting*  
 *Food for the Needy.*  
*Can You Help?* **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. 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.

**Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital -**

We are currently seeking volunteers for a new information desk located on the second floor. We need greeters and receptionists for this site beginning in the fall of 2018 and are also in need of volunteers for the gift shop. If you are interested in having more direct contact with patients volunteers are needed delivering mail and flowers to patients, visit with them, write letters for them, shop for them or assist nursing staff with non nursing tasks. Please contact Joan Laviolette at 518-386-3631 for further information.

**Nocturnal Adoration Society**

For one hour each month, the Schenectady Chapter of the Nocturnal Adoration Society meets on the first Friday at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's Church on State Street. Come join us.

**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 a Care Team, *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 Service 518-238-4167 or email [Sandra.monahan@sphp.com](mailto:Sandra.monahan@sphp.com) .

**SUPPORT GROUP**

*for those who have experienced or are experiencing divorce* is offered in both Albany and Loudonville. Participants share insight, support and renew their faith. Meetings take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 40 N. Main Ave in Albany and St. Pius X Parish in Loudonville. For registration and more information please contact Mary Fay at 518-453-6644 or [mary.fay@rcda.org](mailto:mary.fay@rcda.org).

**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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