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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.

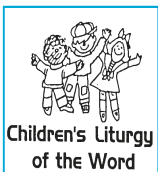
OFFICE HOURS FOR FR. CARLINO

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.


BAPTISM Baptisms at St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony's Churches will take place only on the First Sunday of each month and only **during** Mass. Baptisms are not scheduled outside of Sunday Morning Masses. If you wish to schedule a baptism at St. John's please contact **Debbie May at 372-3381 ext. 5**. For one at St. Anthony contact Judy Mavente at 374-4591 ext. 5.

WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE

A Special (Second) Collection will be taken THIS weekend November 25-26 for the Works of Mercy Initiative. Your gift will show works of mercy to so many who need it most. We thank you for your generosity.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word is held on Sundays, during the 9:30 am Mass. Before the First Reading, 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.

 **Sunday Coffee and Donuts**
Parishioners and friends are invited to join us for Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Center cafeteria after the 7:30 am and 9:30 am Masses NEXT Sunday, **December 3**. The Coffee and Donuts schedule will be posted in the weekend bulletins.

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.

Faith Formation Grade K-12

In the spirit of thanksgiving our students spent time searching the Old and New Testament for passages reflecting God's love for them.

Happy Thanksgiving to You - from your Father

You may not know Me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1

I am familiar with all of your ways. Psalm 139:3

For you are My offspring. Acts 17:28

I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

And it is My desire to lavish my love on you. 1John 3:1

Simply because you are My child and I am your Father. 1John 3:1

Every good gift that you receive comes from My hand. James 1:17

For you are My treasured possession. Exodus 19:5

Delight in Me and I will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

I am your Father, and I love you as I love My son, Jesus.

John 17:23

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes.

Revelation 21:3-4

His death was the ultimate expression of My love for you.

1 John 4:10

For in Jesus, My love for you is revealed. John 17:26

For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Christmas Eve Mass

Students in Grade 5 - 12 are invited to join the Bell Choir which will perform at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church. No prior experience is necessary and you do not need to know how to read music! Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, **December 3, 10 and 17** from 9:30 to 10:30 am in St. John's Parish Center. We will hold one rehearsal in church the week before Christmas Eve on a date and time to be determined. Space is limited due to the number of bells, preference will be given on a first come, first serve basis. For more information please contact Tina Chericoni Versaci at vtversaci@aol.com, or Dianne Galarneau at dgalarneau@sjchurch.com. Thank you!



ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree is 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 17th**. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Servidone at 518-357-9053 or Kathy Carney at 518-377-7444. Your continued generosity to those less fortunate is greatly appreciated.

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

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE

Saturday, **December 2nd** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Lunch will be available. Admission is free. There will be 19 fabulous vendors selling a variety of items—great for gifts. We have many raffle baskets that include donations from area restaurants & businesses. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be there to greet the children and to provide a holiday treat.

Our Rosary Society will also be sponsoring our Annual Bake Sale table and we are in need of your delicious baked goods for our event. Drop off time for baked goods is from 8:30 am to 9:30 am on Saturday, **December 2nd**. Please call Toni DiCaprio at 518.895.8275 if you are able to assist.

Our “Elegant Leftovers” (aka white elephant) booth will be accepting your donations of gently used items (please no large items) on Friday, **December 1st** from 12 noon to 6:00 pm.

Please join us at this annual holiday event!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Rosary Society's Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Turf Tavern, 40 Mohawk Ave., Scotia, on Wednesday, **December 13th**, 6:00 pm arrival with dinner being served at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities! Choice of entrees are: Chicken Marsala, Panko Parmesan Tilapia, Roast Top Sirloin of Beef. \$20.00 for Rosary Society Members, \$26.00 for all guests.

Entertainment by Mike Purcell with A-1 Entertainment

Please join us for an evening of Holiday Fun and Fine Food. RSVP and Payment before **December 4th**. For reservations please call Barbara Mc Evoy 518.421.5024 or Toni DiCaprio 518.701.0014

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

8:00 am Mass at St. Anthony's Church
12:15 pm Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church
There will be NO evening Mass at either Church

Last Week's Collection

SEE NEXT WEEKEND BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION

AUDIT TEAM: November 27, Team B
December 4, Team D

A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH

During the weekend Masses of **November 25-26**, **Little Blue Books - Advent/Christmas Seasons 2017-2018** 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.

ADVENT PREPARATION for Moms

Come and meet other Moms that want to hear and share ways of bringing the Reason for the Season of Christmas to their families at home. Learn about the Advent Calendar and other ways to prepare for the coming of the infant Jesus on Christmas morning. St. John's Parish Center, 5:30pm Tuesday, **November 28**, Potluck dinner. Lots of fun and meet new friends! Questions and to register call Patty 518.372.3381 ext. 229

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Miraculous Medal Novena will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 in the **Parish Center Room 8**. Please enter through the double doors at the Canopy Entrance closest to the church parking lot.

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.

The Journey Bereavement Ministry

St. Anthony's Parish sponsors a Bereavement Ministry Session for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Our sessions are scheduled for the **last** Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in our chapel meeting room and all who are suffering are welcome. We pray that we will be able to leave our session with a little better means of coping with our loss.

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

On **December 7th** we will gather at 1:00 pm in Room 6 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center to discuss *Mr. Timothy by Louis Bayard*. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY'S FALL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, **November 27th** from 10:00 am - noon, followed by a presentation on our program. Located in Scotia, RCA is an accredited academy for grades preK-12 that emphasizes classical education and a love for the Catholic Faith. All are welcome to come and see our classrooms in action! Please contact Katie Stirton at [518.882.7025](tel:518.882.7025) or visit www.rcahybrid.org for more information.



Mass
Intentions

SATURDAY, 12 - 02 - 17

4:00 PM Betty Shaw by Hoffman & Woods Families
Birthday Remembrance - Edward Heiserman by Family
Zbigniew (Bruce) Chalkowski by Mother, Maria Spsychala
Purgatorial Society

SUNDAY, 12 - 03 - 17

7:30 AM Francis J. Clark by Estate
Helen & Lewis Contompasis by Estate

9:30 AM Birthday Remembrance - George Krakat, Sr., by Jim & Regina Krakat Salvatore & Mary Ganino by Family
Hon. D. Vincent Cerrito by F. Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families
Norb & Mary Woods by Hoffman & Woods Families
Terry M. Paigo by Barbara & John Dunbar
Diane Dunbar by Barbara & John Dunbar
Frank Szewc by Barbara & John Dunbar

5:00 PM Mary Caprara by Anita Farina
Rachelle Cohen by Lindsay Slater



Lectors

TEAM 5

November 25, 2017
4:00 PM Angela Grabowski

November 26, 2017
7:30 AM Mathew Spataro
9:30 AM Barbara Leonard
5:00 PM Ann Foskett

TEAM 6

December 2, 2017
4:00 PM Bob Nicolella

December 3, 2017
7:30 AM Bob Fredette
9:30 AM Peter Schultz/Andrew Joslin
5:00 PM Sara Kesten

PARISH CALENDARS

2017 Parish Calendars provided by the Gleason Funeral Home will be available at all the Masses next weekend (December 2/3). Our sincere appreciation to the Gleason Funeral Home for this generous donation.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to our volunteers who helped cleaning the pews: Kathy Carney, Toni DiCaprio, Diane Dolan, Christa Fogg, Dot Maher, Joanne McGrath, Phyllis Melideo, Mary and David Nowak, Patty Robbins and Bill Winkler.

We were able to dust and scrub the entire main seating area of our Church in two short hours. Many hands made this a very successful project. Please consider giving 2 hours of your time to the balcony pew cleaning project. We would like to complete the cleaning before Christmas. Date and time will be forthcoming.

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 (796-3111) or email at schwartz63@gmail.com.

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 info, contact Mark Roberts at 372-8322.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS - Commencing Friday, **December 1st**, Saint Anthony's Church will offer First Friday Devotions of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. All are welcome to come and pray.

RCDA Marian Consecration & Renewal with 33 Days to Morning Glory or a Marian Consecration book of your choice

- Bishop Ed is inviting everyone in the Diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period that began around Sunday, **November 5**. The preparation will be culminated with the renewed Consecration to Mary at the [Cathedral](#) on the holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday, **December 8th**, 5:15 pm. This Consecration Mass fulfills the holy day obligation. Do not worry if you begin the preparation late or fall behind on chapters. Simply catch up when you can. Please check out www.rcda.org/marianconsecration for more information. Thank you!

Nocturnal Adoration Society

- For one hour each month, the Schenectady Chapter of the Nocturnal Adoration Society meets on the first Friday at 8:00 pm at St. Luke's Church on State Street. This invitation is open to all churches in the Schenectady area. For information contact Mark Perrella at 393-1512 (home), 669-5880 (cell) or email at mperrell@nycap.rr.com.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

DO YOU HAVE 2-3HOURS 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

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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