



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

Please note that the Parish Office (806 Union St.) is only opened Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Parish Office is closed on Fridays. Anyone entering the Parish Office/Center are required to wear a face mask. *Please note the parish office will be closed until January 3rd.*



MASS SCHEDULE

This year we will celebrate the New Year at the following time:

**St. John the Evangelist
Thursday, December 31, 2020
9:00 am Mass**

**Friday, January 1, 2021
10:00 am**

**St. Anthony's Church
Thursday, December 31, 2020
Vigil Mass at 6:30 pm**



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Dear Church Family & Friends,

St. John's Church is open from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, for individuals to pray but not for a gathering of groups. St. Anthony's is also open on week days from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Please wear a face mask, follow the 6 ft. apart distance and be protective at these crucial times.**

OFFERING CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Fr. Carlino will be hearing Confessions by Appointment only. For those wishing to participate will need to call Fr. Carlino at (St. John's) 518-372-3381 ext. 9 or (St. Anthony's) 518-374-4591 ext. 9 no later than 3:00 pm the Thursday before.

DAILY MASS - Daily Mass will take place at St. John The Evangelist Church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM. If a Funeral is scheduled at 9:00 AM on any of those days, the Funeral will replace the Daily Mass. No Daily Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church. Please note that there will be no 9:00 am daily Mass on December 24.

Pastoral Care Department—I wanted to send a note specifically to those who did not attend the meeting on November 9th 2020 at Saint John the Evangelist pertaining to the new guidelines set forth by the Albany Diocese regarding home visitation. Therefore, I ask that you stop by Saint John's office and pick up a package that was prepared for you so you are informed of the new protocol. I wish to thank you for your cooperation in this very central matter...Brother Ron McClosky, PB 518-374-4591 Extension #103.

Prayer for the New Year

Lord God, Creator of all that is, all times and seasons belong to You and we do well to sing Your praise forever and to give You thanks in all we do through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

As we begin the journey of a New Year, we thank you, Father, for your blessings of the past and for all that, by Your help, we must yet achieve.

We offer You our past year of joys and of our struggles and anxieties and we commend to You all those who have gone before us during the year.

Now, we ask Your blessing upon our families, our Diocese, our community and our Nation. We pray that in the year ahead, all might live as one, in truth, freedom and peace.

We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**For Daily Mass Attendees at
St. John the Evangelist 9:00 AM Mass**

On days of bad wintry weather, to find out if there is 9:00 am Mass at St. John's on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, **on any or all of those days from 7:00 am onward** call St. John's Parish Office at 518-372-3381 or St. Anthony's Parish Office at 518-374-4591. Regardless of which church office you call, **press ext. 5** and listen to the recording. You should **not call before 7:00 am**. If you do, the information may be neither updated nor accurate. This **only** applies to **Daily Masses, not Weekend Masses**, for they are **never cancelled**.

your attention please

Throughout the entire winter whenever there is snow and/or ice on St. John's church roof, with hazardous elements falling frequently to the ground, for the safety of everyone we will need to block off the east and west sides parking areas. In effect, there will be parking only in the new front section of the church and the back parking lot. Parking will not be available on either east and west sides of the church, once again, for your safety.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Policy and Procedures for Baptisms during the Pandemic

Baptisms will take place in the Sanctuary. Family will enter church from the parking lot entrances at St. John and from Seward Place entrance at St. Anthony's. No more than 20 people will be allowed to attend the Baptisms.

List of Names, Address and Phone numbers of people attending the Baptisms will be needed at least **two weeks** prior to Baptism. This can be emailed or hand delivered to the parish office. **All but the baby must wear face mask, and must respect the 6' Distancing policy.**

At St. John the Evangelist the baptisms will take place Saturday after the 4:00 PM Mass (arrive at 4:45 pm for 5:00 pm Baptism or Sunday after the 8:45 AM Mass. Family must arrive at 9:30 AM for baptism to take place at 9:45 AM. Since gatherings are not permitted in church or parking lot pictures will not be allowed after the baptism. Baptisms will be scheduled the first and third weekend of the month.

At St. Anthony's the baptisms will take place on Sundays after the 11:45 AM Mass (arriving at 12:45 PM for a 1:00 pm Baptism or after the 4:00 pm Mass arriving at 4:45 PM for a 5:00 PM Baptism. Baptisms will be scheduled the second and fourth weekend of the month. Since gathering are not permitted in church or outside of church pictures will not be allowed after the baptism.

Weddings Policies and Procedures During the Pandemic

Entrance and Exit from Bridal party

At St. John the Evangelist, the Wedding Party will enter and leave from the side door of the Church facing the school building. Everyone else must come in and leave from the two parking lot entrances. There will be **NO** Receiving Line. Seating Capacity at St. John The Evangelist – will be 150 people.

At St. Anthony's the Wedding Party will enter and leave from the front of the church. Everyone else must come in and leave from the Seward Place entrance. There will be **NO** Receiving Line. Seating Capacity at St. Anthony will be 80 people.

A guest list must be sent to the parish office one month prior to the wedding (either email or hand delivered) so that the parish follows the NYS and Diocesan tracking policy (Name, address, and phone numbers of all guests must be listed.) Ushers you choose who are part of your wedding party will need to check names off list as guests arrive. The same Ushers will need to meet with Fr. Carlino 2 weeks prior to the wedding to be trained on seating procedures. *This is mandatory if you wish to have a wedding St. John's or St. Anthony's Churches.*

The Wedding Couple must contact Fr. Carlino one month prior to the wedding to make an appointment and meet with him to discuss the Policy and Procedures of the wedding. Appointments at **St. John the Evangelist** can be scheduled either on Saturdays after the 4:00 PM Mass (5:00 PM) or on Sundays following the 8:45 AM Mass (9:45 AM) as long as there is no Baptism scheduled. Appointments can be scheduled at St. Anthony's after the 11:45 AM Mass (1:00 PM) or after the 4:00 PM Mass (5:00 PM) on Sundays as long as there is no baptism already scheduled.

NO Programs, no Handouts, no Congregation Singing, no Unity Candle, no throwing of silk flower petals and no pew decoration will be allowed.

All Guests **must wear** a face masks **at all times**, including the entire bridal party, ring bearer and flower girl. The Bride and Groom are an exception to that rule and will not need to wear a mask.

All Guests will be seated by the Ushers and will respect the 6' distancing.

If you have a Soloist, that person needs to face the East wall when singing to avoid any potential contamination.

One Lector is allowed to do all readings.

Photographer must wear a mask at all times and must respect 6' distancing so that group pictures must be taken from a distance (Indoor or outdoor). Wedding party not living under the same roof must stand 6' distance from each other.

Flowers are allowed to be put on the side altars but nothing on the main altar. Finally, you must assign someone to sanitize all the bathrooms after each use (Disinfectant wipes are located in the bathrooms)

RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

211 is a Resource in your Community – Burning question? Dial 211. Funded by the United Way, local and state government and private nonprofit organizations, 211 is a one stop resource for food, housing, child care, health care, substance abuse, financial problems and more available 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties. 211 offers fast, accurate information on safety, relief and recovery services during natural disaster or regional emergencies.



Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, 12 - 29 - 20

9:00 AM For the People

WEDNESDAY, 12 - 30 - 20

9:00 AM For the People

THURSDAY, 12 - 31 - 20

9:00 AM For the People

FRIDAY, 01 - 01 - 21

10:00 AM Paul Fitch by Family

SATURDAY, 01 - 02 - 21

4:00 PM Betty & Mike Walsdorf by Family

SUNDAY, 01 - 03 - 21

8:45 AM Hon. D. Vincent Cerrito by F. Teresa
McCarthy MD., Vida McCarthy Cerrito,
Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families

10:30 AM Karen Margiotta by Gilda Pennell

Sunday Readings for December 27, 2020
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st Reading	Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
2nd Reading	Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
Alleluia	Hebrews 1: 1-2
Gospel	Luke 2: 22-40 or 2: 22, 39-40

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.



Parish Support

Collection 12/13/20	\$9,044.00
Works of Mercy	\$ 606.48
Candles 12/13/20	\$ 14.90
Collection 12/20/20	\$ see next week bulletin
Candles 12/20/20	\$
Christmas 12/25/20	\$ see next week bulletin



Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Church

Sister Maria Rosa and the Venerini Associates distribute food to needy families during the year. Help us restock our supply so that we may continue the good work. Please join us by dropping off any of the following nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation of any amount. No gift is too small. This is what we are in need of: Canned Fruit, Canned Applesauce, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Canned Green & Yellow Waxed Beans, Soups, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Boxed Scalloped Potatoes, Canned Beans, Canned Peas, Canned Corn, Canned Stews, Pudding, Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Jelly/Jam, Peanut Butter, Cooking Oil, Tuna Fish, Mayonnaise, Canned Meats. We couldn't do it without you. Let's continue to feed others both spiritually and physically. Thank you for your help!

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020

This year the Diocese of Albany is in charge of the Bishop's Appeal. Pledge envelopes were mailed this past week directly from Albany. If you did not receive your pledge envelope, please contact the parish office. Our Assessment this year is \$97,295.00 an increase of \$4,633.00 from last year.

EYEGLASS & 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.

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 email Sandra.monahan@sphp.com or 518-238-4167.

RESTORATION MEMORIALS

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

IN MEMORY OF:

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Good Neighbor Program Update

Due to Covid-19 virus our needs have increased and our supplies are very low. We can now accept **ONLY NEW CLOTHING** in order to keep everyone safe.

Needed: Boy and Girls sizes 7-18: Long sleeve tops, pants/sweats/jeans, winter coats, boots. Please leave donations in securely closed bags.

Your generosity is much appreciated especially during the upcoming holiday season. To make a monetary donation, visit our website at worksofmercyschdy.org or call us at 518-347-0871.

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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