 **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.

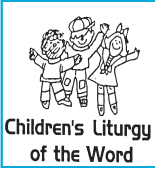
OFFICE HOURS FOR FR. CARLINO


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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to make donations toward the purchase of flowers for Christmas is invited to do so. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones, and all donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Using your Christmas Flower donation envelopes please either send your envelope to the church office at 806 Union St. or placed in the collection basket. Thank you.

 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 **THIS Sunday, December 3** and next Sunday, **December 10**. The Coffee and Donuts schedule will be posted in the weekend bulletins.

PARISH CALENDARS

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

Faith Formation News - K - 12

Thank You for your generous donations of food this fall. Beginning in October, our students have brought at least one non-perishable food item with them to every class which made it possible to assist many in need for Thanksgiving. I also want to thank the members and their families of St. Joseph's Athletic Club for their collection of over \$200 which benefited Sr. Maria Rosa's Food Pantry; your kindness in remembering the needs of babies, young children and families made Thanksgiving Dinner a reality for those less fortunate. Jesus said, **"Whatever you do for the least of My people, you do for Me."** Thank You!

Christmas Eve Mass - Exciting plans are underway for our student's special performance in honor of Jesus' birth. The Christmas Eve Concert is open to children of all ages. Our talented, Tina Chericoni-Versaci will once again lead the Bell Choir. Please plan to join us in celebration. Students in Grade 5 and above are invited to bell choir rehearsals on Sunday, December 3, 10 and 17 from 9:30am to 10:30am in St. John's Parish Center. No prior experience necessary and participants are not required to read music. Details were distributed to students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 in November. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Galarneau at 372-3381 ext. 226 or dgalarneau@sjchurch.com.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

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

FRIDAY, 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

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.

RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING

Sunday, **December 10th**, 9:30 am Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming. This year we have four people enrolled in the RCIA process. We have two Catechumens : Marcella Clark and Melanie Mattus. They will be Baptized, and receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We have two candidates: Michael Badger and Donna Mastro. Michael will be received into the Church and receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Donna will receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Lord Jesus, as we begin our Advent Season, give us the energy & courage to stay awake and respond to your slightest nudge. Protect us from insensitivity; grace us with the desire to walk in the light of your love. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, **December 10**, 9:30 am In recognition of this great Saint's charity, we will be distributing gold chocolate coins to our children and all those who are young at heart.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

On December 11, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm St. John the Evangelist, St. Anthony's and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Churches will have joined Penance Services at St. Kateri Tekakwitha, 2216 Rosa Road.



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



CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of 11/19/17: \$12,486.10 Candles: \$236.01
Diocesan Collection: \$1,046.50
Weekend of 11/26/17: \$11,147.71 Candles: \$142.00
Works of Mercy Collection: \$1,342.30

AUDIT TEAM: December 4, Team D
December 11, Team A

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.

HELP NEEDED — On Friday, **December 15th**, we will continue our cleaning of the pews. We will start at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00pm. Please bring your buckets. Cleaning products will be available. Light refreshments will be provided. Call Dot Maher (518-374-6913), to let us know if you will be participating.

URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP!!!

The following dates have been set up to decorate St. John's for Christmas:

Thursday, Dec. 14 - 6:00 pm – We will need a lot of people (men especially) to help bring up the Nativity set, risers, Christmas trees and all the boxes of decorations from the basement and put them in the room opposite the Sacristy.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 6:00 pm - Decorate the church added evening if necessary.

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 9:30 am - Arrange flowers.

As you can see, we do not have a lot of time to decorate our magnificent church for Christmas. PLEASE we need a lot of hands to help decorate this year if we want St. John's to look as beautiful as it has in the past during the Christmas season.

If you have any questions, call Kathy Carney – 377-7444



The Giving Tree

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.

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.

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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 12 - 9 - 17

4:00 PM Donald Van Denburgh by Daughter,
Maura
Birthday Remembrance - Edward
Karwan by Daughter, Stephanie
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak
Smith by Family
Emmett O'Connor by Cathleen
O'Connor
Anna K. Lyons by Estate
Evelyn Dragon by Your Friends and
Care Coordinators at Albany Memorial
Hospital
Charlotte Jesinowski by Janet I. Rainey
& Family

SUNDAY, 12 - 10 - 17

7:30 AM Anniversary Remembrance - Pauline U.
Bruggeman by Estate
Robert & Mary Emmet by Estate

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
Anniversary Remembrance - Louis
Pileggi by Louise Pileggi Monarch
Janice Murphy by Danielle De Paula
Charlotte Jesinowski by Elaine Palmer

5:00 PM For the People

LECTORS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

For the following Christmas Masses please call Sr. Joan at 518-372-3381 ext. 224 if you would like to read. Christmas Eve at 10:00 PM; Christmas Day at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 7:30 PM.

RESTORATION MEMORIALS

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

IN MEMORY OF:

Zbigniew (Bruce) Chalkowski

By: Claudia A. Leet

Frank Schickel

By: Louise Monarch

Edward & Jennie Zampella

Retired Deputy Chief, Sch'dy Fire Department

Theodore (Ted) & Mrs. (Dixie) Aniolek

William Houck

By: Jaci Babin

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Robert M. Donlon, Frances D. Maioriello, Mary T. Visco, Stefano Spezzaverro, Antonietta Galvano, Florence LaPorta, RoseMarie Noll, & Mary Jane Boomhower.

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!

ANNUAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Please join us in uniting with parishes across the country to bridge the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego as we pray for an end to Abortion and for the restoration of the Culture of Life on Friday, December 8, 9:30 pm through 12:30 am on Saturday, December 9th at St. Madeleine Sophie Church, 3500 Carman Rd. For more information call Theresa Schweigert (518)355-5919.

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



Lectors

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

TEAM 1

December 9, 2017

4:00 PM Vincent De John

December 10, 2017

7:30 AM Donald Buckley

9:30 AM Joe Di Caprio

5:00 PM Sara Kesten

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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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.

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: _____

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