



**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.

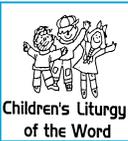


To reach Fr. Carlino at St. John's call 518-372-3381 or at St. Anthony's 518-374-4591. For The Last Rites of The Church, press 7. For any other reason, you are to press 9.



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 16th.** 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

2019 Parish Calendars provided by the Gleason Funeral Home will be available at all the Masses **THIS** weekend (December 1 & 2). Our sincere appreciation to the Gleason Funeral Home for this generous donation.

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

Religious Education Notes

'Tis 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. You won't be disappointed.

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.

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

At 1:00 pm on **December 6th** we will meet in Sr. Joan's Office to discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING

Sunday, **December 2nd** at the 9:30 am Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming. This year we have one person, Jeniffer Martinez enrolled in the RCIA process. Her sponsor is her boyfriend, Joshua Rodriguez. Jennifer was Baptized but never catechized so at the Easter Vigil she will receive Eucharist and Confirmation. Please keep Jeniffer and Joshua in prayer as they continue on their faith journey.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE

Sponsored by the Rosary Society

Saturday, **December 8th** 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 8th**. 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 7th** 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 12th

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 3rd**

Please call:

Barbara McEvoy @ 518.421.5024
Toni DiCaprio @ 518.895.8275

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.

FROM FR. FRISONI

As many of you know by now, I have been asked to be part of a new "interim parish team" model in our diocese, where a deacon and a priest will serve the needs of one or more parish families in between the departure of their pastor and the appointment of another one. The shortage of available priests does not permit the immediate appointment of a pastor in all vacant parishes. This will mean that, regrettably, I can no longer serve you at St. Anthony's and St. John the Evangelist Churches because there are several parishes in the diocese who have been lacking a more stable priest, some for a considerable length of time.

It has been a true blessing from God to be here with you on weekends over the past four years. I particularly thank Father Carlino, our pastor and my good friend, who graciously invited me to celebrate Mass with you and for all of his kind support. Thank you for accepting me so warmly into your home.

I will miss you as I move to other parish communities in interim service. As of this writing, my next mission will be Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Paul the Apostle Churches here in Schenectady, who have not had a pastor since the end of June. I will continue my full-time ministry as a judge with the Tribunal of our diocese, and I will remain a resident of the city of Albany.

Please add a prayer for me once in a while if your time permits; I will pray for you, in thanksgiving to God for the blessing that you are. Pray for our priests, and for more men to answer the call of God to serve the Church in ordained ministry.

Take good care. God's peace to you,
Fr. Frisoni

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

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

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 Chapel. No dues or obligation to attend weekly. For more information contact Mark Roberts at 518-372-8322.

 *Mass Intentions*

SATURDAY, 12 - 08 - 18

4:00 PM Rose Pileggi by Family
 Birthday Remembrance - Edward
 Karwan by Daughter, Stephanie
 Emmett O'Connor by Cathleen
 O'Connor
 Antonio Palleschi by Family
 Joan C. Lupe by Annalisa Miranda
 Peter & Millie White by Dot Maher
 Anniversary Remembrance - Beatrice
 Miller by Dot Maher

SUNDAY, 12 - 09 - 18

7:30 AM Deceased Members of Paurowski,
 Tajkowski & Nynek Families by Estate
 Birthday Remembrance - Pauline U.
 Bruggeman by Estate
 Anna K. Lyons by Estate
 Gerri Borne by St. John the Evangelist
 Rosary Society
 Ben Socha by Socha Family

9:30 AM Birthday Remembrance - Concetta
 Cappuccitti by Jim & Regina Krakat
 Felicisimo & Basilia de Jesus by F.
 Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy
 Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., &
 Families
 C. Eileen Early by Family

5:00 PM Barbara Woods by Gertude M. Purcell
 For the People

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 task 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.

	Collection 11/18/18	\$ 12,070.08
	Collection 11/25/18	\$ 11,577.31
	Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 1,024.00
	Candles 11/18/18	\$ 197.40
	Candles 11/25/18	\$ 209.00

AUDIT TEAM: December 3, Team D
 December 10, Team A

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

On Sunday, **December 9th**, during the 9:30 am Mass the children will receive a special treat, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas.

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 mfallacar@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.

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 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 **St. Anthony's Food Pantry** is running *Food for the Needy.* low on food. As you may be aware Sr. Maria Rosa and the Venerini Order distribute *Can You Help?* 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.

HEAP PROGRAM

Applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program will be accepted by local departments of social services beginning on Tuesday, **November 13**. A household can receive a one-time regular HEAP benefit of up to \$726.00 if they are eligible. Eligibility is based on income, household size and how the home is heated. A family of four can have a household income of up to \$55,178 a year, or \$4,598 a month, and still qualify for help.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 .

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

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.